



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

2014 - 2019

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Monday, 2 March 2015, 17.00 - 18.30
Room A3G2 (in camera), Altiero Spinelli building, Brussels

AGENDA

4.3.2015

The meeting started at 17.03 hrs and closed at 18.33 hrs. In the Chair: Ms Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair, Acting Chair in the absence of Mr Thomas Händel.

Present

EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Inês Zuber, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Ms Tatjana Ždanoka, representative of the Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

Apologies

ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Marian Harkin, Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator

Also present

Mr Piriniski, member of the STOA Panel, for item 7.

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

Interpretation was available in German, English and Italian and Danish.

1.2 Unused interpretation at shadows meetings

The Chair reminded the Coordinators that Members who requested interpretation and could not be present must notify the Secretariat as soon as possible in order to cancel unneeded interpretation.

The Chair underlined that shadows' meetings should not be organised during Committee meetings. Coordinators also agreed that EMPL shadows' meetings should not be held in parallel.

1.3 Possible cancellation of EMPL meeting of 22 December 2015

Decision:

The Coordinators decided to cancel the EMPL meeting scheduled for 22 December (2 half-days).

1.4 State-of-play on conflicts of interests with FEMM on different files

Social/Female Entrepreneurship

The Coordinators

- *noted that EMPL had been authorised to draw-up an own-initiative report on "Social entrepreneurship and social innovation in combatting unemployment" (rapporteur Ms Lope Fontagné), that the FEMM Committee had requested permission to draw-up a similar own-initiative report on "External factors that represent hurdles to European female entrepreneurship, including social entrepreneurship" and that due to the overlap and the scope of the FEMM INI interfering with EMPL competences, the FEMM request had been blocked by EMPL in the CCC.*
- *agreed on the following position: FEMM should give up its own INI and become opinion giving Committee to the EMPL INI, as appropriate under Rule 54 (enhanced cooperation) with FEMM having exclusive competence for the topic of "hurdles to European female entrepreneurship" (a special section on this topic could be taken on board in the EMPL report).*

Women Domestic Workers and carers in the EU

The Coordinators noted that the Chairs of the two Committees agreed on the application of rule 54 to this report, with FEMM as lead Committee and EMPL as associated Committee. A joint letter signed by both chairs, with the details on the application of Rule 54 will be sent to the CCC.

Implementation report on the Parental leave Directive

The Coordinators noted that following EMPL's contest of FEMM drafting the implementation report on parental leave, which is the remit of EMPL, and since the two committees have not reached agreement, the CCC is preparing a recommendation for a solution for this issue.

1.5 Proposal to amend ESF increasing the possibility to pre-finance measures under YEI – advancing of deadline for amendments to Thursday 12 March noon

The Chair announced that with regard to the proposal "*Youth Employment Initiative: increase of the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes (2015/0026(COD))*" the rapporteur, Ms Morin-Chartier, had suggested to advance the deadline for amendments to 12 March. Therefore, the date of the deadline for amendments would exceptionally be before the date of the discussion of the draft report in EMPL which is scheduled to take place on 24 March. The draft report of the rapporteur should be available on 5 March. The Chair will announce this new deadline for amendments at the EMPL Meeting on 5 March and the EMPL Secretariat will inform all Members by email.

2. Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

2.1 Skills policies for fighting youth unemployment (CO)

EMPL/8/02896

Responsible: EMPL

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.*

2.2 Implementation report on the Employment Equality Directive (MM)

EMPL/8/02899

Responsible: EMPL

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group.*

Opinions

2.3 Implementation of the 2010 recommendations of Parliament on social and environmental standards, human rights and corporate responsibility (MK)

EMPL/8/02751

2015/2038(INI)

Responsible: INTA

Opinions: AFET, DEVE, EMPL, FEMM

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the EFDD Group.*

2.4 Procedures and practices regarding Commissioner Hearings, lessons to be taken from the 2014 process (ZP)

EMPL/8/02755

2015/2040(INI)

Responsible: AFCO, Rapp.: Richard Corbett (S&D)
TRAN, JURI

Opinions: EMPL, ENVI, ITRE,

Decision: *No opinion.*

2.5 The European Structural and Investment Funds and sound economic governance: guidelines for the implementation of Article 23 of the Common Provisions Regulation (MM)

EMPL/8/02841

2015/2052(INI) COM(2014)0494

Responsible: REGI, Rapp.: José Blanco López (S&D)

Opinions: EMPL, ...

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.*

2.6 Implementation of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Korea (MK)

EMPL/8/02831

Responsible: INTA

Opinions: EMPL, ...

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the S&D Group.*

2.7 EEA-Switzerland: Obstacles with regard to the full implementation of the internal market (RS)

Responsible: IMCO

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.*

Documents with decisions pending

2.8 Inquiry report on Tax Fairness in Europe (PR)

EMPL/8/02540

2015/2009(INI)

Responsible: ECON, Co-Rapp: Morten Messerschmidt (ECR) Michael Theurer (ALDE)

Opinion: EMPL

Decision: *No action since that INI had been annulled.*

2.9 Bringing transparency, coordination and convergence to Corporate Tax policies in the Union (PR)

EMPL/8/02541

2015/2010(INL (legislative initiative report))

Responsible: ECON, Rapp: Anneliese Dodds (S&D)

Opinion: EMPL, ITRE

Decision: *No opinion (corporate tax falls outside of EMPL competences).*

3. EMPL public hearings in the second half of 2015 (ZP)

In view of the decision on the committee hearings to be held in the 2nd half of 2015 (**July-December**), committees are requested to submit requests for public hearings until 10 April 2015 at the latest.

Decision

The Coordinators

- ***took note of the fact that***
 - ***the EMPL committee had only a limited number of meeting days in the second half of 2015 (12 half-days after the summer recess, following cancellation of the 22 December meeting)***
 - ***hearings tend to occupy one half-day each***
 - ***the following shortlist for topics had been agreed on 24 September 2014***
 - ***Re-shoring Europe - bringing jobs back to Europe (ECR)***
 - ***Creating a competitive EU labour market for the 21 century: matching skills and qualifications with demand and job opportunities (ALDE)***
 - ***Social dumping in the aviation industry (GUE/NGL) - on the understanding that the title might be broadened, subject to submission of a revised wording by GUE/NGL***
 - ***Member States' active labour market policies - good practices with regard to the 3 parts of the Active Inclusion Strategy (adequate income, labour market activation, high-quality public services) (Greens/EFA)***
- ***took a decision of principle that a limited number of hearings be held in the second half of 2015***
- ***agreed that one or two topics for hearings should be selected at the next meeting***
- ***opened a deadline (17 March end of business) for possible new proposals.***

4. EMPL delegations in the second half of 2015 (ZP)

In view of the decision on the committee delegations to be organised in the 2nd half of 2015 (**July-December**), committees are requested to submit requests for such visits until 10 April 2015 at the latest.

Decision

The Coordinators

- ***Noted that the destinations for the second half of 2015 as decided on 17 September 2014 were the following:***
 - *Delegations within the EU:*
 - *Portugal (post programme country)*
 - *Addition*
 - *Non-formal delegation to ECB (Frankfurt), on a Monday of a Strasbourg session - second half of 2015, e.g. 7 September 2015*
 - *Delegations outside the EU (Note: Special authorisation by CoP as ad hoc delegation required)*
 - *ILO (Geneva) - study trip to meet ILO experts*
 - *Agencies:*
 - *EU-OSHA (Bilbao, last visited in 2013) - 3 places outside quota*
- ***Took note of the opposition of the S&D Group to visit Portuguese archipelagos during the holiday season***
- ***Decided to take a final decision at their next meeting on the basis of a clear proposal.***

5. Social dimension of the EMU (PR/AC)

The papers for the meeting included an analytical note from President Juncker and a note prepared by the secretariat with EP conclusions on the Social Dimension of the EMU.

Decision

The Coordinators

- ***Took note of footnote 1 on page 8 of the analytical note from President Juncker which reads:***

"The President of the European Commission has indicated his intention to draw on the input from the President of the European Parliament in his reflections during the preparation of the report."

- ***Held an exchange of views***
- ***Agreed that the rapporteur, Ms Sander, and the shadow rapporteurs of the EMPL opinion on the ECON INI "Review of the economic governance framework: stocktaking and challenges" should jointly assess the appropriateness of drawing up additional compromise amendments providing possible input for the 'Four Presidents' report'.***

6. Aviation and road transport issues

The annex to this point includes: The reply of Commissioners Bulc and Thyssen

Decision

The Coordinators

- *Took note of the reply from Commissioners Bulc and Thyssen on civil aviation.*
- *Took note of the TRAN initiative.*
- *Agreed that, in line with the Coordinators' decision of 18 December 2014, an exchange of views with social partners (including representatives of pilots and cabin crews) and the authors of the study on "Atypical employment in Aviation" should be held in the near future (before 28 May)*
- *Agreed that a meeting with the two Commissioners should be held after that exchange of views*
- *Decided to take a final decision at their next meeting on the basis of a concrete proposal.*

7. Exchange of views on EMPL proposals to be made to the STOA panel (CO)

The annex to this point includes:

- *the STOA Chair letter sent to all Committee Chairs, requesting for proposals of projects*
- *annexes to the letter: projects overview 2009-2014; ongoing STOA projects; standard STOA proposal form*
- *proposals for STOA projects from Ms Jazłowiecka, Mr Pirinski and Mr Kósa.*

Decision

The Coordinators:

- *took note of the request from Paul Rübiger, STOA Chair*
- *heard Mr Karapiperis, Head of Unit of STOA Secretariat, on background and procedure*
- *Decided that the decision on possible EMPL proposals to be made to the STOA panel shall be taken in a written procedure (deadline 18 March noon).*

8. UNCRPD Framework – joint report of LIBE, EMPL and PETI (MM)

The annex to this point included: letter signed by 4 Members

Decision

The Coordinators

- *Took note of the initiative of four MEPs (Ádám KÓSA, Helga STEVENS, Rosa ESTARAS FERRAGUT and Soledad CABEZON RUIZ) who as representatives in the EU UNCRPD framework requested that a joint report of LIBE, EMPL, and PETI committees be drawn up in response to the CRPD Committee's recommendations.*
- *agreed to endorse the initiative.*

9. Implementation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility - Modification of title and exchange of views with stakeholders (AC)

Decision

The Coordinators

- *approved the proposal to request a modification of the title (new title: "Implementation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility")*
- *decided that an exchange of views with stakeholders take place in EMPL committee on 16 April, and that the invited speakers (without entitlement to claim expenses) represent:*
 - *European Investment Fund and Commission;*
 - *Financial intermediaries (bank and non-bank);*
 - *Beneficiaries.*

10. Exchange of views with stakeholders – Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty (MM)

Decision

The Coordinators decided that an exchange of views with stakeholders take place during the first exchange of views in EMPL committee on 1 April. The invited speakers represent:

- *Eurochild;*
- *Unicef.*
- *Save the Children*
- *Antipoverty network*
- *Solidar*

(The invitation of experts is made without entitlement to claim travel expenses.)

11. Use of translation reserve (ZP)

Decision

Coordinators authorised Jean Lambert to use 1 page from the reserve for the translation of the EMPL report on the 'Green Employment Initiative: Tapping into the job creation potential of the green economy'.

12. Motions for Resolution (Rule 133) - decisions on procedure (MM)

Annexes: texts of the motions

- 12.1 B8-0175/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on establishing a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared or falsely declared work by Dominique Martin, Mylène Troszczynski, Joëlle Mélin, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Mara Bizzotto, Georg Mayer, Florian Philippot, Franz Obermayr, Sylvie Goddyn, Marine Le Pen**

Decision: Not to follow up this motion for a resolution since the suggestions included in it are addressed in the amendments to the draft report on Establishment of a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work (rapp: Georgi Pirinski)

- 12.2 B8 0164/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the minimum wage by Viktor Uspaskich**

Decision: Not to follow up the matter since the issue of minimum wages was already addressed in the European Parliament resolution of 25 February 2014 on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2014 stressing the importance of exploring the possibility of reducing pressure on wages through minimum wage schemes according to national practices.

- 12.3 B8-0134/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on unfair social practices in the air transport sector in Europe by Marie-Christine Arnautu**

The Motion for Resolution can be found at annex to these notes.

Decision: To wait for the aviation package foreseen in the Commission Work Programme 2015, and to draw up a report/opinion related to that aviation package taking into account the current motion for a resolution. (see also point on Aviation and road transport issues).

13. Petitions (MM)

13.1 Petition 2335/2013 by Dardan Haxhija (German) on instituting a minimum salary across the EU

Decision: *No action needed. The petition has been forwarded to EMPL for information only.*

13.2 Petition 2382/2013 by Robert Duch (Polish), on treating seasonal workers in the same way as other workers

Decision

Mandate EMPL Chair to write back to PETI along the following lines:

Directive 2014/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals for the purpose of employment as seasonal workers (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014L0036>) determines the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals for the purpose of employment as seasonal workers and defines the rights of seasonal workers.

According to Article 23 seasonal workers shall be entitled to equal treatment with nationals of the host Member State inter alia with regard to terms of employment, including the minimum working age, and working conditions, including pay and dismissal, working hours, leave and holidays, as well as health and safety requirements at the workplace as well as branches of social security, as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004.

Member States shall provide for measures to prevent possible abuses and to sanction infringements of this Directive. Member States shall ensure that there are effective mechanisms through which seasonal workers may lodge complaints against their employers directly or through third parties. Every three years, and for the first time no later than 30 September 2019, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the application of this Directive in the Member States and shall propose any amendments necessary.

However, the deadline for the transposition of this directive is 30 September 2016. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by that time.

14. Points for information

14.1 Timetables

Reports:

Implementation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility (Sven Schulze)

Decision by coordinators	December 2014
Exchange of views with stakeholders	16 April 2015
Consideration of draft report	28 May 2015
Deadline for AMs	3 June, 12.00
Consideration of AMs	23 June 2015
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings	Weeks 26-27-28(31)//36-37
Deadline for finalisation of COMPs compromises (with indication of political support)	9 September 2015
Send pre-final voting list	11 September 2015
Deadline for comments (oral AMs, request of split votes) to the pre-final voting list	14 September 2015, 16.00
Send final voting list	14 September 2015
Adoption in EMPL	15 September 2015
Plenary	October II tbc

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Social Fund, as regards an increase of the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative (ElisabethMorin-Chartier)

Approved by EMPL Coordinators	5 February 2015
<i>Send text to Translation</i>	<i>5 March 2015</i>
Consideration of draft report	24 March 2015
Deadline for tabling amendments	12 March 2015, 12.00h
Consideration of amendments / vote in EMPL	16 April 2015

Employment Guidelines (Laura Agea) - NB: tentative timetable pending adoption of the proposal by the Commission

Timetable to be adapted in the light of late arrival of Commission proposal.

Decision by coordinators	2 February 2015
Exchange of views without document	5 March 2015

European network of Employment Services, workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets (EURES) (Heinz K. BECKER) Revised Timetable

Consideration of AMs tabled	26 February 2015
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings to present compromise amendments	10 March 2015 26 March 2015 15 April 2015
Deadline for feedback for finalising compromise amendments	29 April 2015
Pre- final voting list including finalised compromises	4 May 2015
Deadline for comments (split votes, separate votes) to the pre-final voting list	6 May 2015, 16.00
Final voting list	6 May 2015
Vote in EMPL	7 May 2015
Vote in plenary	tbc

Opinions:

2014/2150 (INI) JURI - Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT): State of Play and Outlook (Anthea McIntyre)

Approved by EMPL Coordinators	17 September 2014
Draft sent to Translation	6 March 2015
Consideration of draft	24 March 2015
<i>Deadline for AMs</i>	<i>26 March 2015, noon</i>
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of compromises	Weeks 18, 19, 20
Deadline for finalisation and indication of political support of negotiated compromises (includes indication of political support)	20 May 2015, cob
Pre-final voting list to be sent out	26 May 2015
Deadline for comments (oral AMs, request of split votes/separate votes) to the pre-final voting list	27 May 2015, 16h00
Sending out of final voting list	27 May, after 16h00 asap
Vote in EMPL	28 May 2015
Adoption in JURI	16/17 June 2015
Vote in Plenary	July 2015

2014/2252 (INI) JURI - Annual reports 2012-2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality (Helga Stevens)

Approved by EMPL Coordinators	8 January 2015
Draft sent to Translation	16 March 2015
Consideration of draft	1 April 2015
<i>Deadline for AMs</i>	<i>17 April 2015, noon</i>
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings in view of	Weeks 19, 20, 21

compromises	
Deadline for finalisation and indication of political support of negotiated compromises	19 May 2015, cob
Pre-final voting list to be sent out	26 May 2015, cob
Deadline for comments (oral AMs, request of split votes/ separate votes) to the pre-final voting list	27 May 2015, 16h00
Vote in EMPL	28 May 2015
Adoption in JURI	16/17 June 2015
Vote in Plenary	July 2015

European Fund for Strategic Investments (Danuta Jazlowiecka)

Confirmation of Rapporteur	28 Jan 2015
Consideration of PA	5 March 2015
Deadline for AMs	6 March 2015 at 12:00
Shadow rapporteurs' meetings	10 March 9-10 (STR) 24 March 13.30-15.00 26 March 10-12
Deadline for finalisation of COMPs	26 March 16.00
Send pre-final voting list	27 March cob
Deadline for comments	31 March 16.00
Send final voting list	31 March asap after 16.00
Adoption in EMPL	1 April 2015
Adoption in ECON/BUDG	20 April 2015
Plenary	

Investment for jobs and growth - 6th cohesion report (Danuta Jazlowiecka)

Decision by coordinators	8 January 2015
Consideration of draft opinion	5 March 2015
Deadline for AMs	10 March 2015, 12:00
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s) in view of compromises	25 March 13.00-14.00 (no interpretation)
Deadline for finalisation of negotiated compromises (includes indication of political support)	1 April cob
Pre-final voting list to be sent out	13 April 2015 cob
Deadline for comments (oral AMs, request of split votes/ separate votes) to the pre-final voting list	15 April 2015, 16:00
Send out final voting list	15 April, asap after 16:00
Adoption in EMPL	16 April 2015
Adoption in REGI	4/5 May 2015
Plenary	6 July 2015

Proposal for a Directive on single member private limited liability companies (SUP) (2014/0120(COD)) (Jutta Steinruck)

Timetable to be confirmed following decision of Conference of Presidents on Rule 54.

15. Date of next Coordinators' meeting

Thursday 26 March, 10:00 - 11:30 hrs.