



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

2014 - 2019

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 30 April 2015, 10.00 - 11.30
Room LOW S4.4, Strasbourg

RESULTS

30.4.2015

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The meeting started at 10.05 hrs and closed at 11.30 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
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Marian Harkin, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Inês Zuber, Co-Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, representative of the Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

Also present

Ms Danuta Jazłowiecka, Vice-Chair

1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

1.2 Labour Mobility Package - targeted review of the Posting of Workers directive (RS)

Decision:

The Coordinators decided to take a decision on a possible question for oral answer following the exchange of views with Commissioner Thyssen on 28 May.

1.3 Joint EMPL-ECON meeting on the presentation of draft Country-Specific Recommendations (AC)

Decision:

Coordinators agreed that a joint EMPL-ECON meeting would be organised in June during which the draft Country-Specific Recommendations would be presented. A possible date would be Tuesday 23 June in the afternoon. An invitation will be sent to VP Dombrovskis, Commissioners Thyssen and Moscovici.

1.4 Plenary debate on precarious employment contracts (MK & MM)

Decision:

Coordinators decided to prepare an oral question to the Council and to the Commission on the subject of precarious employment contracts, in view of a plenary debate in June.

The draft text of the OQ will be prepared in a written procedure, with a view to have it adopted by the full committee on 28 May.

1.5 Avoidance of parallel Shadows' meetings (JK & LE, all ADs)

The Coordinators invited the Secretariat to ensure that parallel Shadows' meetings be avoided in the future.

2. Allocation of reports and opinions

Documents received for information

2.1 *Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget line 04.03.01.03)*

COM(2015)0170

2.2 *Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (EaSI)*

COM(2015)0172

Responsible: EMPL

Decision: *No action for both documents.*

3. Structured dialogue with Commissioner - decision on procedure (AC)

Decision:

Coordinators held an exchange of views and agreed to apply the following procedure:

- *the EMPL Secretariat will prepare a draft of possible EMPL priorities and circulate it to group staff by 4 May 2015;*
- *group staff will be invited to a separate preparatory meeting (during week 20) ahead of the next Coordinators' meeting;*
- *the draft priorities will be submitted to the EMPL Coordinators for final approval of the EMPL priorities for the Commission's Work Programme for 2015 and major legislative priorities for 2016;*
- *final contributions from all committees have to be received by the Conference of Committee Chairs by 22 May 2015; however due to the fact that the dialogue with the Commissioner will only take place on 28 May, final contributions from the EMPL committee will be sent as soon as possible after 28 May and no later than 1 June.*

4. Working Group on Legal questions related to the development of Robotics and artificial intelligence (RS & CO)

Annex to this point included: Invitation letter from the JURI Chair; draft agenda April; draft mission statement; draft calendar; draft programme

Decision:

Coordinators

- ***held an extensive exchange of views;***
- ***decided to set up a Working Group on the employment aspects of Robotics and artificial intelligence within the EMPL Committee, composed of one Member per group, and instructed the secretariat to prepare draft terms of reference for the establishment of this Working Group;***
- ***decided that Helga Stevens will represent EMPL in the Working Group and Ádám Kósa will represent EMPL in the Working Group as first alternate Member and Tiziana Beghin as second alternate Member.***
- ***mandated the Chair to communicate the decision to the JURI Committee.***

5. **Hearing on the revision of the Europe 2020 strategy – proposals for experts (MK & MM)**

Annex to this point included details about some of the proposed experts.

Decision:

Coordinators decided to invite the following experts to the hearing¹:

- 1. Dr Frank-Jürgen Weise, Head of the Federal Employment Agency in Germany*
- 2. Ms Françoise DE BOE, Coordinator of the Belgian "Service de lutte contre la pauvreté, la précarité et l'exclusion sociale" (this entity participated in the public consultation)*
- 3. Ms Ellen NYGREN, LO, the Swedish Trade Union Confederation, member of the EESC, advisor to the European Trade Union Confederation, mainly on social protection issues, including occupational pensions*
- 4. Professor Ryszard BUGAJ, Polish politician and economist, former leader of Unia Pracy (Labour Union) and former advisor to the then president of Poland, Lech Kaczyński*
- 5. Ms Jana Hainsworth, Social Platform*
- 6. Mr Mauro CAPELLO*, Auditor, Componente Nucleo Verifiche e Controlli (NUVEC) - Agenzia per la Coesione*
- 7. Expert representing business – to be proposed by the ALDE Group²*

¹ The hearing takes place on Monday, 15 June 2015, from 15:00 to 17:30 hrs

² The expert proposed by the ALDE Group is Ms Dorthe Andersen, Director EU policy, Confederation of Danish Employers

6. Presentation of reports in EMPL Committee (PR)

6.1 The European Court of Auditors special report on Youth Guarantee

Decision:

Coordinators decided to invite ECA to present the report in as soon as possible, within the frame of an EMPL committee meeting.

6.2 EUROFOUND report on Social Inclusion of young people

Decision:

Coordinators:

- *decided to invite EUROFOUND to present the report at an EMPL Committee meeting on 23 September, following the publication of the report.*
- *agreed that the format and the date of the presentation would be fixed and announced during next Coordinators' meeting.*

7. Discussions with relevant European organizations – proposal from Danuta Jazłowiecka

Annex to this point included Ms Jazłowiecka's letter to the Chair with the proposal

Decision:

This item was postponed.

8. Motion for Resolution³ - decision on procedure (MM)

Annex: text of the motion

8.1 B8 0318/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on fighting severe poverty in towns by Ivan Jakov i

The Motion for Resolution was annexed to the notes.

Decision: Not to follow up this motion for a resolution since the European Parliament resolution of 25 November 2014 on employment and social aspects of the Europe 2020 strategy (2014/2779(RSP)) addressed this issue. Furthermore, the EMPL INI “Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty” (rapp: Ines Zuber) will also address poverty.

³ Rule 133 : Motions for resolutions

1. Any Member may table a motion for a resolution on a matter falling within the spheres of activity of the European Union. The motion may not comprise more than 200 words.
2. The committee responsible shall decide what procedure is to be adopted.
It may combine the motion for a resolution with other motions for resolutions or reports.
It may adopt an opinion, which may take the form of a letter.
It may decide to draw up a report under Rule 52.
3. The authors of a motion for a resolution shall be informed of the decisions of the committee and of the Conference of Presidents.
4. The report shall contain the text of the motion for a resolution.
5. Opinions in the form of a letter addressed to other institutions of the European Union shall be forwarded by the President.
6. The author or authors of a motion for a resolution tabled under Rule 123(2), 128(5) or 135(2) shall be entitled to withdraw it before the final vote.
7. A motion for a resolution tabled in accordance with paragraph 1 may be withdrawn by its author, authors or first signatory before the committee responsible has decided, in accordance with paragraph 2, to draw up a report on it.
Once the motion has been thus taken over by the committee, only the committee shall be empowered to withdraw it up until the opening of the final vote.
8. A withdrawn motion for a resolution may be taken over and retabled immediately by a group, a committee or the same number of Members as is entitled to table it.
Committees have a duty to ensure that motions for resolutions tabled under this Rule which meet the requirements laid down are followed up and duly referred to in the resulting documents.

9. Petitions (MM)

9.1 Petition 0199/2014 by Julian Amza (Romanian) on the proposal for measures against unemployment within the European Union

The petitioner is unemployed, receives no benefit, makes general comments on the situation of the unemployed in Romania and in the European Union and believes that the money allocated by the European Union through institutions and foundations yields no concrete results as concerns the condition of the unemployed. The petitioner proposes that such funds should be allocated directly to the unemployed, as aid of EUR 5 000 – 10 000 for each unemployed person, so that they can start their own business. The petitioner details how such a system could be implemented.

PETI declared the petition admissible, forwarded it to EMPL for information, informed the petitioner about policies designed to encourage the development of small scale business and how to access EU funding in this field through the relevant Member State agencies and then PETI closed the petition.

Decision: No action.

9.2 Petition 0235/2014 by Johan Willem Westerhof (Dutch), on alleged mismanagement and possible fraud found during inspection of ESF subsidies in the Netherlands

The petitioner states that the petition (1126/2011) which he submitted in 2011 on a lottery for the distribution of subsidies from the European Social Fund (ESF) led to approximately 4 500 organisations in the Netherlands having their subsidy applications initially accepted. Following screening by the Netherlands Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, more than 3 700 companies received a subsidy. On the basis of the Government Information (Public Access) Act, the petitioner has requested more than 2 400 files relating to subsidy provisions. However, only about 1 % of these applications were accepted. According to the petitioner, the available information reveals corruption and justifies the recovery of wrongfully paid subsidies. However, the Ministry does not intend to recover the subsidies as this would constitute an excessive workload and would benefit European funds. The petitioner plans to raise an objection in the Netherlands to the Ministry's policy and actions. He asks the European Parliament to adopt a position with respect to the reasons given by the Dutch Ministry for not recovering the subsidies, namely that this would benefit Europe. The petitioner also considers it fair that details of the knowledge and experience obtained using the subsidies which were granted be made public. He also asks for the European Parliament's opinion on this matter.

PETI declared the petition admissible, forwarded it to EMPL for information and asked the Commission for information.

Decision: No action.

10. Points for information

10.1 Timetables

Reports:

Authorisation for Member States to ratify the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention of the ILO with regard to matters related to social policy 2014/259(NLE) – COM(2014)0563 (Patrick LE HYARIC)

Draft report / recommendation to be sent for translation	26 May
Presentation and consideration of draft report in Committee	15/16 June
<i>Deadline AMs</i>	<i>18 June, 12.00</i>
Vote in EMPL	15/16 July
Adoption in plenary	September tbc

EURES (Heinz K. BECKER) – revised timetable

Consideration of AMs tabled	26 February 2015
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings to present compromise amendments	10 March, 26 March, 15 April, 21 April, 29 April
Deadline for feedback for finalising compromise amendments	11 June 2015
Pre- final voting list including finalised compromises	15 June 2015
Deadline for comments (split votes, separate votes) to the pre-final voting list	19 June 2015, 12.00
Final voting list	19 June 2015
Vote in EMPL	23 June 2015
Vote in Plenary	tbc

Opinions:

Women Domestic workers and carers in the EU (Tania GONZÁLEZ PEÑAS)

Send text to Translation	26 June 2015
Consideration of draft opinion	15-16 July 2015
<i>Deadline for tabling AMs</i>	<i>4 September 2015, noon</i>
Send AMs to Translation	7 September 2015
Consideration of AMs tabled	23 September 2015
Vote in EMPL	12-13 October 2015
Vote lead committee	3 December 2015
Vote plenary	January 2016

BUDG report on the Mandate for the Trilogue on the 2016 draft budget (Deidre CLUNE)

Send draft opinion to translation	15 April
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Consideration draft opinion	7 May
Deadline for tabling amendments	13 May, noon
BUDG Rapporteur's visit to EMPL	15/16 June
Vote in EMPL	16 June
Vote in BUDG	22-23 June (tbc.)
Vote in Plenary	July

Budgetary amendments to the 2016 draft budget (Deidre CLUNE)

Presentation of draft estimates in BUDG – (provisional draft budget)	End of May
Exchange of views on the Draftsperson's draft budgetary amendments in EMPL	15/16 July
<i>Adoption of Council's position on the draft budget</i>	<i>Mid July (tbc)</i>
Deadline for tabling budgetary amendments in EMPL	20 July at 12.00
Vote on the budgetary AMs in EMPL	3 September
Deadline in BUDG	<i>tbd</i>
<i>Vote in BUDG, figures</i>	<i>tbd</i>
<i>Vote in BUDG, resolution</i>	<i>tbd</i>
Deadline to re-table amendments not adopted by BUDG to Plenary	<i>tbd</i>
<i>Adoption of EP's position on the budget 2015 in plenary</i>	<i>tbd</i>
<i>Conciliation period</i>	<i>tbd</i>
<i>Adoption of the joint text in plenary</i>	<i>tbd</i>

10.2 Letter from Pier Antonio Panzeri, Chair of the Conference of Delegations Chairs about the work of inter-parliamentary delegations and cooperation with parliamentary committees

The letter from Pier Antonio Panzeri to Thomas Händel was annexed to the notes, amongst the documents for information.

10.3 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve

Characters	Pages	Rapporteur	AD	Subject
11373	7.58	Gutiérrez Prieto	Seweryn	European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2015
1851	1.23	Lambert	Petho	Green Employment Initiative: Tapping into the job creation potential of the green economy
1615	1.08	Dlabajová	Oaida	Creating a competitive EU labour market for the 21st century: matching skills and qualifications with demand and job opportunities, as a way to recover from the crisis
1781	1.19	Lope Fontagné	Rook	Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation in combatting unemployment
Total:16620	11.08			

11. Date of next Coordinators' meetings

Brussels, Monday 11 May, 17:00-18:30 hrs, open Coordinators' meeting (Commission presentation on PPs and PAs)

Brussels, Tuesday 26 May, 17:00 - 18:30 hrs.

The Coordinators instructed the Secretariat to draw up a long-term calendar of future coordinators' meetings. (ZP & JK)