



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

2014 - 2019

**EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING**

**Thursday, 25 June 2015, 10.00 - 11.30**

**Room A1E-1 (in camera), Altiero Spinelli building, Brussels**

**RESULTS**

25.6.2015

The meeting started at 10.00 hrs and closed at 11.40 hrs. In the Chair: Ms Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair, Acting Chair.

Present

Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair	
Ms Marita Ulvskog, 1st Vice-Chair, Acting Chair	
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
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

Apologies

Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
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## 1. Chair's announcements

### 1.1 Interpretation

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

### 1.2 Unused interpretation at meetings

Employment Guidelines Shadow Rapporteurs' meeting on 3 June: Greek interpretation was requested but was not used.

At the shadows meeting on the EURES report on 27 May 2015 EN, DE, IT and ES interpretation was not used.

### 1.3 State of play related to EMPL and CULT own-initiative report on vocational training (CO)

***Decision:** Coordinators took note of the state of play*

### 1.4 Structured Dialogue - follow-up CCC (AC)

***Decision:** Coordinators agreed on the following two priorities to be communicated to the CCC Secretariat in view of the next CoP meeting: (i) EU 2020 Strategy - employment and social aspects (formerly Employment Guidelines) and (ii) Employment aspects of the circular economy legislative package.*

## 2. Allocation of reports and opinions

### 2.1 Own-initiative reports

***Decision:** Coordinators decided to request authorisation of the following own-initiative reports on the waiting list:*

*- Meeting the antipoverty target in the light of the increasing household costs (AC)*

*- Workers representation on board level in Europe (BM)*

*- Agreed that, depending on the effective submission of awaited Commission initiatives in this field, long-term unemployment<sup>1</sup> should be a subject for an additional own-initiative report.*

## Reports

*none*

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Work Programme for 2015, COM(2014)910, Annex I, point 2:  
"Promoting integration and employability in the labour market - Legislative / Non-legislative - A package of measures to support Member States in getting people, especially the longer term unemployed and younger people, into work and developing a skilled workforce. This will include measures to follow up on the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative, a *proposal for a Council recommendation on integration of the longterm unemployed*, as well as measures to promote skills development."

## Opinions

*none*

## Documents received for information

- 2.2 **REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL on the Functioning of the Transitional Arrangements on Free Movement of Workers from Croatia (First phase: 1 July 2013 - 30 June 2015) COM(2015)0233 (RS)**

Responsible: EMPL

Opinions: FEMM, PETI

Decision: *No action.*

3. **Draft Questions for oral answer to the Commission and the Council on “employment precarious contracts” (MMan)**

Decision: *Coordinators agreed that the text proposed by the EPP shall be the basis for a 'Yes/No' vote. Coordinators decided that the oral questions would be put to vote at the next EMPL meeting (July) and to the September Plenary.*

4. **EMPL Delegation to Portugal (MK/LS)**

Decision: *Coordinators*

- *confirmed that the delegation visit shall take place from 4 to 6 November 2015,*
- *confirmed that the delegation shall visit Lisbon and possible other places which would be reachable by bus,*
- *decided that the 12 available places shall be allocated as follows 5 EPP, 3 S&D, 1 ECR, 1 GUE, 1 Greens, 1 EFDD (plus the Chair and local Members)*
- *took note of the 3 July deadline to send the Secretariat: issues of particular interest to be discussed during the visit, as well as names of Members taking part in the Delegation*
- *took note of the 1 July deadline to send the Secretariat specific topics the groups would like to be addressed in the briefing note on the employment and social situation in the country.*

5. **EMPL Delegation to the Netherlands (PR)**

Decision: *Coordinators*

- *confirmed that the delegation visit would take place for two days in the week from 3 to 6 November 2015,*
- *decided that the delegation shall be composed of up to 11 Members (plus the Chair and local Members).*

**6. Delegation to the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (OSHA) (LS)**

***Decision:*** *Coordinators took note that the three places foreseen for this delegation according to the d'Hondt system, be allocated to the S&D, the EPP and the ECR.<sup>2</sup> Coordinators also noted the 3 July deadline to inform the Secretariat about the names of the participants.*

**7. European Court of Auditors - EMPL Priorities for CoA monitoring (PR)**

***Decision:*** *Coordinators decided that the following priorities would be communicated to the ECA:*

Employment and Social Innovation Programme (EaSI)

- assessment of the effectiveness of the PROGRESS axis of the Employment and Social Innovation Programme

European Social Fund (ESF)

- do Member States respect the principle that 20% of the European Social Fund be earmarked for fighting poverty and social exclusion – in this context, assessment of investment in the social inclusion of marginalized communities
- the effects of ESF support for life-long learning on improving the adaptability of the workforce and the matching of skills
- ESIF management and control systems for 2014-20: have Member States fixed past shortcomings?

**8. Presentation of an ECA special report in EMPL Committee (AC)**

***Decision:*** *Coordinators decided to invite the ECA to present its special report on Microfinance for social inclusion on 23 September.*

**9. Hearing on Re-shoring Europe - bringing jobs back – proposals for experts (AC)**

***Decision:*** *Coordinators decided that the following 5 experts would be invited as speakers:*

- Mr. Jean-Claude Reding, President of the "Chambre des Salariés" in Luxembourg
- Mr José Ignacio San Miguel, member of the National Executive Board of the Spanish Metal Workers' Federation
- Mr. Tony Caldeira, Managing Director, Caldeira ltd.
- Mr David Carro, President of the European Small Business Alliance (ESBA)
- Mr Raymond Torres (ILO).

***Coordinators also decided that, in the future, the Secretariat shall invite the political groups to submit each one female and one male expert so as to ensure gender balance. Coordinators agreed that the final decision on the experts to be invited remained their prerogative.***

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<sup>2</sup> Note: Groups may trade seats with mutual agreement.

**10. Appointment of additional Members to the STOA Panel (CO/MA)**

***Decision:*** *Coordinators decided that Ms Tiziana Beghin (EFDD) shall be the additional EMPL Member on the STOA Panel.*

**11. Discussions with relevant European organisations on concrete realisations in the EMPL field – proposal from Danuta Jazłowiecka**

*The item was postponed.*

**12. Digital Single Market Strategy - briefing note by POLDEP A (Policy Department A)**

***Decision:*** *Coordinators requested that POLDEP A send a revised description of the briefing note.*

**13. Motion for Resolution<sup>3</sup> - decision on procedure (MA)**

*Annexes: text of the motions*

**13.1 B8-0436/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the repeal of the 'posted workers' directive by Dominique Bilde, Sophie Montel, Florian Philippot, Steeve Briois**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter as the issues connected with the implementation of the 'posted workers directive' (96/71/EC) have been discussed in the EMPL Committee*

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

*several times and Directive 2014/67/EU on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC has been adopted on 15 May 2014 by ordinary legislative procedure*

**13.2 B8-0437/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services by Sophie Montel, Dominique Bilde, Steeve Briois, Florian Philippot**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:** Not to follow up this matter as the issues connected with the implementation of the 'posted workers directive' (96/71/EC) have been discussed in the EMPL Committee several times and Directive 2014/67/EU on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC has been adopted on 15 May 2014 by ordinary legislative procedure*

**13.3 B8-0490/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the anti-competitive conduct of Ryanair by Marie-Christine Arnautu, Bruno Gollnisch**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:** Not to follow up this matter as the issue of the current situation of employment and working conditions in the European civil aviation sector has been discussed at a hearing organised by the EMPL Committee on 7 May 2015*

**13.4 B8-0446/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on increasing the resources available to the European Progress Microfinance Facility by Aldo Patriciello**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:** No action needed; the achievements and shortcomings of the Progress Microfinance Facility are being debated in EMPL in the framework of ongoing discussions on the own-initiative report 'Implementation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility' (rapporteur: Sven Schulze)*

**13.5 B8-0454/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the protection and development of integrated care measures for elderly people who are not self-sufficient by Aldo Patriciello**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:** Not to follow up this matter since there are already Union programmes and funds that can support integrated care projects*

**13.6 B8-0459/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on architectural barriers by Aldo Patriciello**

The Motion for Resolution can be found annexed to these notes.

***Decision:** Not to follow up this matter since there are already Union programmes and funds, in particular the Structural Funds, that support investments by Member States in the removal of architectural barriers*

## **14. Petitions (MM/MA)**

### **14.1 Petition 0467/2014 by Calin Ciprian Ilut (Romanian), on a request for an increase in disability allowances in Romania**

The petitioner reports that people with disabilities in Romania are living in extremely difficult conditions and receive an allowance of only RON 234 (the equivalent of EUR 50). The petitioner is asking the European Parliament to oblige the Romanian authorities to increase the allowances received by people with disabilities.

PETI declared the petition admissible and informed the petitioner that the Committee on Petitions is concerned at the situation of persons with disabilities in the Member States, and that it makes every effort to ensure that their rights are respected, as provided for in the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities; however, it is unable to intervene in matters related to the allowances allocated by the Member States. PETI forwarded the petition to the EMPL Committee for information.

***Decision:*** *No action needed; the petition had been forwarded to EMPL for information only.*

### **14.2 Petition 0818/2014 by Claudio Cavallari (Italian), on the difficulties faced by disabled people in Italy in finding employment**

The petitioner, who is 76% legally disabled, condemns the current levels of poverty and unemployment. Speaking from his own personal experience, the petitioner claims that there are no effective policies in place in Italy for helping disabled people to integrate into the working environment.

PETI declared the petition admissible and informed the petitioner that in Case C-312/11 (European Commission v Italian Republic) the Court of Justice of the European Union found that "by not introducing a requirement for all employers to make reasonable adjustments, where needed in a particular case, for all persons with disabilities, the Italian Republic has failed to fulfil its obligation to ensure the correct and full implementation of Article 5 of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation". PETI sent the petition to the EMPL Committee for information and to the European Disability Forum.

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

### **14.3 Petition 0786/2014 by Marco Bazzoni (Italian), on labour reforms introduced in Italy under Legislative Decree 34/2014 ("Jobs Act") and on the application of Directive 1999/70/EC**

The petitioner draws attention to the labour reforms in progress in Italy, in particular under Legislative Decree 34/2014 ("Jobs Act"). One of the aims of the decree is to make the labour market much more flexible, and in this respect the petitioner claims that it is in breach of Directive 1999/70/EC on fixed-term work. This is because the decree does away with the concept of "objective reasons" justifying a fixed-term contract and its renewal, which under the directive is allowed only once every three years, while under the decree it is allowed up to eight times over the same period. The petitioner also makes a number of remarks about the

high level of unemployment and lack of job security in Italy and maintains that the reform will not have any tangible benefits for workers.

PETI declared the petition admissible, asked the European Commission for information and sent it to the EMPL Committee for an opinion.

***Decision:*** *Wait for the Commission's reply to PETI's request for information and decide in the light of this reply on the main lines of a letter to be sent to PETI*

#### **14.4 Petition 0875/2014 by R.R. (Italian), on disabled people's right to work in Italy**

The petitioner is a disabled person who has worked for many years within different companies but has not been able to find employment for over two years. He stresses the failure of both public and private companies to comply with Italian legislation (Law No 68 of 12 March 1999).

PETI declared the petition admissible and informed the petitioner that in Case C-312/11 (European Commission v Italian Republic) the Court of Justice of the European Union found that "by not introducing a requirement for all employers to make reasonable adjustments, where needed in a particular case, for all persons with disabilities, the Italian Republic has failed to fulfil its obligation to ensure the correct and full implementation of Article 5 of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation". PETI sent the petition to the EMPL Committee for information and to the European Disability Forum.

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

### **15. Points for information**

#### **15.1 Timetables**

##### **Opinions:**

#### **European Semester for economic policy coordination - implementation of 2015 priorities (Gutiérrez Prieto Sergio)**

Send text to translation	24 June 2015
Consideration draft opinion	15/16 July 2015
<b><i>Deadline for tabling AMs</i></b>	<b><i>22 July 2015, 12.00</i></b>
<b>Vote in EMPL</b>	<b>23 September 2015</b>
Vote in ECON (tbc)	13 October 2015

#### **15.2 Letter from the President to the leaders of the Political groups regarding the Conference of the Speakers of the EU Parliaments (AC)**

*The letter from the President and the Conclusions from the Italian Presidency can be found in the documents for information*

The President's note refers to the Conference pursuant to Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU. The note states that "*utmost caution will be*



required for the following steps in order to safeguard the prerogatives of the EP". Of particular importance to the EMPL Committee is the fact that the Presidency Conclusions specifically refer to the EMU and its social dimension (pages 5).

### 15.3 Extract from the Rolling Programme - List of planned Commission initiatives

An extract from the Commission's Rolling Programme relevant to EMPL can be found in the documents for information.

### 15.4 Provision of international sign language interpretation

The response from the Secretary General to the Acting Chair regarding the provision of international sign language interpretation can be found in the documents for information.

### 15.5 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve (JK)

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
536	0,36	Zuber	Makay	Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty
622	0,41	Kukan	Makay	Report on the implementation, results and overall assessment of the 2012 European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations
<b>17778</b>	<b>11,85</b>			

The coordinators noted that Mr Gutierrez-Prieto had requested two extra pages (3000 characters max.) for his draft opinion (Rule 54) to the ECON INI on the implementation of the priorities of the European Semester. Owing to the ECON Calendar, the draft opinion had to be tabled on 24 June.

### 15.6 Date of next Coordinators' meeting

Strasbourg, Thursday 9 July (10.00-11.30)