



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

2014 - 2019

**EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING**

**Monday, 28 September 2015, 17.00 - 18.30**

**Room ASP 1G-2 (in camera), Altiero Spinelli building, Brussels**

**RESULTS**

29.9.2015

The meeting started at 17.00 hrs and closed at 18.20 hrs. In the Chair: Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair.

Present

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL 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 Paloma Lopez, replacing GUE/NGL Coordinators
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator

Apologies

GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari and Ms Inês Zuber, Co-Coordiators
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

## 1. Chair's announcements

### 1.1 Interpretation

Interpretation was available in German, English, Italian, French and Spanish.

### 1.2 Unused interpretation at meetings

Trilogue on a European Platform on undeclared work – EP preparatory meeting on 7 September 2015: English-Greek interpretation was requested but was not used.

Shadows' meeting on the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 on 22 September 2015: English-French interpretation was requested but was not used

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

The timetable was jointly agreed between CULT and EMPL rapporteurs, following Rule 54. The EMPL opinion will be adopted in December 2015 and the CULT report in January 2016.

### 1.4 Letter from VP Dombrovskis, Commissioners Thyssen and Moscovici on social indicators in the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure

***Decision:** The Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for a statement during Committee and to draft an oral question in plenary to the Commission on the issue.*

## 2. Allocation of reports and opinions

### Reports

None received

### Opinions

#### 2.1 Crisis relocation mechanism and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national or a stateless person 2015/0208(COD) (MG)

**Responsible:** LIBE

**Opinions:** EMPL, ECON

***Decision:** No opinion.*

*The Coordinators decided to draft an opinion to the LIBE strategic own-initiative report on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration (co-Rapporteurs: Roberta Metsola, EPP, and Kashetu Kyenge, S&D). The draft report will be presented in LIBE in December 2015. Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP group. (BM)*

- 2.2 **New territorial development tools in Cohesion policy 2014-2020: Integrated Territorial Investment (ITI) and Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) 2015/2224(INI) (MG)**  
**Responsible:** REGI **Opinions:** EMPL  
***Decision:** Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP group*
- 2.3 **How can the CAP improve job creation in rural areas? 2015/2226(INI) (MG)**  
**Responsible:** AGRI **Opinions:** EMPL, FEMM  
***Decision:** Rapporteur to be nominated by the GUE/NGL group*
- 2.4 **Poverty: a gender perspective 2015/2228(INI) (MG)**  
**Responsible:** FEMM **Opinions:** EMPL, CULT  
***Decision:** Rapporteur to be nominated by the GUE/NGL group*
- 2.5 **Gender Mainstreaming in the work of the European Parliament 2015/2230(INI) (MG)**  
**Responsible:** FEMM **Opinions:** EMPL  
***Decision:** No opinion. Marita Ulvskog, as the EMPL representative in the Gender Mainstreaming network, could take the lead to reply to the FEMM questionnaire.*

#### Documents received for information

- 2.6 **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Commission Report on the operation of Directive 2011/24/EU on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare COM(2015)0421 (RS)**  
***Decision:** no action*
- 2.7 **Proposal for a Council recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market COM(2015)0462 (PR)**  
***Decision:** The Coordinators took note of the proposed timetable, procedure and draft documents sent by the Secretariat.*
3. **INI report on Meeting the antipoverty target in light of increasing household costs - exchange of views with stakeholders (AC)**  
***Decision:** The Coordinators decided that they would invite four experts representing EAPN, FEANTSA, BEUC and the Commission, for a duration of 60 minutes in Committee on 12 October. The invitation is made without entitlement to claim travel expense.*

**4. Invitation to the President of the Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship (SOC) of the European Economic and Social Committee (LS)**

***Decision:** The Coordinators decided to invite the Chair of the SOC Section of the EESC to a Committee meeting to present the current and upcoming work of the EESC in the fields relevant to EMPL.*

**5. EMPL Committee work programme for 2016**

**5.1 Own-initiative reports (PR/MG)**

*Annex: List of proposals received by the Secretariat*

Applicable Rules:<sup>1</sup>

- *'classical' non-legislative own-initiative reports*

Quota: Up to 6 simultaneously, see above

- *legislative own-initiative reports*

Quota: No restrictions

Note: Majority of component Members required in plenary (376 votes)<sup>2</sup>

- *implementation reports*

Quota: No restrictions

***Decision:** The Coordinators*

- *held an extensive exchange of views*
- *decided that the proposals for legislative own-initiative reports and implementation reports would be discussed at the next Coordinators' meeting*
- *noted that no more than 6 non-legislative own-initiative reports may be drawn up simultaneously*
- *agreed that a slot should be reserved for the non-legislative aspects of the upcoming Labour Mobility Package, including in particular labour mobility in cross-border regions*
- *agreed on the following short-list of four own-initiative reports:*
  - *Refugees: Social inclusion and integration into the labour market*
  - *Working conditions and precarious employment*
  - *Combating inequalities as a lever to boost job creation and growth*
  - *Minimum income policies as a tool to tackle poverty*

<sup>1</sup> Article 1(2) of the Procedure for granting authorisation to draw up own-initiative reports

[http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10\\_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.1/1025459\\_1\\_en.pdf](http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.1/1025459_1_en.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Rule 46(1) <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+RULES-EP+20140701+RULE-046+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN&navigationBar=YES>

- *decided that the next own-initiative reports would be agreed upon at the next Coordinators' meeting*

## **5.2 Public hearings (AC)**

*Annex: List of proposals received by the Secretariat*

**Decision:** *The Coordinators decided to organise two public hearings in the first half of 2016:*

- *Refugees: Social inclusion and integration into the labour market 18 February 2016*
- *Labour Mobility Package: 17 March 2016*

## **5.3 Delegation visits in 2016 (BM)**

*Annex: List of proposals received by the Secretariat*

**Decision:** *The Coordinators agreed on the following programme for delegations in the first half of 2016*

*8-12 February 2016 CEDEFOP*

*28-31 March 2016 - 1 April 2016 US - Silicon Valley (focus on digitalisation)*

*16-20 May 2016 Slovakia*

## **6. Discussions with relevant European organisations on concrete realisations in the EMPL field**

**Decision:** *The Coordinators*

- *heard Danuta Jazlowiecka present her idea, and held an exchange of views on the subject;*
- *decided to test a "pilot" exchange of views during a Committee meeting;*
- *invited the groups to submit concrete proposals to be discussed at the next Coordinators' meeting;*
- *instructed the Secretariat to clarify on which basis stakeholders could be invited.*

## **7. Delegation to the Netherlands (PR/AC)**

**Decision:** *The Coordinators took note of the composition of the delegation, the language regime (EN only) and of the draft programme.*

## 8. Delegation to Portugal (LS/BM/MK)

***Decision:*** *The Coordinators took note of the composition of the delegation and of the draft programme.*

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

*Annex: text of the motions*

### 9.1 B8-0654/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the overhaul of European strategy for tackling unemployment by Mara Bizzotto

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

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter since the EMPL Committee has repeatedly called on the Commission to make the employment recovery an absolute priority, e.g. in the report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social aspects of the Annual Growth Survey (Rapporteur: Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto) and the report on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (Rapporteur: Laura Agea)*

### 9.2 B8-0738/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on food deprivation by Gianluca Buonanno

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

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter since a Fund for European Aid to the most deprived (FEAD) has been set up for the 2014-2020 period with the objective of alleviating the worst*

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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.

*forms of poverty, by providing non-financial assistance to the most deprived persons by food and/or basic material assistance, and social inclusion activities aiming at the social integration of the most deprived persons; FEAD has a budget of about 3,4 billion EUR.*

**9.3 B8-0787/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the establishment of a remembrance day on the anniversary of the Marcinelle disaster by Aldo Patriciello**

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

***Decision:*** *Forward the motion to the rapporteur (Ole Christensen, S&D) and shadow rapporteurs for consideration in the framework of the INI report on The EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020*

**9.4 B8-0791/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on economic suicides: a rise of more than 100 % since 2012 by Gianluca Buonanno**

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

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter since the EMPL Committee has repeatedly called on the Commission to take appropriate measures to face the social consequences of the crisis and has consistently supported the initiatives proposed by the Commission within the Union's areas of competence (among other things, increased support from the ESF as of 2009, the set-up of the Youth Employment Initiative, the continuation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund and the set-up of the FEAD)*

**9.5 B8-0823/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on youth unemployment by Gianluca Buonanno**

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

***Decision:*** *Not to follow up this matter as the Commission has already launched extraordinary measures to fight youth unemployment and encourage the implementation of the Youth Guarantee through the Youth Employment Initiative (approved in December 2013 and co-financed by the European Social Fund and a special allocation from the EU budget for 2014-2015 for the regions with the highest youth unemployment rates)*

## 10. Points for information

### 10.1 Timetables

#### Reports

#### **Skills policies for fighting youth unemployment (Marek Plura, EPP) - Revised timetable**

Deadline AMs	8 September 2015 at 12.00
<b>Discussion of amendments</b>	<b>10 November 2015</b>
Adoption of CULT opinion	15 October 2015
<b>Adoption in EMPL</b>	<b>3 December 2015</b>
Vote plenary (tentative)	January 2016

#### **EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 (Ole Christensen, S&D) - Revised timetable**

<b>Adoption in EMPL</b>	<b>13 October 2015</b>
Vote plenary (tentative)	October (III) 2015

#### **Workers representation on board level in Europe – (Thomas Händel)**

Decision by coordinators	9 July 2015
Send text to translation	11 November 2015
Consideration of draft Report	3 December 2015
<b><i>Deadline for tabling AMs</i></b>	<b><i>11 December 2015 at 12.00, noon</i></b>
Discussion of amendments	25 January 2016
<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>23 February 2016</b>
Vote Plenary (tentative)	March 2016

#### **Meeting the antipoverty target in light of the increasing household costs (Tamás Meszerics)**

Decision by coordinators	9 July 2015
Consideration of draft report	10 November
<b><i>Deadline for tabling AMs</i></b>	<b><i>17 November 2015 at 12.00, noon</i></b>
Consideration of AMs	7 December
<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>17 February 2016</b>
Vote Plenary (estimate)	tbc

#### **Application of the Council directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ("Employment Equal Directive") 2015/2116(INI) (Renate Weber)**

Decision by coordinators	2 March 2015
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Sent working document to translation	21 October 2015
Exchange of views with working document	10 November 2015
Send draft report to translation	6 January 2016
Consideration of draft Report	25 January 2016
<b><i>Deadline for tabling AMs</i></b>	<b><i>1 February 2016 at 12.00, noon</i></b>
Consideration of AMs tabled	23 February 2016
<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>16-17 March 2016</b>
Vote Plenary (estimate)	tbc

**Report on the revised Framework Agreement on parental leave concluded by BUSINESSEUROPE, UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC and repealing Directive 96/34/EC (Maria Arena)**

Exchange of views	10 November
Deadline for sending text to translation	11 December
Consideration of draft report	11 January
Deadline for tabling amendments	14 January
Consideration of AMs tabled	17-18 February
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Weeks 8-9-10
Vote in EMPL	16-17 March
Vote in Plenary (indicative)	May

**Opinions:**

**EMPL opinion to the INTA report regarding recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) - INTA/8/03736 - 2015/xxxx(INI) (Thomas Händel)**

Decision by coordinators	3 September 2015
Deadline to send draft opinion to translation	25 September
Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	12, 13 October
<b><i>Deadline for tabling AMs</i></b>	<b><i>20 October 2015 at 12.00, noon</i></b>
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s) in view of compromises	Weeks 46, 47, 48
Deadline for finalisation of negotiated compromises (includes indication of political support)	25 November cob
Pre-final voting list to be sent out	30 November
Sending out of final voting list	2 December, after 16h00 asap
<b>Vote EMPL</b>	<b>3 December</b>
Adoption of draft report in INTA	10 December
Vote Plenary (estimate)	January/February 2016

**10.2 COSAC Questionnaire for the 24th Bi-annual Report of COSAC**

*The COSAC questionnaire can be found in the documents for information.*

**10.3 Implementation appraisal by the POPA Unit on the consolidation and simplification of three Directives in the area of information and consultation of workers (Directive 98/59, Directive 2001/23, Directive 2002/14)**

*The briefing can be found in the documents for information*

**10.4 Implementation appraisal by the POPA unit on EURES (european employment service) (Regulation 492/2011 and implementing decision 2012/733)**

*The briefing can be found in the documents for information*

**10.5 Implementation appraisal by the POPA unit on youth employment initiative (Regulation (EU) 1304/2013 on the European Social Fund and youth employment initiative)**

*The briefing can be found in the documents for information*

**10.6 Implementation appraisal by the POPA unit on posting of workers - part of the expected labour mobility package (Directive 96/71 and Directive 2014/67)**

*The briefing can be found in the documents for information*

**10.7 Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union to be held in Luxembourg, 9-10 November 2015**

*The invitation and programme of the Conference can be found in the documents for information*

**10.8 Legal Service Information note with a summary of the Alimanovic judgment (C-67/14)**

*The information note can be found in the documents for information*

**10.9 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve (JK/LE)**

The reserve has not been used since the last meeting.

**11. Date of next Coordinators' meeting (JK/LE)**

The next Coordinators' meeting will take place on 15 October 9:30-11:00 (Thursday).