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*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

**Working Group  
on  
Labour market impacts of digitalisation, robotics and artificial intelligence**

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2015  
11.00 - 12.30**

**BRUSSELS**

**Meeting room**

Brussels, ASP 1G1

The meeting started at 11:05 with Renate Weber in the chair.

## **1. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA AND CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The agenda was adopted. The chair announced that no interpretation was available.

## **2. PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING GROUP AND ITS MEMBERS**

The chair presented the mission statement, the working methods and the composition of the working group, in particular:

- The Working Group on Labour market impacts of digitalisation, robotics and artificial intelligence is set up by the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.
- Its mission is to stimulate the reflection of Members on these issues by providing specific information, in particular through an exchange of views with experts from many fields of expertise (academics, representatives of social partners or civil society) and enabling Members to conduct an in-depth analysis/examination of the challenges and prospects at stake.
- The input gathered by the Working Group will be put forward as a basis for future (non-legislative and/or legislative) activities. The Working Group may decide to propose written and oral questions to be put to the Commission concerning its field of activity. Such questions require the formal endorsement by the Coordinators and/or the EMPL Committee, as the case may be.
- The findings of the Working Group could be outlined in Working Documents on different subject matters decided upon by the Working Group.
- The Working Group might meet experts abroad if this is included in the EMPL delegation programme. The WG might be able to invite experts if the coordinators decide to use part of the expertise budget to organise workshops in the frame of the meetings of Working Group.
- The composition of the Working Group consists of Members of the EMPL Committee (one Member from each political group) as well as one invited Member from each of the following Committees: Legal Affairs, Internal Market and Consumer Protection and Industry, Research and Energy.
- The Working Group is also open to all Members interested in the subject.
- The Working Group is chaired by the EMPL Chair, by an EMPL Vice-Chair, or by an experienced EMPL Member, according to availability.
- The Working Group is supported by a Project Team, which prepares the meetings of the Working Group.

For information, the Members are as follows:

	Thomas HÄNDEL (Chair)
Political Group	Member
EPP	Adam KOSA
S&D	Jutta STEINRUCK
ECR	Helga TEVENS
ALDE	Renate WEBER
GUE/NGL	Gabriele ZIMMER
GREENS/EFA	Jean LAMBERT / Karima DELLI
EFDD	Tiziana BEGHIN
ENF	/
NI	/
Committees	
ITRE	Miapetra KUMPULA-NATRI (S&D) Algirdas SAUDARGAS (EPP) substitute
JURI	Mady Delvaux-Stehres (S&D)
IMCO	Daniel DALTON (ECR)

### **3. GENERAL ADOPTION OF THE MEETINGS' CALENDAR FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 2015 - JUNE 2016**

The calendar of the next meetings was agreed as follows:

Thursday, 28 January 2016, 11.00-12.30

Thursday, 3 March 2016, 11.00-12.30

Thursday, 21 April 2016, 11.00-12.30

Thursday, 2 June 2016, 11.00-12.30

There may still be modifications to this draft calendar proposal, due to experts' availability.

## **4. EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS ASPECT OF DIGITALISATION: ISSUES AT STAKE**

### **4.1. PRESENTATION OF STUDY**

The Chair mentioned that :

- A study on 'Employment and skills aspects of the Digital Single Market Strategy' was requested by the EMPL Committee to Policy Department A.
- The study had been commissioned to IDEA Consult.
- The final version of the study was available.

The chair gave the floor to Ms Daphné Valsamis and Mr Valentijn Vanoeteren (IDEA Consult) to present the study on 'Employment and skills aspects of the Digital Single Market Strategy'.

After the presentation of the study, the Chair gave the floor to Members for a Question and Answers session with the experts.

*Speakers:* Renate Weber, Mady Delvaux-Stehres, Tiziana Beghin, Daphné Valsamis, Valentijn Vanoeteren

### **4.2. DISCUSSION**

The Chair gave the floor to a representative of the Commission, opened the discussion and gave the floor to Members. Main topics were the impact of digitalisation on job creation and destruction, skills, and future challenges in the field as well as existing relevant research.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair proposed to invite the EC to have a discussion at the next meeting of the working group.

## **6. NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the working group will take place on Thursday, 28 January 2016, 11.00-12.30

The meeting closed at 12:17.