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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Decisions by written procedure

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1. Chair's announcements

1.1. [Interpretation (LE/JK)]

(For information)

None (written procedure)

1.2. List of EMPL Coordinators

(For information)

(New numbers as of 1st February 2020.)

<u>EMPL Coordinators/Deputies</u>		
EPP (15)	Dennis Radtke	Sara Skyttedal
S&D (12)	Agnes Jongerius	
RE (8)	Dragoş Pîslaru	Sylvie Brunet
ID (6)	France Jamet	Elena Lizzi
Greens/EFA (4)	Kira Marie	Katrin Langensiepen
	Peter-Hansen	
ECR (5)	Elżbieta Rafalska	Helmut Geuking
GUE/NGL (4)	Nikolaj Villumsen	

Please note that the above *order* of political groups reflects their strength in the Chamber, not in the committee.¹

1.3. Information of Members, rapporteurs and coordinators

Decision:

The Coordinators took note that

- all EMPL Members have been informed of ongoing EMPL activities by means of a note from the secretariat which was circulated by email on 21 April 2020
- the process leading to the adoption of the FEAD revision was documented inter alia in a feedback note circulated by email on 17.4., 23.4.2020
- a written procedure on pilot projects and preparatory actions in the context of the budget for 2021 is ongoing (e.g. emails of 17.3., 30.3., 15.4.2020). A total of 20 PPs were submitted for assessment (**list in Annex**)

¹ <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/search/table>

Plenary: EPP 187, S&D 147, RE 98, ID 76, Greens/EFA 67, ECR 61, GUE/NGL 39, ID 29

2. Points for information/follow-up of previous decisions

2.1. Update on ongoing negotiations on the future EU-UK relationship (EC)

On 15 April, Michel Barnier, the European Commission's Chief Negotiator, and David Frost, the UK's Chief Negotiator, held a meeting via videoconference. The two sides agreed on the need to organise further negotiating rounds in order to make real, tangible progress in the negotiations by June. Mr. Barnier and Mr. Frost also discussed the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement. They welcomed the fact that a first meeting of the Joint Committee had taken place between Michael Gove and Maroš Šefčovič on 30 March and they looked forward to its next meeting. They agreed that the proper and timely implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement was a key priority for both sides and noted that the Specialised Committees provided for by the Agreement, including on the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland and on citizens' rights, would meet soon.

Given the ongoing coronavirus crisis, these negotiating rounds – the structure of which is set out in [the Terms of Reference](#) – will take place via videoconference. The following dates have been agreed for negotiating rounds lasting a full week: w/c 20 April (2nd round); w/c 11 May (3rd round) and w/c 1 June (4th round). The High Level meeting foreseen for June will take stock of the progress made.

On 24 April, Michel Barnier expressed his disappointment about the British lack of engagement within four crucial areas of divergence, including level playing field provisions, fisheries, cooperation in the area of security and the overall governance of the partnership. At the same time, the UK negotiator again ruled out an extension of the transition period during the 2nd negotiation round.

In order to ensure the highest possible flexibility and responsiveness, the Chair has opted for the same procedure than the one that was used for EMPL opinion on the Withdrawal Agreement, with the following timetable:

27 April	Draft opinion ready and v1 sent to Coordinators for comments (round 1)
30 April	Exchange of views with experts of the UKTF
4 May	Deadline to comment on v1 (noon) / v2 circulated for comments (afternoon)
7 May	Deadline to comment on v2
8 May	Stabilised version sent to lead Committee as input for the Working Document
9-25 May	Possible last minute additions/updates (additional rounds of written consultations)
25 May morning	Draft letter ready - sent to EMPL Members with the VL
25 May afternoon	Preparation of the vote
26 May	<u>Vote and opinion sent to lead Committees</u> (even tabled under rule 56(4) if technically possible)

28 May	Deadline for opinion-giving committees to submit their opinion to the lead committees
15 June	Vote in AFET/ INTA
17 June	Vote in Plenary

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the above information.

Note: the vote on 26 May will be a simple vote (Yes/No)

2.2. EMPL delegations in 2020 - update

Decision (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE):

The Coordinators took note that

- it is currently *not* foreseeable if and when the planned delegations for the first half of 2020 might be held (delegations to Slovakia, Germany, OSHA/Bilbao, UNCRPD/New York)
- the following destinations had been agreed in a written procedure in March
 - Portugal - next Presidency(2 to 6 November 2020)
 - Eurofound (Dublin) (21-25 September 2020)
 - Estonia
- the deadlines for the submission of requests for delegation missions in the second half of 2020 had been suspended

2.3. Cooperation pursuant to Rules 56+/57/58 - state of play

(As appropriate, to be followed up by information emails to all the groups, coordinators, rapporteurs & shadows)

2.3.1. Strong social Europe for Just Transition (MiP)

Challenged by ECON and CULT

✓ 2 letters from EMPL chair of 5 March 2020

Following the CCC written procedure on 2 April, it was decided that the EMPL Committee will be responsible for the strategic report entitled “A strong social Europe for Just Transition - Communication from the Commission”, the CULT Committee will be associated on the basis of Rule 57, whereas ECON Committee is not going to deliver an opinion. The report was authorised by the CoP on 7.5.2020.

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE):

The Coordinators took note agreements with ECON (no opinion) and CULT (Rule 57) were reached by 6 April 2020.

Formal authorisation granted by the CoP on 7 May 2020.

Co-Rapporteurship EPP/S&D to be requested for authorisation by CCC.

2.3.2. • The protection of persons with disabilities through petitions: lessons learnt (MM)
See 6.8.

The initial title “Report on the protection of EU citizens under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD), as evidenced through petitions” has been withdrawn. The new request is entitled “The protection of persons with disabilities through petitions: lessons learnt”.

- ✓ The related EMPL letter can be found among the annexes.

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

The Coordinators took note that following a title change EMPL is associated pursuant to Rule 57.

The cooperation arrangements between PETI and EMPL still have to be spelled out in detail and to be agreed.

LIBE objected to the PETI report.

2.3.3. Digital Education Action Plan - Rule 57 with CULT - written procedure of 23-24 April (LS)
See 6.10.

- ✓ The CULT letter is included in the papers for the meeting

The **CULT Committee** has requested authorisation to draw-up a **non-legislative own-initiative report** under Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure on the **Digital Education Action Plan**. The report would build on the previous CULT INI report reacting to the first Digital Education Action Plan (‘Education in the digital era: challenges, opportunities and lessons for EU policy design’), exploring what has been effective and what needs further development. It would also look specifically at the lessons emerging from the current pandemic and would seek to ensure that these lessons are incorporated into the future direction of EU policy.

In light of the above, **the CULT Committee would welcome an opinion from the EMPL Committee** - if EMPL wished to draft one - as it would surely enrich the report by covering all possible aspects of the digital education and training. That could be done **under Rule 57 (shared competence)** applicable to some aspects of the INI report. Hence, Rule 57 (shared competence) would apply **wherever the CULT Rapporteur covers, in her/his report, the link between digitalisation and lifelong learning in respect of VET (including professional qualifications) and social and employment outcomes for digital education**. This Rule 57 arrangement would ensure that EMPL's opinion would be given due attention in respect of those policy areas for which it is competent.

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

The Coordinators noted that

- the matter has been dealt with in an EMPL written procedure on 23-24 April 2020
- the arrangements were to be confirmed by a CCC written procedure on 27-28 April 2020

2.4. EGF Working Group decision on the EGF Application for technical assistance (MiP/BM)

On behalf of the EGF Working Group Chair Mr Zdechovsky, we would like to inform you that the EMPL Committee has received the proposal for a decision of the EP and the council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation adjustment fund for technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission hereby enclosed.

Following last meeting on 22 April with the European Commission, the Working Group has decided not to deliver an opinion or letter to the BUDG Committee view to the proposal technical nature and the current crisis constraints. However, we would like to inform you that the BUDG Committee vote is scheduled for 27 May.

3. Future EMPL meetings dates

See the modified EP calendar of meetings on the EMPL webpages:

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/206197/2020-04-02%20Calendar%20for%202020_en.pdf

The following dates could be requested subject to availability of resources (the logistical capacities are limited to only four meetings with INTERACTIO in parallel):

- **7 May** (14.30-16.30, via Interactio with FR DE IT EN ES HU PL interpretation) - exchange of views, e.g. with EU Agencies (EU-OSHA; Eurofound)
- **26 May** (time tbc, depending on availabilities) - potential exchange of views with Commissioner Dalli; necessary for votes (e.g. urgent opinions such as UK-EU relationship, EMPL opinion on the shortage on medicines, Reform Support Programme (tbc))
- **23 June** (time tbc, depending on availabilities) - necessary for votes (possibly, Employment Guidelines, PES, EMPL Opinion on the Just Transition Fund, EMPL Opinion to the INI Report on implementation of National Roma integration Strategies, EMPL opinion on the EU Strategy for Gender Equality)
- **15 July** (time tbc, depending on availabilities) - necessary for votes

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

The Coordinators:

- **Approved the above-mentioned 4 dates in principle, allowing certain flexibility as regards the allocation of resources.**
- **Agreed that all contents should be meaningful and that non substantial business should be avoided.**

- Agreed that it should be ensured that the amount of votes per session remains manageable for the secretariat, the staff and the MEPs.
- Noted that the Coordinators shall be consulted again in advance of each meeting as and when the agendas become clear.

4. Implementation of the Commission Work Programme 2020(MM)

Annex: Letter Sefcovic - Tajani

Extract from the letter:

“In the coming weeks, the Commission will in addition present both its exit and recovery strategies, aimed to coordinate action for lifting social confinement measures and for jumpstarting recovery so that our economy and society return to a normalised functioning.

As part of its proposal for a recovery strategy, the Commission is therefore reassessing the 2020 Work Programme with the aim to focus in the first instance, on those initiatives that will directly and tangibly contribute to overcoming the crisis.

As the European leaders concluded on 26 March 2020, our recovery strategy should integrate inter alia the green transition and digital transformation, and draw all the lessons from the crisis. The Commission intends to postpone other remaining initiatives until normal business can resume later in 2020. For these initiatives, the Commission will also reflect whether they need to be recalibrated to ensure they are well suited to address the challenges and opportunities of post-COVID-19 Europe. Furthermore, in view of the far-reaching measures proposed across a great number of policy areas, and to allow full focus on the priority legislative files, a number of initiatives will be deferred to later in 2020 or 2021.

The Commission will duly inform the European Parliament and the Council on the outcome of its assessment and present its recovery strategy to both institutions.”

On 23 April 2020, VP Sefcovic participated in an exchange of views with the CCC where he remained vague as to the concrete adaptations of the work programme (adopted on 29.1.2020)². The sense of what he said might be summarised as “everything is maintained, but all the lessons from the Covid-19/Coronavirus crisis need to be factored in; hence some delays are possible”. The Commission will pursue a three-pronged approach consisting of the CWP 2020, the MFF and a recovery package.

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D³, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE⁴)

The Coordinators:

1. Took note

- of the above letter
- of the additional feedback from a CCC meeting with Mr Sefcovic on 23 April p.m.
- that the secretariat is exploring the availability of Commissioner Schmit for the EMPL meeting of 7 May, 14:30 hrs

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/2020-commission-work-programme-key-documents_en

³ **Remark by the S&D group:** The dates regarding the update of the CWP 2020 should be updated

⁴ **Remark by GUE/NGL group:** OK, but the timeline will have to be adjusted, given that the CPW has been postponed to mid/end May

- that the deadline for comments by committees to the CCC is 20 May (CCC secretariat did not reply positively to the secretariat's request to postpone this).⁵

2. Decided to take further decisions in a written procedure once the timetable has been confirmed (presentation of revised CWP postponed to the second half of May; the private office of Commissioner Schmit was asked whether he would be available on 7 May, and confirmed to participate in an exchange of views on 26 May).

5. Remote voting in the EMPL Committee⁶

The papers for the meeting include

- A letter from Mr Tajani to Mr Sassoli, together with an annex on the remote voting procedure
- Further instructions from CoordLeg
- A note from the secretariat and two Excel tables as explanatory examples

On 8 April the Conference of Committee Chairs adopted guidelines for remote voting in Committees.

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

⁵ 6. Annual Structured Dialogue with the Commission

CCC decision of 3 April 2020:

The Conference of Committee Chairs:

- took note of the dispositions included in the Annex IV of the Framework Agreement on relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission on the Timetable for the Commission's Work Programme inviting the committees to hold exchanges of views with their relevant Commission Vice-President(s) and Commissioner(s) on the state of implementation of the current Commission Work Programme as well as on the priorities to be reflected in the CWP for the next year;
- exceptionally agreed, considering the meeting and committee activities limitations resulting from the spread of the coronavirus, that the committees may hold exchanges of views with the Commission also in a written format;
- with a view to preparing the Summary Report, which the Conference of Committee Chairs submits to the Conference of Presidents in June and on which the Parliament resolution of July can be based, took note that the committees should report the outcome of these exchanges and inform about a limited number of major legislative objectives which they would like to be considered in the Commission's Work Programme 2021 (maximum of 10 key messages to the Commission);
- took note that the contributions should be drafted in resolution style, with no subparagraphs (max. one page) and be sent to the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs (with the CCC Secretariat in copy) by 20 May 2020 at the latest.

⁶ **Remark by the ID group:** We would like to have an example of an excel Voting List and we would like to ask if a videoconference among coordinators (with interpretation) is possible in order to discuss/explain the votes procedure.

1. The Coordinators noted that

- all votes are to be taken as roll-call votes and the results will be *recorded*, but in order for the result of a RCV to be *published in the minutes*, groups must formally request a RCV in advance
- all votes must be cast personally and independently
- voting from private email addresses is not allowed (only from *MEPfirstname.MEPlastname@europarl.europa.eu*)
- the secretariat proposes to carry out votes by means of individual Excel tables and that the envisaged arrangements will be explained to group staff in a Webex meeting
- clear explanations to MEPs and their assistants will be provided ahead of each vote.

2. The Coordinators noted that they will decide on the arrangements when the date of the first vote is established, possibly by a written procedure, after the rules, the process and the methods have been sufficiently clarified with group staff.

6. Allocation of reports and opinions

A) INIs

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Opinions	Coordinators decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
2019/2186(INI)	Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers - New forms of employment linked to digital development - JB	Brunet, Sylvie (Renew)	TRAN - rule 56	17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2019/2187(INI)	Access to decent and affordable housing for all - LS/TV	Van Sparrentak, Kim(Greens/EFA)		17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	01 December
2019/2188(INI)	Reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty - EC	Demirel, Özlem (GUE/NGL)	FEMM-PETI rule 56	17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	July/September
2019/2212(INI) Hors quota	European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2020 - MM	Dobrev, Klara (S&D)		04.12.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	20.2 Adopted Awaiting plenary slot
2020/2007(INI)	Impacts of EU rules on the free movements of workers and services: intra-EU labour mobility as a tool to match labour market	Radan Kanev (EPP)	IMCO - rule 57	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	

	needs and skills - BM						
2020/2008(INI)	Old continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020 - MM	(ECR)	ECON - rule 56 AGRI - rule 56	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	Timetable to be decided at a later stage
	A strong social Europe for Just Transition - MiP	Rapporteur to be appointed after authorisation of the report	Challenged by ECON and CULT (CCC of 11.2.2020)	23.1.2020	CCC recommendation on 6 April for CULT opinion on RoP 57	Authorised by CoP on 7.5.2020	
	Employment and social policies of the euro area 2020 - MM	S&D			CCC 23.4.2020 (TBC)		
	Employment and social policies of the euro area 2020- MM			27.4.2020			

Reserve rolling list⁷

[2019/2185\(INI\)](#)- [Gabriele Bischoff \(S&D\)](#)-*Democracy at work: A European framework for employees' participation rights and the revision of the European Works Council Directive - MiP - not the report, but only the authorisation has been withdrawn in order to free a place for another file.- 05.03.2020 - request for authorisation withdrawn*

Mental Health policies in the EU in the Digital Era

A new EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post 2020(including a better protection of workers from exposure to harmful substances, stress at work and repetitive motion injuries)

European Action Plan for the Social Economy

Job creation: just transition and impact investment

Fostering and adapting vocational training as a tool for employees' success and a building block for the EU economy in the new industry 4.0

Access to child care - a way to enhance labour market participation

⁷ Remark by the S&D group: The INI Democracy at work allocated to the S&D should be placed on top of the reserve rolling list. It should be stated, that not the report, but only the authorisation has been withdrawn in order to free a place for another file.

B) Legislative own-initiative reports (INLs)

Note: The INLs shall be taken in the order shown below, i.e. only one INL at any given time, meaning that the following draft report should only be tabled after the preceding report has been adopted. Preparatory work may start as and when the rapporteurs so decide.

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Opinions	Coordinators decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
2019(2181)INL	The right to disconnect-LS/TV	Alex Saliba (S&D)		17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	01 December
2019(2182)INL	Protecting workers from asbestos-EC	Nikolaj Villumsen (GUE/NGL)		17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	Timetable to be decided at a later stage. PR can not be presented before 01 December
2019(2183)INL	Revision of European Works Councils Directive - MiP	Dennis Radtke (EPP)		17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	Timetable to be decided at a later stage
2020(2005)INL	Quality traineeship in the EU-SR	Monika Semedo (RE)	CULT-rule 56+	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	Timetable to be decided at a later stage

C) Implementation reports

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Coordinators decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
2019/2203(INI) Withdrawn on 20.2.2020	Mid-term evaluation of the EaSi Programme -EC		17.10.2019	26.11.2019	26.11.2019	withdrawn
On hold (decision of 20.2.2020)	Situation of the youth: employment and EU programme's efficiency		17.10.2019-to start in December 2019			
	Implementation of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general		17.10.2019-requested in March 2020	27.4.2020		

	framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRPD - MM					
Postponed	Implementation report on the job creation effects of the European Fund for Strategic Investment (Reg. 2017/2396)		17.10.2019- awaiting note from DG EPRS, report to start no later than April 2020			

Reports

6.1. Employment and social policies of the euro area 2020

- ✓ The papers for the meeting include the letter requesting authorisation of the INI.

The request for authorisation was submitted to the CCC on 23 April 2020 and was dealt with in a follow-up written procedure launched on 27 April.

The resolution should be adopted in EMPL by October 2020.

On 4 December 2019, the EMPL Coordinators decided that the S&D group should nominate a rapporteur for both Semester reports in the 2020 cycle: the report on the AGS 2020 and on the Employment and Social policies of the Euro area 2020 (in line with the Conference of Presidents' decision and with past practice to appoint one Rapporteur for the whole annual process.)

Decision:

The Coordinators took note that in line with past practice, Ms Dobrev (tbc by S&D) is the rapporteur of this report.

6.2. Implementation of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRPD

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens*, ECR, GUE)
Rapporteur to be appointed by the Greens/EFA group

Opinions

6.3. Shortage of medicines - how to address an emerging problem (lead Committee ENVI) (EC)

- ✓ The papers for the meeting include the letter requesting authorisation of the INI.

The ITRE Committee is to be associated under Rule 57.
The INTA Committee has requested an opinion under Rule 56.
EMPL has requested the *possibility* to give an opinion under Rule 56

The vote in ENVI is planned for 24-25 June 2020.

If an EMPL opinion is delivered, the EMPL Secretariat propose that it is drafted under rule 56(4) (tabling of AMs directly to ENVI draft report), with the following timetable:

Draft report ready (FR)	29 April 2020
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EN translation available	By 8 May 2020
Deadline for AM in EMPL in EN	14 May noon
Negotiations on possible compromise AMs	15-22 May
Vote in EMPL	26 May
Consideration of draft report in ENVI	27 May 2020 (tbc)
<i>Deadline for amendments</i>	<i>3 June 2020</i>
Vote in ENVI	24/25 June 2020 (tbc)
Vote in plenary	July 2020

Decision:

Option A has been adopted.

• **Option A (Supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ECR, GUE)**

No opinion since (1) employment aspects are expected to be minimal or absent from the draft report and (2) there seems to be an agreement among groups that non substantial business should be avoided. Members would be rather invited to table their amendments directly to ENVI (provided they are co-signed by an ENVI full or substitute Member).

OR

• **Option B (supported by ID, Greens*)**

- ✓ B.1. Endorse an EMPL opinion under Rule 56(4) (EMPL amendments tabled directly to ENVI draft report)
- ✓ B.2. Appoint a rapporteur (this would be done via a separate written procedure)

Take note that the tight timetable may require a number of procedural simplifications which are to be proposed under the authority of the rapporteur.

***The Greens have expressed an interest to bid for the file.**

6.4. New Circular Economy Action Plan (lead Committee ENVI) (TV)

- ✓ The papers for the meeting include the letter requesting authorisation of the INI.

ENVI timetable not yet available.

Decision:

Option A has been adopted.

Option A (supported by EPP, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

No opinion

Option B

Appoint a rapporteur (This would be done via a separate written procedure)

6.5. Ensuring European leadership in the digital age and an EU approach to Artificial Intelligence (RS)

- ✓ The papers for the meeting include the letter requesting authorisation of the INI.

Lead Committee ITRE, Committees for opinion: AFET, INTA, ECON, EMPL, ENVI, TRAN, IMCO, AGRI, CULT, JURI, LIBE, FEMM

There is no timetable yet by the lead Committee ITRE (information as of 27.4.)

Decision:

Option B has been adopted. Rapporteur to be appointed by the GUE/NGL group.

Option A (supported by EPP)

No opinion

Option B (supported by S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

6.6. A European strategy for data (lead Committee ITRE, Committees for opinions: AFET, INTA, ECON, EMPL, ENVI, TRAN, IMCO, AGRI, CULT, JURI, LIBE) (RS)

- ✓ The papers for the meeting include the letter requesting authorisation of the INI.

Decision:

Option A has been adopted.

Option A (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

No opinion, since EMPL responsibilities are not primarily concerned / can be addressed in the above “sister” INI on “Shaping Europe’s digital future” and “Artificial Intelligence”.

Option B

Appoint a rapporteur (This would be done via a separate written procedure)

6.7. A new strategy for European SMEs (lead Committee ITRE) (SR)

The papers for the meeting include the letter requesting authorisation of the INI.

The timetable of the lead Committee ITRE is not available yet (presentation of the draft report – shortly before the summer recess, tentative date of vote: October 2020 (TBC))

Decision:

Option B has been adopted. Rapporteur to be appointed by RE group.

Option A (supported by S&D)

No opinion

Option B (supported by EPP, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

Appoint a rapporteur (This would be done via a separate written procedure)

6.8. The protection of persons with disabilities through petitions: lessons learnt (lead Committee PETI) (MM)

The papers for the meeting include the letter requesting authorisation of the INI.

Decision:

Option B has been adopted. Rapporteur to be appointed by the EPP group.

Option A (supported by EPP, ID)

No opinion

Option B (suggested option) (supported by S&D, RE, Greens, ECR, GUE)

Appoint a rapporteur (This would be done via a separate written procedure)

6.9. Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (EC)

Procedural information

Council could adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

The lead Committee (BUDG) decided to use the urgency procedure (Rule 163).

The Commission proposal was issued on 2 April, and the plenary gave its consent on 16 April.

Hence, there was *de facto* no time for opinions and no committee for opinion delivered any opinion

Decision: No opinion

6.10. Shaping Digital Education Policy (LS)

Lead Committee CULT, EMPL to be associated with rule 57

The papers for the meeting include the letter requesting authorisation of the INI.

The CULT calendar is not available yet.

Decision: Option B has been adopted. Rapporteur to be appointed by the ECR group.

Option A (supported by ID)

No opinion

Option B (supported by EPP, S&D, Greens, ECR, GUE)

Appoint a rapporteur (This would be done via a separate written procedure)

6.11. •Delivering the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan - (MaP)

Coordinators postponed their decision on 20 February 2020 and then on 26 March.

Lead Committee ECON -

Annex: ECON letter

- Note that the lead committees BUDG-ECON intend to vote during the week of 13 July. As the decision on a possible opinion was postponed twice, the time available to finalize the opinion might be considered as too tight now, or alternatively, the opinion would need to be finalized under time pressure (possibly EN-only procedure).

Decision: Option A has been adopted.

Option A (supported by EPP, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

No opinion as it seems that the Just Transition Fund will not be covered by the ECON own-initiative report. *(Recommended by the secretariat in view of scarce facilities, the fact that the potentially most relevant element for EMPL is excluded from the INI (the Just Transition fund) and the tight timetable)*

Option B (supported by S&D, RE*)

Appoint a rapporteur (This would be done via a separate written procedure as for point 5.1)

*fast track procedure, only in EN

6.12. REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law) (TV)

The Coordinators postponed their decision on 26 March.

Decision: Option A has been adopted.

Option A (supported by EPP, S&D, ID, Greens, GUE)

In light of the following:

- 1- the proposal on a Just Transition Fund (2020/0006(COD)) for which EMPL has requested the application of Rule 57 would address in more detail the main EMPL-related aspects of a Green Deal, i.e. the need to ensure a just and socially fair transition,
- 2- EMPL did not provide an opinion when the act being amended was proposed (Regulation 2018/1999 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action;

it was agreed not to draw up an opinion.

Option B (supported by RE, ECR)

Appoint a rapporteur (This would be done via a separate written procedure as for point 4.1)

**6.13. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of Decision (EU) 2016/344 establishing a European Platform for enhancing cooperation in tackling undeclared work (BM)
COM(2020) 0129**

The European Platform tackling undeclared work was set up in 2016 to enhance cooperation between Member States, under Decision (EU) 2016/344. It brings together over 50 stakeholders: Member States' representatives of ministries and enforcement authorities (labour inspectorates, tax and social security authorities) as well as cross-sectoral social partners. They act as a single point of contact, liaising with national stakeholders and disseminating learning outcomes. Observers include 14 social partner organisations from key sectors, as well as Eurofound, EU-OSHA, ILO, Norway and Iceland. Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 of 20 June 2019 establishing a European Labour Authority foresees the integration of the Platform into ELA as a permanent working group, which will presumably take place in 2021.

This report on the application and the added value of Decision (EU) 2016/344 reviews progress achieved in its implementation, following on from the Platform's Biennial Report adopted in 2018. Pursuant to Article 12 of the Decision, it assesses the extent to which the Platform has achieved the objectives in Article 4, fulfilled its mission as set out in Article 5, carried out the activities in Article 6 and addressed the priorities in its work programme. The report integrates the results from a specific survey among Platform members in 2019 as well as ongoing monitoring of Platform activities.

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

Take note of the report, no further action.

**6.14. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak (JB)
COM(2020)0139**

As part of the EU's response to the COVID-19 crisis, on 2 April, the European Commission proposed the creation of SURE, the European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency. SURE is a temporary instrument to complement national efforts to protect employees and the self-employed from the risk of unemployment and loss of income. The proposal foresees that the EU would be able to provide financial assistance of up to €100 billion in the form of loans to affected Member States to support 'short-time work' schemes and other national measures that have this objective. The Eurogroup welcomed the proposal on 9 April^[1]. It is now up to the Council to adopt it. The legal basis of the SURE

^[1] <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/04/09/report-on-the-comprehensive-economic-policy-response-to-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

instrument is Art. 122 TFEU, and therefore, Parliament is not involved in this legislative procedure. On 23 June, the European Council endorsed the agreement of the Eurogroup on three safety nets for workers, businesses and sovereigns, amounting to a package worth 540 billion euro.⁸ They called for the package to be operational by 1 June 2020.⁹

The European Parliament resolution of 17 April 2020 on EU coordinated action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences¹⁰ contains inter alia the following paragraph:

“37. Believes that the Member States must take measures to ensure that workers in Europe, including the self-employed, are shielded from income loss and that the most affected companies, in particular SMEs, and sectors have the necessary support and financial liquidity; welcomes in this respect the Commission’s new Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) proposal and calls for its swift implementation and to launch a permanent European Unemployment Reinsurance Scheme; encourages the Member States to better coordinate social and fiscal legislation in order to avoid ramifications in terms of social security and fiscal systems for crossborder workers and labour migrants as a result of emergency measures;”

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

Take note

**6.15. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS Coronavirus Response Using every available euro in every way possible to protect lives and livelihoods (JB)
COM(2020)0143**

In this Communication of 2 April 2020, the Commission announced a series of measures:

Conclusion 17:

“SURE. In the spirit of solidarity and in light of the exceptional nature of the COVID -19 crisis, we agree on the need to establish, for the duration of the emergency, a temporary loan-based instrument for financial assistance under Article 122 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. We will strive to make the instrument operational as soon as possible. In this context, we welcome the Commission proposal of 2 April to set-up a temporary instrument supporting Member States to protect employment in the specific emergency circumstances of the COVID-19 crisis. It would provide financial assistance during the time of the crisis, in the form of loans granted on favourable terms from the EU to Member States, of up to EUR 100 billion in total, building on the EU budget as much as possible, while ensuring sufficient capacity for Balance of Payments support, and on guarantees provided by Member States to the EU budget. The instrument could primarily support the efforts to protect workers and jobs, while respecting the national competences in the field of social security systems, and some health-related measures. **This proposal should be taken forward without delay in the legislative process.** The Member States’ position on this emergency instrument does not pre-judge the position on future proposals related to unemployment insurance. Consistent with its legal basis, access to the instrument will be discontinued once the COVID-19 emergency has passed.”

⁸ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/04/09/remarks-by-mario-centeno-following-the-eurogroup-videoconference-of-9-april-2020/>

⁹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/european-council/2020/04/23/>

¹⁰ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2020-0054_EN.pdf

- Create SURE, a new EU solidarity instrument worth €100 billion to help workers keep their income and help businesses retain staff.
- Make the European Structural and Investment Funds fully flexible so that every euro can be directed now to support public health efforts or to cushion the economic blow for people and businesses.
- Put every available euro in this year's EU budget in an emergency instrument to support efforts to save lives.

In addition, the Communication announced that there will be specific proposals to make sure that the most deprived can still receive food deliveries and there will be tailored support for farmers and fishermen who are the heartbeat of many of our local communities and who are helping to keep Europe's food supply chain going.

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

Take note

7. Motions for Resolutions¹¹ - decision on procedure [MaP]

- Motion for Resolution by Jean Paul Garraud (ID) on “the intervention criteria for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund” (B9 0135/2020).
- Please find in the annexes: (1) the original version in FR, and (2) the EN translation.

B9-0135/2020

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the intervention criteria for the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

¹¹ Rule 143 - 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. That motion may not be more than 200 words long.

2. Such a motion may not:

- contain any decision on matters for which other specific procedures and competences are laid down in these Rules of Procedure, in particular Rule 47, or
- deal with the subject of ongoing proceedings in Parliament.

3. Each Member may table no more than one such motion per month.

4. The motion for a resolution shall be submitted to the President, who shall verify whether it fulfils the applicable criteria. If the President declares the motion to be admissible, he or she shall announce it in plenary and refer it to the committee responsible.

5. The committee responsible shall decide what procedure is to be followed, which may include the combination of the motion for a resolution with other motions for a resolution or with reports; the adoption of an opinion, which may take the form of a letter; or the drawing up of a report under Rule 54. The committee responsible may also decide not to follow up the motion for a resolution.

6. The authors of a motion for a resolution shall be informed of the decisions of the President, of the committee and of the Conference of Presidents.

7. The report referred to in paragraph 5 shall contain the text of the motion for a resolution.

8. Opinions in the form of a letter referred to in paragraph 5 that are addressed to other institutions of the European Union shall be forwarded to them by the President.

9. A motion for a resolution tabled in accordance with paragraph 1 may be withdrawn by its author or authors or by its first signatory before the committee responsible has decided, in accordance with paragraph 5, to draw up a report on it. Once that motion for a resolution has been thus taken over by the committee responsible, only that committee shall have the power to withdraw it. The committee responsible shall retain that power of withdrawal until the opening of the final vote in plenary.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF), with an annual budget of EUR 150 million, provides support to people who have lost their job as a result of major globalisation-induced structural changes in world trade patterns, by funding up to 60% of the cost of projects designed to help redundant workers find another job or set up a business;
- B. whereas the EGF is mobilised only if more than 500 workers¹² are made redundant by a single company;
- C. whereas the health crisis that has hit many Member States threatens to inflict severe economic damage that will lead to job losses;
- D. whereas the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus is a consequence of globalisation and of free movement in the EU;
- 1. Takes the view that the EGF's intervention criteria should be broadened to cover smaller companies;
- 2. Calls for an increase in the EGF's annual budget for the 2021-2027 period;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

Decision: (supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, Greens, ECR, GUE)

- **Decide that no further action is required, as the regulation on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund is the object of ongoing negotiations.**

8. Petitions [MaP]

Petition received for information (see the annexes):

- Petition No 0976/2019 by Mihai Gaspar (Romanian) on the standard of living in Romania
- Petition No 1017/2019 by Sven Groth (German) on on-call contracts with the German Post Office

9. Points for information [ADs concerned]

Timetables of reports:

¹²Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1927/2006.

Reducing inequalities with a special focus on in-work poverty (Rapporteur: Özlem Demirel, (GUE/NGL)) - UPDATED timetable

Coordinators' decision	23 January
Draft report ready	3 6 May
Consideration of draft report	29-30 April -26 May
Deadline for AMs	12 May, noon -2 June, noon
Consideration of AMs	8 June 23 June
Shadows meetings	Weeks 26, 27,28 (<i>possible dates: 24.06, 02.07, 07.07, 09.07</i>)
Vote in EMPL	15-16 July
Plenary	September

Timetables of opinions:

EMPL opinion on Future EU-UK relations - UPDATED timetable

27 April	Draft opinion ready and v1 sent to Coordinators for comments (round 1)
4 May	Deadline to comment on v1 (noon) / v2 circulated for comments (afternoon)
7 May	Deadline to comment on v2
8 May	Stabilised version sent to lead Committee as input for the Working Document
9-25 May	Possible last minute additions/updates (additional rounds of written consultations)
25 May morning	Draft letter ready - sent to EMPL Members with the VL
25 May afternoon	Preparation of the vote
26 May	<u>Vote and opinion sent to lead Committees</u> (<i>even tabled under rule 56(4) if technically possible</i>)
28 May	Deadline for opinion-giving committees to submit their opinion to the lead committees
15 June	Vote in AFET/ INTA
17 June	Vote in Plenary

EMPL/9/02301 - Strengthening the Single Market: the future of free movement of services (2020/2020 (INI))¹³

Timetable

Coordinator's decision	23 January 2020
Send draft to translation	15 May 2020
Consideration of draft opinion	23 June 2020
Deadline for AMs	25 June 2020, 12:00

¹³ **Remark by the S&D group** : there should be more time between the presentation of the opinion and the deadline for amendments.

Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Weeks 29-35-36-37
Vote in EMPL	Second half September 2020
Vote in IMCO (lead committee)	October 2020 (tbc)
Vote in Plenary	November 2020 (tbc)

EMPL/9/00330 - Establishment of the Reform Support Programme (2018/0213(COD)) - Updated Timetable

Coordinator's decision	03 September 2019
Send draft to translation	07 January 2020
Consideration of draft report	17-18 February 2020
Deadline for AMs	19 February 2020, 12:00
Consideration of AMs	16-17 March 2020
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Week 11-16
Vote in EMPL	25-26 May 2020
Vote in the lead committee (ECON-BUDG)	24 June 2020
Vote in Plenary	

EMPL/9/02352 - opinion to REGI report on Establishing the Just Transition Fund (2020/0006(COD)) (Rapporteur: Mounir Satouri)

Send draft to translation	09/04/2020
Consideration of draft opinion	NA
Deadline for AMs	13/05/2020
Consideration of AMs	NA
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Weeks 24, 25
Vote in EMPL	22-23/06/2020
Vote in REGI	Week of 06/07/2020
Vote in Plenary	September: announcement of mandate in plenary (non-objection procedure) or partial vote in plenary (conferral of mandate)

Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies"
2020/2012 (INL)

Timetable

Coordinator's decision	23 January 2020
Send draft to translation	19-26 May 2020
Consideration of draft opinion	23 June 2020
Deadline for AMs	24 June 2020, 12:00
Consideration of AMs	
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Weeks 29-36
Vote in EMPL	First half September 2020
Vote in JURI	Second half September 2020
Vote in Plenary	October (tbc)

10. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings [JK/LE]

(Take note)

Coordinators' meeting dates in 2020

➤ **Please note that owing to the Coronavirus crisis, Coordinators' meetings will only be convened when this is necessary and technically feasible (availability of Interactio).**

- **26 MAY – as part of EMPL meeting (TBC)**
- **23 JUN – as part of EMPL meeting (TBC)**
- **15/16 JUL – as part of EMPL meeting (TBC)**
- **10 SEP – standalone (TBC)**
- **15 OCT – as part of very short EMPL meeting (TBC)**
- **12 NOV – standalone (TBC)**
- **30 NOV/1 DEC – as part of EMPL meeting or 10 DEC – standalone (TBC)**