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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Decisions by written procedure

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RESULTS

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1. Chair's announcements

1.1. p.m. [Interpretation (LE/JK)]

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

(Take note, already sent to EMPL Members on 25.3. by e-mail)

Decision:

The Chair and the secretariat were instructed to:

- Inform all EMPL Members that
 - Parliament's calendar had been modified significantly and that in particular the next four sessions would be limited to one day, thus creating a bottle-neck for all non essential business
 - no EMPL meeting is currently planned in the foreseeable future
 - the items which would have been put on the agenda of the meeting initially scheduled for 26 March had been postponed
 - EMPL meetings would, in view of the epidemic and sanitary situation, be restricted to important votes which cannot be postponed, and on condition that no-one is exposed to unacceptable risks
 - such EMPL meetings would be held by means of the new "*Interactio*" remote meeting tool, where all Members may participate remotely by means of an application uploaded on an iPad or similar tool.
- Inform all rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs of

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

- the current planning regarding their files (legislative reports; non-legislative report; legislative opinions; non-legislative opinions; other)
 - all options regarding the holding virtual remote meetings
- Organise, where feasible, written procedures for decisions to be taken by the Coordinators while ensuring that all EMPL members are informed of the outcome.

2. Remote voting in the EMPL Committee

(Decision taken in a written procedure)

Option A

It could theoretically be imagined that the groups agree to *proportionally* not send Members ("pairing agreement"), so that the overall political balance is roughly reflected, e.g. the smallest group sends only one Member, and the other groups proportionally less Members. However, even if +/- 15 MEPs were physically present in Brussels, this would not accurately reflect the political balance

EPP (15) > 4
S&D (12) > 3
RE (8) > 2
ID (6) > 1-2
Greens/EFA (4) > 1
ECR (5) > 1
GUE/NGL (4) > 1
NI (1) > 1

Option B

It could therefore be imagined that the alternative electronic voting system of the session is applied *mutatis mutandis* to committee votes. However, this is only feasible where the votes are very simple. Indeed ordinary voting lists foresee that were an amendment is carried, a series of other amendments fall. The Bureau rules do not foresee a viable mechanism in respect of fallen amendments - Members would be required to indicate their votes on every single amendment, even on those which will eventually turn out to have fallen.

Option C

A vote with the remote polling tool might be carried out like this: (a) Votes of those present: taken by the normal voting equipment plus (b) votes of those participating remotely through the application. The score of (a) + (b) would have to be calculated on a sheet of paper by the secretariat. Furthermore, the secretariat would have to invigilate that no group is over-represented, which might be a challenging task.

Decision:

Option A - supported by GUE/NGL

The Coordinators could take note of the above information and postpone the decision.

Option B-- supported by EPP (supporting sub-option a)², S&D³, RE, ID⁴, ECR⁵, Greens/EFA⁶

The Coordinators could take note that, where absolutely necessary and in agreement with the Chair and the rapporteur concerned, a vote could be held, following a specific approval by the Coordinators, either by means of applying

- a 'pairing agreement' (proportional reduction of number of physically present MEPs, Option A), or
- the new Bureau rules by analogy (voting by email, *outside* a committee meeting Option B) or
- the remote polling feature of the remote meeting tool *during* a committee meeting (Option C).

The Coordinators could agree to take specific decisions (possibly in a written procedure) on the options to be applied individually to each file at a later stage, as and when the need for a vote arises.

Option B has been accepted

² EPP is in agreement that when the votes, as proposed by the Secretariat, are absolutely necessary and in agreement with the Chair, with the rapporteur concerned and following specific approval by the Coordinators, should be done by means of tools, which do not require physical presence. However if a physical presence is requested for some reason EPP would give preference to a "pairing agreement" (Sub option A within Option B)"

³ Remark by the S&D Group - during the period of the coronavirus crisis and the lockdown, work on all non-strategic files should be postponed. Given the global situation, we think it is totally irresponsible to even consider the option of a physical meeting. There are enough options for video conferences.

⁴ The ID Group would like to underline that:

- until July included no committee meetings, nor Coordinators' meetings, should be organized unless necessary and urgent. 'Necessary and urgent' means linked to COVID-19 pandemic and nothing else;
- shadows' meetings concerning ongoing dossiers can continue to be held (through video-conference), with priority given to legislative files;
- no meetings nor votes can take place in any case if they require physical presence in the room;

⁵ On behalf of the ECR I would like to support the approach proposed by Secretariat that votes could be held only where absolutely necessary and in agreement with the Chair, the rapporteur concerned and also with approval by the Coordinators. We should proceed with urgent votes only in writing or remotely once it's technically possible. We should avoid face-to-face meetings for as long as necessary.

⁶ Greens/EFA would like to point out that any actual meetings in the EP involve not only that Members, but also staff will have to be present. Any presence at the workplace increases the health risk for the concerned person and for infecting others. Therefore any unnecessary meetings in situ should be avoided by all means to preserve health and safety of all. In terms of options on how to vote, GreensEFA would therefore support Option B.

We would however, also invite to a pragmatic approach. Where from the political support expressed to compromises it is clearly visible that a compromise has a stable majority, VLs sent by MEPs should be considered valid also in cases where AMs below a compromise are not filled int.

3. Circulation of draft compromised to the NI secretariat

Regulatory framework:

Rule 215 : Shadow Rapporteurs

The political groups may designate a shadow rapporteur for each report to follow the progress of the relevant report and find compromises within the committee on behalf of the group. Their names shall be communicated to the committee Chair.

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/RULES-9-2019-07-02-RULE-215_EN.html

GUIDELINES ON PARTICIPATION OF NON-ATTACHED MEMBERS IN COMMITTEE WORK

https://epintranet.in.ep.europa.eu/files/live/sites/epintranet/files/parliamentary-life/conference-committee-chairs/guidelines/participation/ni-mep-committees_en.pdf

Shadow rapporteur meetings and access to information on trilogues

"4. The designation of a shadow rapporteur is a prerogative of political groups. For this reason, non-attached Members shall neither be entitled to attend shadow rapporteur meetings, nor benefit from any of the entitlements linked to the status of shadow rapporteur."

On 2 October 2019, the EMPL Coordinators took the following decision:

The Coordinators took a decision of principle that the non-attached Members in the EMPL Committee should not be allowed to send a staff level observer (i.e. a person working for the secretariat of the non-attached Members) to shadows' meetings.

The EMPL Secretariat discontinued circulation of draft compromise amendment to the secretariat of the non attached Members. They get the final compromises.

There were 5 non-attached Members in the EMPL Committee until Brexit. The current non-attached Member is Ms Rondinelli (Five Star Movement) and her substitute is Ms Gemma (Five Star Movement).

Situation in other Committees:

Committee	Secretariat circulates draft compromises to secretariat of non- attached Members (state: 14/02/2020)
afet	not asked
droi	not asked
sede	not asked
deve	not asked
inta	not asked
budg	Y
cont	Y
econ	Y
empl	N
envi	Case-by-case
itre	N
imco	Y
tran	N (tbc)
regi	Y
agri	
pech	Y
cult	Y
juri	TBD
libe	
afco	
femm	Y
peti	Y

Decision:

This item has been postponed during the EMPL Coordinators meeting on 20.2, awaiting the feedback from the CCC. The CCC Chair has not yet put this request on the agenda.

Option A - supported by GUE/NGL

Postpone decision

Option B

Take a decision on the circulation of draft compromises to the non-attached Members' secretariat:

Option B.1. Yes - supported by ID, Greens/EFA, ECR, GUE/NGL

Option B.2. No - supported by EPP, S&D, RE

Option B.2 has been accepted.

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

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

(Will be followed up by means of emails)

Please note that the Chair, who is the EMPL standing rapporteur on EU-UK relationships, is considering various options as to the timetable, which is also impacted by the Coronavirus and the arrangements which will be made by the lead committee and the EU-UK steering group.

On 25 March 2020, the Chair received the following information:

*Dear Chairs,
Dear Rapporteurs,*

*On behalf of AFET and INTA Chairs, Mr McAllister and Mr Lange, and Rapporteurs, Ms Piri and Mr Hansen, we would like to send you the following communication regarding the **AFET-INTA joint report on negotiations with the UK (2020/2023 INI)**.*

As you know, the original timetable for this report, communicated to you by CCC Chair Mr Tajani, planned the adoption of the report during mini-plenary on 3 June. On 19 March the Conference of Presidents adopted a modified calendar of Parliament's activities. Under the current situation of Covid-19 there is a lot of uncertainty as to the further schedule for the EU-UK negotiations from the Commission UK Task Force and the UK side, as to the organisation of June High Level conference and also as to any possible extension of the transition period for the UK.

*Therefore we would like to call on you to continue, for the time being, the work on your opinions in the same way that we as lead committees are continuing our work on the draft report. **As soon as we receive any updated information from the Commission on the negotiations schedule or other elements that would allow us to determine a new calendar for this report we will inform you accordingly.***

*Kind regards,
AFET-INTA secretariat*

All groups will be updated in writing as and when we have more clarity on this.

4.2. EMPL delegations in 2020 - update

(Take note - all postponed or likely to be postponed)

4.2.1. EMPL delegation to Slovakia (MP/MiP)

Decision:

- **The Coordinators took note that this delegation has been postponed in view of the current circumstances linked to the COVID-19 outbreak.**

4.2.2. EMPL Delegation to Berlin (Germany), 7-9 April 2020, with interpretation EN/DE (RS/SR)

Decision:

- The Coordinators took note that this delegation has been postponed in view of the current circumstances linked to the COVID-19 outbreak.

4.2.3. EMPL Delegation to EU-OSHA (Bilbao) - 18-20 May 2020 (JB/EC)

On 2nd October 2019, the EMPL Coordinators took the decision to send a delegation to EU-OSHA (Bilbao) composed of **3 Members, out of quota, from 18 to 20 May 2020.**

On 16 December 2019, the Bureau approved this EMPL mission.

The composition according to the d'Hondt system will be as follows:

Members	Adam KOSA	EPP
	Manuel PIZARRO	S&D
	Sylvie BRUNET	RE
Interpreters (EN/DE)	tbc	
Secretariat	Judith BÜRGER	AD
	Elodie CARMONA	AD

Decision:

- **The Coordinators took note of the above information and that this delegation could be impacted in view of the current circumstances linked to the COVID-19 outbreak.**
 - On 23 March 2020, Spain was the second most affected MS, with over 33,000 confirmed Covid-19 cases, and over 2,100 death.⁷

4.2.4. Ad hoc delegation to the 13th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD, New York, 10-12 June 2020 (MM/JB)

Authorisation for the ad hoc EMPL delegation composed of 7 Members including the Chair has been requested. On 5 March, the Conference of Presidents authorised the request, on an exceptional basis, on the understanding that a limited interpretation regime into one language only applied, and invited the President to request from the Commission and the Council the

⁷ <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/cases-2019-ncov-eueea>

inclusion of up to seven Members in the European Union's delegation to the above-mentioned conference.

Update:

In line with the **rolling d'Hondt table** on "EMPL ad hoc delegations the composition of this delegation would be as follows:

Chair: Lucia ĎURIŠ NICHOLSONOVÁ

6	ID	Elenea Lizzi
7	PPE	Ádám Kósa
8	ECR	Elżbieta Rafalska
9	S&D	Marc Angel
10	Renew	Radka Maxova
11	GUE	

Decision:

- The Coordinators took note **that this delegation could be impacted by the current COVID-19 outbreak.**
 - On 24 March 2020, New York City had about a third of the nation's confirmed coronavirus cases, making it the new epicenter of the outbreak in the United States.⁸

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

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

4.3.1. Strong social Europe for Just Transition (MiP)

Challenged by ECON and CULT (CCC of 11.2.2020) - negotiations ongoing.

On 20 February, the Coordinators decided at the request of the S&D Coordinator to rebut the arguments advanced by ECON. As a result of the exchanged letters, ECON Committee has dropped their request for Rule 57, whereas EMPL and CULT Committees agreed on collaboration under Rule 57.

Note: The letter to the CCC on that matter was finalised in a follow-up written procedure. The deadline for finding a possible agreement was extended until 15 April 2020. If no agreement is found, the CCC Chair will issue a recommendation.

4.3.2. Report on the protection of EU citizens under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD), as evidenced through petitions (MM)

⁸ <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/22/nyregion/Coronavirus-new-York-epicenter.html>

(pursuant to Rule 54 and the CoP decision of 12.12.2002 as amended - not subject to the quota) lead: Committee on Petitions

In their request for this implementation report, PETI Committee referred to their specific role of protection through the right to petition in the EU CRPD Framework. During the last mandate, the PETI Committee received around 150 petitions on problems faced by persons with disabilities in the European Union when making their rights heard under the UN CRPD. Main issues raised in petitions are matters of accessibility to transport and the built environment and access to education.

The EMPL Chair requested to temporarily withhold authorisation so that the concerned committees can agree on cooperation arrangements and clarify the scope. The PETI Committee maintains its request. The LIBE Chair requested not to endorse this PETI implementation report and expressed his intention to consider with PETI and EMPL whether a joint procedure under Rule 58 could be carried out.

On 20 February, the Coordinators objected to the PETI request and instructed the Chair to write to the CCC Chair accordingly.

Note: The letter to the CCC on that matter was finalised in a follow-up written procedure (letter sent on 11 March 2020).

Update: Both the EMPL and the LIBE Committees objected to the PETI report. The EMPL and LIBE letter to the CCC Chair can be found among the annexes.

4.3.3. Just Transition Fund (2020/0006(COD)) (MiP)

At the request of Greens/EFA rapporteur Mr Satouri, EMPL requested Rule 57 in relation to certain parts of this REGI file.⁹

Decision:

The Coordinators took note of the fact that both committees agreed to apply Rule 57 with shared EMPL powers over the entire proposal.

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[https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2020/0006\(COD\)&l=en](https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2020/0006(COD)&l=en)

5. Allocation of reports and opinions¹⁰

5.0. Clarification regarding the number of points to be paid by the Greens/EFA

The Coordinators decided on 20 February 2020 to take a decision at their next meeting on the number of points to be paid by the Greens/EFA group for the Just Transition Fund opinion which they received in addition to the own-initiative report on housing.

Decision:

Option A - supported by EPP

Postpone decision

Option B

Take a decision.

Option B.1. Just Transition Fund either for 0 points - supported by GUE/NGL

Option B.2. Just Transition Fund for 0.5 points - supported by S&D, RE, ID, ECR, Greens/EFA

Option B.2 has been accepted.

Rolling list of own-initiative reports:

(Take note of situation - individual updates by email to group staff and all rapporteurs and shadows where appointed)

A) INIs

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Opinions	Coordinators decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
2019/2185(INI)	Democracy at work: A European framework for employees' participation rights and the revision of the European Works Council Directive - MiP	Gabriele Bischoff (S&D)		17.10.2019	26.11.2019	05.03 - report withdrawn	

¹⁰ Remark by the EPP group: Working on non-strategic files should be postponed – here we can support the comments by the S&D group. At the same time EPP insists and underlines that the decision what is strategic or non-strategic file should be taken by the rapporteur, the Chair and the coordinators.

Remark by the S&D group - during the period of the coronavirus crisis and the lockdown, work on all non-strategic files should be postponed.

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-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 needs and skills - BM	Radan Kanev (EPP)	IMCO - rule 57	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	
2020/2008(INI)	Old continent growing older - possibilities and	(ECR)	ECON - rule 56 AGRI - rule 56	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	Timetable to be confirmed at a later stage

	challenges related to ageing policy post 2020 - MM						
	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			

Reserve rolling list
<i>Mental Health policies in the EU in the Digital Era</i>
<i>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)</i>
<i>European Action Plan for the Social Economy</i>
<i>Job creation: just transition and impact investment</i>
<i>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</i>
<i>Access to child care - a way to enhance labour market participation</i>

B) Legislative INIs

Note: GUE/NGL wants to start the work on the asbestos report in Autumn 2020, by which time the Commission's report should (hopefully) be available.

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Opinions	Coordinators decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
2019(2181)INL	The right to disconnect- LS/TH	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
2019(2183)INL	Revision of European Works Councils Directive - MiP	Dennis Radtke (EPP)		17.10.2019	26.11.2019	11.12.2019	
2020(2005)INL	Quality traineeship in the EU- SR	Monika Semedo (RE)	CULT- rule 56+	17.10.2019	17.12.2019	09.01.2020	

C) Implementation reports

Procedure	Title	Rapporteur(s)	Coordinators decision	CCC decision	CoP decision	Vote
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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	
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 framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRRPD - MM		17.10.2019-requested in March 2020			
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

5.1. Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (MM) (Take note of situation)

Resp.: EMPL
COM(2020)0070

Decision:

Rapporteur to be nominated by GUE/NGL (Mr Gusmão) as per the written decision taken by the Coordinators on 16.3.2020. (For 1.0 points)

The Council request to bring this file to the May plenary session is unrealistic and cannot be accommodated.

Opinions

5.2. Assessment of the implementation of Article 50 TEU (EC) Lead Committee AFCO (Rapporteur Danuta Hübner, EPP) (Decision by written procedure)

Decision:

Option A - supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, ECR, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL
No opinion (*recommended by the secretariat in view of scarce facilities*)

Option B

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

Option A has been accepted.

5.3. •Delivering the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan - (MaP) (Decision by written procedure)

Decision:

Coordinators postponed their decision on 20 February 2020.

Option A - supported by EPP, RE, Greens/EFA

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*)

Option B

Appoint a rapporteur (This would be done via a separate written procedure as for point 5.1) - supported by GUE/NGL

Option C - supported by S&D, ID, ECR, GUE/NGL

Postpone

Option A - 27 votes

Option C - 27 votes

Option C has been accepted

5.4. 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)

(Decision by written procedure)

Decision:

Option A

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 is recommended not to draw up an opinion.

(Recommended by the secretariat in view of scarce facilities)

Option B - supported by S&D, Greens/EFA, ECR, GUE/NGL

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

Option C - supported by EPP, RE, ID, GUE/NGL

Postpone

Option C has been accepted.

Documents for information

**5.5. 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 the EU Action Plan 2017-2019 on tackling the gender pay gap (JB)
COM(2020)0101**

Decision:

Take note, no specific action required, could be used as a background document in the context of the Rule 57 opinion on the EU Strategy for Gender Equality (with FEMM).

**5.6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS A Union of Equality: Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025 (JB)
COM(2020) 0152**

Decision:

Take note, no specific action required, could be used as a background document in the context of the Rule 57 opinion on the EU Strategy for Gender Equality (with FEMM).

**5.7. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN THE DIRECTIVE 2006/54/EC IMPLEMENTING THE TREATY PRINCIPLE ON 'EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK OR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE (JB)
SWD(2020)0051**

Decision:

Take note, no specific action required, could be used as a background document in the context of the Rule 57 opinion on the EU Strategy for Gender Equality (with FEMM).

6. Planning of possible delegation visits in the second part of 2020

(Postpone. The final decision could be taken in a written procedure once the CCC has decided on the new deadline to submit the proposals for the second half.)

Suggestions to be sent to the CCC secretariat by 18 March 2020 (**deadline postponed by Coordleg, new date tbc**) in order to adopt the draft programmes during the CCC meeting of 31 March 2020. The Conference of Presidents and the Bureau would then consider the programmes at their meetings in May 2020.

Only the following weeks are eligible for sending delegations (*'turquoise weeks'*) in the second part of 2020, *only two of which appear to be practicable*:

- 20-24 July 2020
- 24-28 August 2020
- 21-25 September 2020
- 2-6 November
- 21-23 December

In keeping with an established practice, EMPL could dispatch delegations to

- the country of the subsequent *presidency* (Portugal-first half of 2021, e.g. three days in the week from 2 to 6 November 2020, up to 10 Members plus the Chair)
- *another* country in the European Union OR to a third country
- an *Agency* viz. Eurofound (Dublin, e.g. two days in the week of 21-25 September, three Members)
 - (The European Training Foundation (Turin) and Cedefop (Thessaloniki) were last visited in 2018., EU-OSHA (Bilbao) will be visited during the first half of 2020)

The Coordinators agreed on 20 February to take a decision in a written procedure with ranking of the proposals via an excel table.

Decision:

1. Take note of the results of the ranking - **supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, GUE/NGL**

Based on the results of the written procedure the 3 best rankings for delegations are:

- Portugal - next Presidency(2 to 6 November 2020) - 70.9%
- Eurofound (Dublin) (21-25 September 2020)-63.6%
- Estonia - 41.8%

Note: The deadline for the letter requesting the authorisation was prolonged by the CCC due the Covid-19 outbreak, date tbc)

2. Postpone final decision - **supported by S&D, ID, ECR, Greens/EFA**

7. Planning of public hearings for the second half of 2019 and first half of 2020

(Postpone. The final decision could be taken in a written procedure once the CCC has decided on the new deadline to submit the proposals for the second half.)

Applicable Rules:¹¹ Please note that the programming cycle is semi-annual.

Each committee may hear a maximum of 16 guests each year whose expenses will be covered (NB: this does not exclude the possibility to organize workshops and further hearings with non-reimbursed experts).

- It is recommended to organise no more than 2 hearings in 2019 (e.g. one or two per semester – +/- 4 paid experts/hearing)
- It is recommended to organise no more than 4 hearings in 2020 (e.g. one or two per semester – +/- 4 paid experts/hearing)
- It is recommended to link hearings to ongoing legislative or non-legislative reports,

Hearings authorised during the first half of 2020:

The future of labour and the transition to a digital labour market

The employment potential of a Green New Deal and the need for a just transition

Furthermore, the Coordinators agreed on 17 October that a stakeholders' exchange of views should on "New forms of employment - online platform workers" should be organised in the context of the own-initiative report "Fair working conditions, rights and social protection for platform workers".

The Coordinators agreed on 20 February to take a decision in a written procedure with ranking of the proposals via an excel table.

Decision:

1. Please take note of the results of the ranking - supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, ECR, GUE/NGL

Based on the results of the written procedure the 3 best rankings for hearings are:

- Hearing on psychological risks at work - 78.2%
- Old Continent growing older - possibilities and challenges related to ageing policy post 2020 - 49.1%
- Bridging the Gap for Digital Skills in Europe, a Way Forward - 41,8%

Note: The deadline for the letter requesting the authorisation was 18 March (prolonged by CCC due to the Covid-19 outbreak, date tbc)

2. Postpone the final decision. -supported by S&D, ID, Greens/EFA

¹¹ Article 1(4) of the Rules on public hearings
http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.3/422597_net_en.pdf

8. EMPL resolution on a European Social Security number/ the digitalisation of social security systems - [RS/JB]

(Decision could be postponed to a later meeting)

The papers for the meeting include suggestions for a possible wording by S&D and RE groups)

Note that Coordinators, at their last meeting of 20.02.2020

- held an exchange of views
- invited the RE Group to submit their proposal in writing with a view to taking a final decision at the next meeting.

Note: RE suggestion, preliminary wording: “The Social Security Number and the opportunity for the digitalisation of social security systems”

Procedural framework

Committees may table motions for a resolution at their own initiative only in conjunction with an Oral Questions, see Rule 136 in conjunction with Rule 132:

Rule 136 : Questions for oral answer with debate

1. Questions to the Council, to the Commission or to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy may be put by a **committee**, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold, accompanied with a request that they be placed on the agenda of Parliament.

Such questions shall be submitted in writing to the President. The President shall immediately refer them to the Conference of Presidents.

The Conference of Presidents shall decide whether or not to place those questions on the draft agenda in accordance with Rule 157. Questions not placed on Parliament's draft agenda within three months of being submitted shall lapse.

2. Questions to the Commission and to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy shall be referred to the addressee at least one week before the sitting on the agenda of which they are to appear and questions to the Council at least three weeks before that date.

3. Where the questions concern the common security and defence policy, the time limits provided for in paragraph 2 shall not apply, and the reply must be given sufficiently promptly for Parliament to be kept properly informed.

4. A Member designated in advance by the questioners shall move the question in Parliament. If that Member is not present, the question shall lapse. The addressee shall answer.

5. Rule 132(2) to (8) concerning the tabling and voting of motions for resolutions shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/RULES-9-2019-07-02-RULE-136_EN.html

Rule 132 : Statements by the Commission, Council and European Council

1. Members of the Commission, the Council and the European Council may, at any time, ask the President of Parliament for permission to make a statement. The President of the European Council shall make a statement after each of its meetings. The President of Parliament shall decide when the statement may be made and whether it is to be followed by a full debate or by a period of brief and concise questions from Members lasting 30 minutes.

2. When placing a statement with debate on its agenda, Parliament shall decide **whether or not to wind up the debate with a resolution**. It shall not do so if a report on the same matter is scheduled for the same or the next part-session, unless the President, for exceptional reasons, proposes otherwise. If Parliament decides to wind up a debate with a resolution, a committee, a political group or Members reaching at least the low threshold may table a motion for a resolution.

3. Motions for resolutions shall be put to the vote at the earliest possible voting time. The President shall decide on any exceptions. Explanations of vote shall be admissible.

4. A joint motion for a resolution shall replace the motions for resolutions tabled previously by its signatories, but not those tabled by other committees, political groups or Members.

5. If a joint motion for a resolution is tabled by political groups representing a clear majority, the President may put that motion to the vote first.

6. After a resolution has been adopted, no further motions may be put to the vote unless the President, in exceptional circumstances, decides otherwise.

7. The author or authors of a motion for a resolution tabled under paragraph 2 or Rule 144(2) shall be entitled to withdraw it before the final vote.

8. A motion for a resolution which has been withdrawn may be taken over and retabled immediately by a group, a committee or the same number of Members as is entitled to table it. This paragraph and paragraph 7 shall also apply to resolutions tabled under Rules 111 and 112.

Decision of the EMPL Coordinators of 4 December 2019:

The Coordinators

- *held and exchange of views on the procedural options (timetable, need to put pressure on the Commission to present the proposal promised in 2018,¹² relations with the ongoing procedure to revise Regulation 883/2004)*
- *agreed to return to the matter at the next meeting.*

Decision:

The Coordinators could

Option A- supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, ECR, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL
Postpone the decision

Option B

- **Take a decision of principle (Oral Question with resolution: B.1. Yes/ B.2. No)**

¹² Work programme 2018, Annex 1, page 3, point 8:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/cwp_2018_annex_i_en.pdf

- In the affirmative, decide that the OQ and resolution be prepared and tabled on behalf of the Chair and one ‘sponsor’ to be appointed by each group (deemed adopted if Option B.1. above is adopted)
- Take note that the following limitations as to the length of texts apply:
 - Oral Questions: 25 lines:
 - Draft motions for resolutions: 4 pages, including recitals but excluding citations¹³

Note: RE suggestion, preliminary wording: “The Social Security Number and the opportunity for the digitalisation of social security systems”

Option A has been accepted.

¹³ A page shall be taken to mean a text of 1 500 characters (excluding spaces). Article 15:
http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10_Recueil/5/5.2/5.2.1/422618_net2_en.pdf

9. Motions for Resolutions¹⁴ - decision on procedure [MaP]

(Decision by written procedure)

- Motion for Resolution by Viktor Uspaskich (RE) on “establishing a minimum monthly child allowance of no less than EUR 150 throughout the EU” (B9 0114/2020).
- Please find in the annexes (1) the original version in LT, and (2) the EN translation.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to the European Pillar of Social Rights, in particular principle 11 thereof on childcare and support to children,
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas all EU Member States have ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and have a clear legal obligation to promote, protect and uphold the rights of every child within their respective jurisdictions;
- B. whereas monthly child allowances in the EU differ by a factor of more than 23;
- C. whereas families bringing up children are facing costs that increase each year;
1. Calls on the European Parliament to help families, especially those in economic difficulties, to ensure that they are protected against poverty and can provide an adequate education for their children by harmonising allowances;

¹⁴ 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.

2. Calls for a minimum monthly child allowance of no less than EUR 150 throughout the EU.

Decision:

- **Take note** of this Motion for Resolution. The subject and aim behind this Motion for Resolution are closely related to the envisaged/ongoing discussions regarding the introduction of the European Child Guarantee, which the European Parliament has proposed to introduce into the European Social Fund Plus in the report concluded in first reading on 4 April 2019 (T8-0350/2019) and of which the Commission President Von der Leyen stated in her political guidelines that she would introduce (“To support every child in need, I will create the European Child Guarantee, picking up on the idea proposed by the European Parliament.”)¹⁵; supported by EPP, S&D, RE, ID, ECR, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL
- Decide that no further action is required at this stage. supported by S&D, ID, ECR, Greens/EFA

10. Petitions [MaP]

(Take note)

Petition received for information (see the annexes):

- Petition No 0630/2019 by A.M.G.C. (Portuguese) on benefits in respect of accidents at work and occupational diseases for public servants in Portugal
- Petition No 0902/2019 by Rafael Escutia Celda (Spanish) on discrimination in Spain in regard to drawing of retirement pensions (personal case)
- Petition No 0984/2019 by Sabino Grobas (Spanish) on the need to update the compensation amounts provided for in Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 February 2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights

¹⁵ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/political-guidelines-next-commission_en.pdf

11. Points for information [ADs concerned]

(Take note - all rapporteurs will be consulted individually concerning their timetables and preferences, see item 1.4.)

Timetables of reports:

Employment Guidelines, rapporteur, J. Gusmão (GUE/NGL)

Send draft report to translation	3 April 2020
Consideration of draft report	-
Deadline for AMs	6 May 2020, noon
Availability of AMs in all languages	25 May 2020 tbc
Shadows meetings or written procedure	Weeks 23, 24 and 25
Consideration of AMs tabled	tbc
Vote in EMPL	tbc
Plenary	July or September tbc

EMPL legislative INI on *The right to disconnect*. (Alex Saliba-S&D)

	OPTION B
Draft report ready	16 July 2020
Consideration of draft report	7 September 2020
Deadline AMs	15 September 2020 at 12:00
Consideration of AMs	15 October 2020
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings / COMPs	Weeks 41-47
Vote in EMPL	1 December 2020
Vote in Plenary	January 2021 tbc

Access to decent and affordable housing for all- Kim VAN SPARRENTAK (Greens/EFA)

Timetable

Approved by EMPL Coordinators	23 January 2020
Draft report ready	16 July 2020
Consideration of draft report	1 September 2020
Deadline AMs	8 September 2020, 12:00
Consideration of AMs	1 October 2020
Shadow Rapporteurs meetings / COMPs	Weeks 41-47
Vote in EMPL	1 December 2020
Vote in Plenary	January 2021

Timetables of opinions:

Rapporteur: Lina Gálvez Muñoz: "Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies"

	Proposed calendar
Deadline for sending text to translation	1 April

Consideration of draft opinion	29-30 April
Deadline for tabling amendments	5 May at noon
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Weeks 22-23-24-25
Vote in EMPL	22-23 June 2020
Vote in JURI (lead committee)	July
Vote in Plenary (indicative)	September (tbc)

EMPL opinion on Reversing demographic trends in EU regions using cohesion policy instruments, Rapporteur, Ms Rafalska

Note: According to information received from REGI Committee, the vote in REGI will be postponed to December 2020 / January 2021. The EMPL timetable will be adjusted accordingly.

Sending draft opinion to translation	3 April 2020
Consideration of draft opinion	-
Deadline for tabling amendments	6 May 2020, noon
Availability of AMs in all languages	22 May 2020 tbc
Shadows meetings	Weeks 22, 23, 24, 25
Vote in EMPL	tbc
Adoption in REGI	July/September 2020

Revised timetable: EMPL opinion to the FEMM INI report on the EU Strategy for Gender Equality (rapporteur: Maria Eugenia Rodriguez Palop - **new addition to the Coordinators results**)

This timetable was updated following the postponement of the timetable of the lead Committee (FEMM) through and agreement of the Rapporteur and the Shadow Rapporteurs.

Deadline to send draft text to translation	3 March 2020
Presentation and consideration of draft opinion in Committee	26 March 2020 EMPL meeting on 26 March cancelled
Deadline for AMs	2 April 4 May 2020, 18.00
Shadow rapporteurs' meeting(s) in view of compromises	Weeks 17—20 tbc
Adoption in EMPL	25/26 May June 2020 (exact date tbc)
Adoption in FEMM	Week 28
Plenary	tbc

Revised timetable: EMPL opinion to REGI report on Establishing the Just Transition Fund (Rapporteur: Mounir Satouri) - added after the written consultation - apply only unless there are objections or further inevitable adjustments owing to the epidemiological circumstances

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)

Revised timetable: EMPL opinion to LIBE INI report on the implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies: Combating negative attitudes towards people with Romani background in Europe (Rapporteur: Tomáš Zdechovský) - added after the written consultation - apply only unless there are objections or further inevitable adjustments owing to the epidemiological circumstances

Coordinator's decision	
Send draft to translation	06/05/2020
Consideration of draft opinion	NA
Deadline for AMs	03/06/2020 (only in EN)
Availability of Amendments in all languages	22/06/2020 (except priority languages for possible shadows - 17/06/2020)
Consideration of AMs	NA
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Week 25
Vote in EMPL	23/06/2020
Vote in LIBE	13-14/07/2020 (tbc)
Vote in Plenary	September/October 2020 (tbc)

Revised timetable: EMPL opinion to the PECH INI report on Fishers for the future: Attracting a new generation of labour to the fishing industry and generating employment in coastal communities (Rapporteur: Jaroslav Duda) - added after the written consultation - apply only unless there are objections or further inevitable adjustments owing to the epidemiological circumstances

Send draft to translation	25 June 2020
Consideration of draft opinion	15/16 July 2020
Deadline for AMs	8 September 2020
Availability of Amendments in all languages	25 September 2020
Consideration of AMs	1 October 2020
Shadow Rapporteurs meeting - compromises	Weeks 41, 42

Vote in EMPL	15 October (<i>could be postponed to 28 October if PECH votes later</i>)
Vote in PECH	October/November 2020 (tbc)
Vote in Plenary	December 2020 (tbc)

12. 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.

- 7 MAY – standalone (TBC)
- 25/26 MAY – as part of EMPL meeting (TBC)
- 22/23 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)