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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

2014 - 2019

EMPL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 3 September 2015, 10.00 - 11.30
Room JAN 4Q1 (in camera), József Antall building, Brussels

RESULTS

03.9.2015

The meeting started at 10.10 hrs and closed at 11.20 hrs. In the Chair: Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair.

Present

Chair	Mr Thomas Händel, EMPL Chair
EPP	Mr David Casa, Coordinator
S&D	Ms Jutta Steinruck, Coordinator
ECR	Ms Anthea McIntyre, Coordinator
ALDE	Ms Marian Harkin, Coordinator
GUE/NGL	Ms Inês Zuber, Co-Coordinator
Greens/EFA	Ms Jean Lambert, Coordinator
EFDD	Ms Laura Agea, Coordinator
ENF	Mr Dominique Martin, Coordinator

Apologies

GUE/NGL	Ms Rina Ronja Kari, Co-Coordinator
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1. Chair's announcements

1.1 Interpretation

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

1.2 State of play related to conflicts of competence

1.2.1 EMPL and CULT own-initiative report on vocational training (MG)

See item 2.1.

1.2.2 CRPD implementation report – state of play related to conflicts of competence (MM)

On 9 July EMPL Coordinators decided to request authorisation for this implementation report as lead committee instead of the procedure with joint committee meetings (rule 55). Following the EMPL request LIBE and PETI requested authorisation to draft an opinion under rule 54 based inter alia on the fact that EMPL represents the EP in the EU CRPD framework in association with LIBE and PETI (as regards its specific role on petitions).

1.2.3 JURI and FEMM on EMPL own-initiative report on workers' representation on board level in Europe (BM)

On 1 July 2015 EMPL requested authorisation to draw up a non-legislative own initiative report on 'Workers representation on board level in Europe', and that request was dealt with at the CCC meeting on 7 July 2015.

On 17 July 2015 FEMM requested Rule 54 regarding the EMPL report. On 27 July JURI also made a request to be associated under Rule 54 on the same report.

As both requests were submitted after the deadline established in Article 4(1) of the Decision of CoP on the procedure for granting authorisation to draw up own-initiative reports, they should be dismissed.

Decision: Coordinators took note of the state of play.

1.3 Competence issue for Ms Steinruck's opinion on the IMCO/ITRE INI on the Digital Single Market Strategy (LS)

Decision: Coordinators

- *heard Jutta Steinruck, Rapporteur and*
- *supported her request for asking for more competences for EMPL in the prospective report;*
- *mandated the Chair to write a letter to the Chairs of the lead committees.*

1.4 None of the EP amendments included by the Council in the Employment Guidelines (AC)

Decision: Coordinators

- *heard Laura Agea, Rapporteur;*
- *mandated the Chair to write a letter to the Council Presidency (copy to the Commission) and invite Council and Commission to EMPL to explain why Parliament's opinion was disregarded;*
- *mandated the Chair to make a recommendation to the Conference of Presidents to take action in cases where the European Parliament is consulted but its opinion is neglected by the Council.*

2. Allocation of reports and opinions

Reports

None received

Opinions

2.1 Erasmus+ and other tools to foster mobility in VET – a lifelong learning approach (MG)

Responsible: CULT

Opinions: EMPL

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group.*

2.2 Common provisions on the European Funds as regards specific measures for Greece (MA)

***I 2015/0160(COD), COM(2015)0365 – C8-0192/2015

Decision: Coordinators

- *instructed the Chair to request – in line with past precedents – the application of procedure with associated committees (Rule 54);*
- *decided to apply Rule 50, with the Chair proposing the adoption of the Commission proposal without amendments within the timetable established by the lead committee;*
- *agreed that the Coordinators would act as Shadow Rapporteurs.*

2.3 Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Commission (ZP)

2015/2154(DEC) COM(2015)0377[01] – C8-0199/2015

Responsible: CONT

Opinions: all committees

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

2.4 **Discharge 2014: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) (ZP) - 2015/2169(DEC) COM(2015)0377[16] – C8-0214/2015**

Resp.: CONT Opinion: EMPL

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

2.5 **Discharge 2014: European Training Foundation (ZP) - 2015/2173(DEC) COM(2015)0377[20] – C8-0218/2015**

Resp.: CONT Opinion: EMPL

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

2.6 **Discharge 2014: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) (ZP) - 2015/2164(DEC) COM(2015)0377[11] – C8-0209/2015**

Resp.: CONT Opinion: EMPL, ITRE

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

2.7 **Discharge 2014: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (ZP) - 2015/2165(DEC) COM(2015)0377[12] – C8-0210/2015**

Resp.: CONT Opinion: EMPL

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

2.8 **Discharge 2014: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2014: performance, financial management and control (ZP) - 2015/2205(DEC) COM(2015)0377[51]**

Resp.: CONT Opinion: EMPL

Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.

2.9 **Discharge 2014: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) (ZP) - 2015/2189(DEC) COM(2015)0377[36] – C8-0234/2015**

Resp.: CONT Opinion: ECON, EMPL

Decision: No opinion.

- 2.10 **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Parliament (ZP) - 2015/2155(DEC) COM(2015)0377[02] – C8-0200/2015**
Resp.: CONT **Opinion:** all committees
Decision: No opinion.
- 2.11 **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Council and European Council (ZP) - 2015/2156(DEC) COM(2015)0377[03] – C8-0201/2015**
Resp.: CONT **Opinion:** all committees
Decision: No opinion.
- 2.12 **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Court of Justice (ZP) - 2015/2157(DEC) COM(2015)0377[04] – C8-0202/2015**
Resp.: CONT **Opinion:** all committees
Decision: No opinion.
- 2.13 **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Court of Auditors (ZP) - 2015/2158(DEC) COM(2015)0377[05] – C8-0203/2015**
Resp.: CONT **Opinion:** all committees
Decision: No opinion.
- 2.14 **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Economic and Social Committee (ZP) - 2015/2159(DEC) COM(2015)0377[06] – C8-0204/2015**
Resp.: CONT **Opinion:** all committees
Decision: No opinion.
- 2.15 **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Committee of the Regions (ZP) - 2015/2160(DEC) COM(2015)0377[07] – C8-0205/2015**
Resp.: CONT **Opinion:** all committees
Decision: No opinion.
- 2.16 **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Ombudsman (ZP) - 2015/2161(DEC) COM(2015)0377[08] – C8-0206/2015**
Resp.: CONT **Opinion:** all committees
Decision: No opinion.

2.17 INTA draft report regarding recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) - INTA/8/03736 - 2015/xxxx(INI) (RS)

Responsible: INTA

Opinions: EMPL, DEVE, ECON, LIBE, FEMM

Decision:

- *Rapporteur to be nominated by the GUE/NGL Group.*
- *Coordinators instructed the Chair to request the application of procedure with associated committees (Rule 54).*

2.18 32nd annual report on monitoring the application of EU law (2014) - 2015/XX (INI) COM(2015)329 (RS)

Responsible: JURI

Opinion: EMPL, ECON, ENVI, ITRE, PETI

Decision: *Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group.*

Documents received for information

2.19 COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2015/... of on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (EaSI) (RS)

Decision: *No opinion.*

2.20 COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2015/... of on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget line 04.03.01.03) (RS)

Decision: *No opinion.*

2.21 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the activities of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in 2013 and 2014 - COM(2015)0355 (ZP)

Decision: *See under point 2.22.*

2.22 Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the ex-post evaluation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in the 2007-2013 period (ZP)

Decision: *Coordinators decided:*

- *To draft one implementation report covering the two Commission reports – biennial report (2013-2014) and the final report (2007-2013) with the title: “Implementation report on the activities, impact and added value of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund between 2007 and 2014”;*
- *Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group.*

3. Oral Question with a resolution on the upcoming draft Council Recommendation on long-term unemployment – procedure (PR)

Decision: Coordinators

- *decided to draft an oral question to the Council with a resolution;*
- *agreed on keeping the texts of the oral question and the resolution concise;*
- *instructed the secretariat to propose a timetable for the procedure.*

4. Calendar of EMPL meetings in 2016

Decision: Coordinators

- *endorsed the draft calendar of committee meetings for 2016;*
- *noted that if possible, Monday afternoon slots will be kept as reserve slots.*

5. EMPL Committee work programme for 2016 proposals

With a view to preparing the decision on the EMPL work programme for 2016 at the Coordinators' October meeting, the political groups were invited to put forward proposals for:

5.1 Own-initiative reports

Decision: Coordinators

- *invited political groups to send their proposals for own-initiative reports to the secretariat by 24 September end of business;*
- *limited the number of proposals for non-legislative own-initiative reports up to 3 proposals per political group;*
- *decided to request authorisation for the report on “How best to harness the potential of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), which are an important contributor to growth and employment in the EU?”, once an empty slot for a new INI report is available.*

5.2 Public hearings

Decision: Coordinators invited political groups to send their proposals for public hearings to the secretariat by 24 September end of business.

5.3 Delegation visits in 2016

Decision: *Coordinators invited political groups to send their proposals for delegation visits to the secretariat by 24 September end of business.*

5.4 Studies and Workshops in 2016

Decision: *Coordinators*

- *agreed on the principle that the expertise budget shall be used to provide for up to 6 workshops in the frame of the meetings of the EMPL Working Group on Labour market impacts of digitalisation, robotics and artificial intelligence;*
- *invited political groups to send their proposals for topics of:*
 - *'at a glance' notes, briefings, 'analysis' notes, studies*
 - *workshops;*

to the secretariat by 24 September end of business.

6. Delegation to the International Labour Organization (ILO) - participants and preliminary draft programme (RS)

Decision: *Coordinators*

- *agreed on the principle that the composition for EMPL ad-hoc delegations, including this one, will be 6 Members according to the rolling d'Hondt system for ad-hoc delegations, plus the Chair (excluded from the quota);*
- *invited political groups to inform the secretariat about the names of their participants by 30 September 2015 at the latest.*

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

Decision: *This item was postponed due to the absence of Danuta Jazłowiecka.*

8. Motions for Resolution¹ - decision on procedure (MA)

8.1 B8-0595/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on devising a strategy to curb the rise in extreme poverty among EU citizens by Mara Bizzotto

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter since the EMPL Committee has repeatedly called on the Commission to make combating poverty an absolute priority, e.g. in the report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social aspects of the Annual Growth Survey (Rapporteur: Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto) and the report on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (Rapporteur: Laura Agea); in addition, this issue is going to be discussed again in the framework of the own-initiative report on "meeting the antipoverty target in the light of increasing household costs".*

8.2 B8-0599/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on social dumping and foreign temping agencies in Italy by Mara Bizzotto

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter at this stage since this issue may be considered in the framework of future work on the own-initiative report on "Social dumping in Europe" as*

¹ Rule 133 : Motions for resolutions

1. Any Member may table a motion for a resolution on a matter falling within the spheres of activity of the European Union. The motion may not comprise more than 200 words.

2. The committee responsible shall decide what procedure is to be adopted.

It may combine the motion for a resolution with other motions for resolutions or reports.

It may adopt an opinion, which may take the form of a letter.

It may decide to draw up a report under Rule 52.

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

4. The report shall contain the text of the motion for a resolution.

5. Opinions in the form of a letter addressed to other institutions of the European Union shall be forwarded by the President.

6. The author or authors of a motion for a resolution tabled under Rule 123(2), 128(5) or 135(2) shall be entitled to withdraw it before the final vote.

7. A motion for a resolution tabled in accordance with paragraph 1 may be withdrawn by its author, authors or first signatory before the committee responsible has decided, in accordance with paragraph 2, to draw up a report on it.

Once the motion has been thus taken over by the committee, only the committee shall be empowered to withdraw it up until the opening of the final vote.

8. A withdrawn motion for a resolution may be taken over and retabled immediately by a group, a committee or the same number of Members as is entitled to table it.

Committees have a duty to ensure that motions for resolutions tabled under this Rule which meet the requirements laid down are followed up and duly referred to in the resulting documents.

well as on the package on labour mobility and on the report on the targeted review of the posting of workers Directive that the Commission is due to present by December 2015.

8.3 B8-0613/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on an inclusive employment policy for persons with a disability in Europe by Dominique Bilde, Sophie Montel, Marie-Christine Arnautu

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter as the issues raised by the authors of the motion for resolution have already been discussed by EMPL several times, in particular in the framework of the report on mobility and inclusion of people with disabilities and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 2010/2272(INI) - Rapporteur: Adam Kósa), and will be debated again in the framework of work on the report on Application of Council directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ("Employment Equal Directive") - Rapporteur: Renate Weber; EMPL has also planned to draw up an implementation report on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.*

8.4 B8-0622/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on youth unemployment in Italy by Mara Bizzotto

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

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

8.5 B8-0623/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on measures to support family carers by Gianluca Buonanno

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter as the author of the motion suggests that the Commission should be requested to take measures that do not fall under Union competence - i.e. ensuring minimum social protection standards for family care-givers.*

8.6 B8-0626/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on conditionality for European Union aid to businesses by Sophie Montel, Marine Le Pen, Florian Philippot, Dominique Bilde, Steeve Briois

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter; the authors of the motion call on the Commission to ensure that undertakings which have obtained funding or loans from the European Union are required to reimburse the funds received in the event of relocation of their operations: in this respect, EMPL is only responsible for measures financed by the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, whose support is granted on the basis of applications submitted by the Member State concerned, who is responsible for the financial management of the initiative, and which is meant to directly benefit the workers affected by*

economic change and not their employer; it may also be recalled that EGF applications are submitted to the EMPL Committee for opinion and that critical observations on the possible link between the request for mobilisation of the EGF and relocation plans may be discussed in the course of examination of such applications.

8.7 B8-0627/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the ineffectiveness of action to combat fraud concerning the posting of workers, and on the role of temporary employment agencies in the explosion in the number of posted workers by Sophie Montel, Marine Le Pen, Dominique Bilde, Florian Philippot, Steeve Briois, Mireille D'Ornano, Marie-Christine Boutonnet, Philippe Loiseau, Gilles Lebreton, Bernard Monot

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

***Decision:** Not to follow up this matter at this stage since these issues may be considered in the framework of future work on the own-initiative report on "Social dumping in Europe" as well as on the package on labour mobility and on the report on the targeted review of the posting of workers Directive that the Commission is due to present by December 2015.*

8.8 B8-0629/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on support for persons with Asperger syndrome and raising awareness about the condition by Dominique Bilde, Sophie Montel

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

***Decision:** Not to follow up this matter; among the proposals put forward by the authors of the motion, the EMPL Committee is only responsible for aspects related to the integration of persons with Asperger into the workforce. In this respect, the issues raised by the authors of the motion for resolution have already been discussed by EMPL several times, in particular in the framework of the report on mobility and inclusion of people with disabilities and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 2010/2272(INI) - Rapporteur: Adam Kósa) and the oral question on The impact of austerity on the living conditions of people with disabilities (B7-0113/2013), and will be debated again in the framework of work on the report on Application of Council directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ("Employment Equal Directive") - Rapporteur: Renate Weber; EMPL has also planned to draw up an implementation report on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.*

8.9 B8-0643/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on merging or closing down the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) and the European Training Foundation (ETF) by Dominique Bilde, Sophie Montel

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

***Decision:** Not to follow up this matter at this stage since this issue may be considered in the framework of future work on the legislative proposal that the Commission is due to present*

soon on the revision of Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training.

8.10 B8-0672/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution calling for an impact assessment on the use of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund by Steeve Briois, Dominique Bilde, Florian Philippot, Sophie Montel

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter; an ex-post evaluation to measure the impact of the EGF for 2007-2013 and its added value was due by 31 December 2014 and will be published within the next few weeks; in addition, the first biennial report on the activities financed by the EGF has just been published (due by 1st August 2015) as provided for by the EGF Regulation currently in force for 2014-2020 (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). EMPL will follow-up these reports (see decisions under relevant items under point 2 – allocation of reports and opinions).*

8.11 B8-0675/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on accommodation arrangements for persons staying with a child undergoing medical treatment by Dubravka Šuica, Patricija Šulin

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter as the Union does not have any competence on healthcare systems organisation and management, for which, according to Article 168(7) TFEU, the Member States are exclusively responsible; in addition, the Commission has already replied to several written questions on the same issue.*

8.12 B8-0786/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on employment as an absolute priority by Gianluca Buonanno

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter since the EMPL Committee has repeatedly called on the Commission to make the employment recovery an absolute priority, e.g. in the report on the European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social aspects of the Annual Growth Survey (Rapporteur: Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto) and the report on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States (Rapporteur: Laura Agea); a letter along these lines has already been sent to the author of the motion in reply to his motion B8-0508/2015.*

8.13 B8-0815/2015 - Motion for a European Parliament resolution on more effective implementation of youth employment measures in Member States by Dubravka Šuica

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

Decision: *Not to follow up this matter as the Commission has already launched extraordinary measures to fight youth unemployment and encourage the implementation of*

the Youth Guarantee through the Youth Employment Initiative (approved in December 2013 and co-financed by the European Social Fund and a special allocation from the EU budget for 2014-2015 for the regions with the highest youth unemployment rates).

9. Points for information

9.1 Timetables

Reports

Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty (Ines Zuber)

Revised Timetable

Vote EMPL	12-13 October 2015
Vote in Plenary	tbc

Opinions:

No announcement.

9.2 Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group (OPSG) position paper on the COM proposal on IORP II

9.3 Roadmap for work-life balance legislation

9.4 CRPD Network

9.5 Letter from Commissioner Bulc on EU legislation in the civil aviation industry

9.6 Use of EMPL annual translation reserve (JK/LE)

The reserve has not been used since the last meeting.

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

Regarding the remaining meetings in 2015, in order to avoid Coordinators' meetings on Mondays, where it was possible, the Chair has decided on the following schedule:

- 15 September (Tuesday) afternoon as part of the Committee meeting (exact time to be confirmed)
- 28 September (Monday)
- 15 October 9:30-11:00 (Thursday)
- 12 November 10:00-11:30 (Thursday)

- 7 December 17:30-18:30 (Monday) as part of the Committee meeting

Decision: *Coordinators endorsed the above schedule.*