



EMPL COORDINATORS

FINAL RESULTS - V1-00

**Meeting of 24 September 2024
11.00 - 12.30**

Room: SPINELLI 5G3

Present:

- EPP: Dennis RADTKE
- S&D: Estelle CEULEMANS
- PflE: Nikola BARTUŠEK
- ECR: Chiara GEMMA
- Renew: Jana TOOM, Brigitte VAN DEN BERG
- Greens/EFA: Maria OHISALO
- The Left: Leila CHAIBI
- ESN: Petar VOLGIN

Decisions taken at the meeting:

1. Allocation of reports and opinions

1.1. Resumption of dossiers of the 9th legislature

- *Coordinators decided that no renewed proposal should be requested from the Commission nor the Commission should be recommended to withdraw any of the proposals in the EMPL remit.*

1.1.1. European statistics on population and housing, amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 763/2008 and (EU) No 1260/2013 - [2023/0008 \(COD\)](#)

- *Coordinators reconfirmed the Renew group for the rapporteurship and invited the other groups to appoint shadow rapporteurs swiftly.*

1.1.2. Amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 on the **coordination of social security systems** and Regulation (EC) No 987/2009 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 - [2016/0397 \(COD\)](#)

- *Coordinators reconfirmed the S&D group for the rapporteurship on the revision of the Coordination of the Social Security Regulation and invited the other groups to appoint shadow rapporteurs swiftly.*
- *Regarding the screening of unfinished business exercise, Coordinators decided to resume the file and continue the trilogue negotiations at the point where they failed (in line with Coordinators' Decision of September 2019), taking into account the progress achieved during the 9th mandate (in line with Coordinators' decision of February 2024).*

1.1.3. Establishment and functioning of **European Works Councils** and effective enforcement of transnational information and consultation rights Amending Directive 2009/38 - [2024/0006 \(COD\)](#)

- *Coordinators reconfirmed the EPP group for the rapporteurship on the revision of the European Works Councils Directive and invited the other groups to appoint shadow rapporteurs swiftly.*
- *Regarding the screening of unfinished business exercise, Coordinators decided to resume the file where it was left (after adoption of draft report on 3 April 2024, vote in committee on the mandate was postponed).*

1.1.4. Improving and enforcing working conditions of trainees and combating regular employment relationships disguised as traineeships (**'Traineeships Directive'**) - [2024/0068 \(COD\)](#)

- *Coordinators reconfirmed the committee's stance on the conflict of competence with CULT.*
- *Coordinators reconfirmed the S&D group for the rapporteurship on the Traineeships Directive and invited the other groups to appoint shadow rapporteurs swiftly.*

1.1.5. Establishing an **EU Talent Pool** - [2023/0404 \(COD\)](#)

- *Coordinators reconfirmed the S&D group for the rapporteurship on the EU Talent Pool and invited the other groups to appoint shadow rapporteurs swiftly.*
- *In respect of the transitional arrangements, Coordinators decided to request that the proposal should be dealt with under the joint committee procedure pursuant to Rule 59.*

1.1.6. **European labour market statistics on businesses**, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 and Regulations (EC) No 450/2003 and (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council - [2023/0288\(COD\)](#)

- *Coordinators decided to reconfirm the S&D group for the rapporteurship on the European labour market statistics on businesses and invited the other groups to appoint shadow rapporteurs swiftly.*

1.1.7. **Long-Term Residents Directive** (recast) - [2022/0134 \(COD\)](#)

- *Coordinators decided to reconfirm the Renew group for the rapporteurship on the Long-Term Residents Directive and invited the other groups to appoint shadow rapporteurs swiftly.*

1.2. **New dossiers**

1.2.1. **European Semester** for economic policy coordination: employment and social priorities for 2025

- *Coordinators decided to attribute the report to EPP.*

1.2.2. Proposal for an own-initiative report on **the future of the European Social Fund**

- *Coordinators decided to request authorisation for drawing-up an own initiative report under the title ‘European Social Fund Plus post-2027’ and to allocate the report to S&D.*

1.2.3. **2023 Discharge Procedure**

- *Coordinators decided to draw up discharge opinions only on the following reports:*
 - *2023 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission;*
 - *2023 discharge: Decentralised Agencies (focused on the 5 agencies related to EMPL competences).*
- *Coordinators allocated the discharge opinions to EPP that will appoint one single rapporteur for the EMPL opinions on 2023 discharge files;*

1.2.4. **Standing Rapporteur for half mandate on the annual budgetary and the discharge procedures**

- *Coordinators decided to appoint an EMPL standing rapporteur (MEP Romana TOMC (EPP)) for the first half of the mandate for the annual budgetary procedure and for the discharge procedure.*

1.2.5. **The Multiannual Financial Framework post-2027: ‘A revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world’**

- *Coordinators decided to allocate the opinion to EPP.*

1.2.6. **New Commission proposal on Mobilisation EGF/2024/001 BE/Match-Smatch and reestablishment of the EGF Working Group**

- *Coordinators decided to:*
 - *Draw up an opinion in a letter form to BUDG on EGF/2024/001;*
 - *Re-establish the EMPL EGF WG, and approve its Working Methods;*
 - *Nominate the EMPL 1st Vice-Chair as the WG Chair and invite other groups to communicate the names of Members of the EGF WG swiftly.*

1.2.7. Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a **reinforced Quality Framework for Traineeships** - [COM\(2024\)0133](#) - [SWD\(2024\)0066](#), [SWD\(2024\)0067](#), [SWD\(2024\)0068](#) - [SEC\(2024\)0097](#)

- *Coordinators agreed to take this proposal into account in future committee work and decided to not take further action at this stage.*

1.2.8. Commission Staff Working Document: Evaluation of the Council Recommendation of 22 May 2017 on the **European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning** - [SWD\(2024\)0141](#), [SWD\(2024\)0142](#)

- *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views in the committee.*

1.2.9. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: **Labour and skills shortages in the EU: an action plan** - [COM\(2024\)0131](#)

- *Coordinators decided to organise an exchange of views once the new Commission is established to discuss the legacy of the European Year of Skills and possible further actions in this field.*

1.2.10. Proposal for a Council Decision 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 (**Social Security**) - [COM\(2024\)204](#)

- *Coordinators took note of the proposal for a Council Decision and decided to not take further action.*

1.2.11. Proposal for a Council decision 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 (**Eurofound**) - [COM\(2024\)0205](#)

- *Coordinators took note of the proposal for a Council Decision and decided to not take further action.*

1.2.12. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee on the implementation by Member States of Directive 2003/88/EC concerning **certain aspects of the organisation of working time** - [COM\(2023\)0072](#) - [SWD\(2023\)0040](#)

- *Coordinators took note of the Commission's report and decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views in committee, together with social partners.*

1.2.13. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee on the application and implementation of Directive (EU) 2018/957 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 June 2018 amending Directive 96/71/EC concerning the **posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services** - [COM\(2024\)0320](#) - [SWD\(2024\)0320](#)

– *Coordinators took note of the Commission’s report and decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views in committee, together with social partners.*

1.2.14. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Specialised Committee on Social Security Coordination established by the **Trade and Cooperation Agreement** between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of certain Annexes to the **Protocol on Social Security Coordination** - [COM\(2024\)0245](#)

– *Coordinators took note of the proposal for a Council decision and decided to not take further action.*

1.2.15. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: The **ex post evaluation of the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI)** including the final evaluation of the European Progress Microfinance Facility (EPMF) - [COM\(2024\)0254](#) - [SEC\(2024\)0184](#) - [SWD\(2024\)0146](#)

– *Coordinators took note of the Commission’s evaluation and decided to not take further action.*

2. Hearing on loneliness

– *Coordinators decided to hold a hearing on the topic of the EMPL Pilot Project on Loneliness in the European Union.*

3. Disability Rights Week 2024

– *Coordinators marked their agreement to the following specific activities of the EMPL Committee during the Disability Rights Week:*

- *a workshop to be organised by the Policy Department in relation to deinstitutionalisation and independent living of persons with disabilities;*
- *a hearing on the topic of fostering employment of persons with disabilities.*

4. Gender Equality Week 2024

- *Coordinators agreed to invite a high-level speaker from EIGE for an exchange of views during this year's Gender Equality Week, on 4 or 5 November 2024, on the topic of 'Ensuring gender equality in the labour market: addressing the gender pay gap and the 'sticky floor''.*

5. Activities with national parliaments

- *Coordinators decided to postpone the decision to the next Coordinators' meeting, planned for the 03/10/2024.*

6. Scheduling of coordinators meetings second semester 2024

- *Coordinators took note of the proposed dates of coordinators meetings for the second half of 2024: 3 October, 14 October, 12 November and 12 December 2024.*

7. Exchange of views with Agency Directors

- *Coordinators took note of the current state of preparations for the exchange of views due to take place on 14 October 2024, which will be finalised in a written procedure.*

8. Mission to Poland

- *Coordinators took note of the current state of preparations for the mission to Poland in the week of 28 October 2024 (week 44).*

9. Decisions taken via written procedure

For the record, Coordinators took the following decisions by written procedure:

- On the Commission Delegated Regulation of 9.7.2024 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council by specifying the **number and titles of the variables for the use of information and communication technologies statistics domain for the reference year 2025**, coordinators decided (deadline 02/09/2024) NOT to propose an objection;
- On the representative of EMPL for the first meeting of the **Budget Network on 17 September** (deadline 11/09/2024) and following the BUDG and CONT Chairs' letter, the coordinators decided to appoint Ms Romana TOMC as provisional representative of EMPL for the first meeting of the Budget Network;
- In respect of the **FEMM request to draw up an opinion to the EMPL European Semester report** under Rule 57, Coordinators raised no objections (deadline 23/09/2024) to replying favourably to the request.

10. Any other business

10.1. EMPL resolution on the need for jobs and workers' rights protection in restructuring processes : the case of Audi Brussels

- *Coordinators decided to draw up a resolution on the social consequences of the restructuring in the automotive industry in Europe (generally and not on only one individual case) with a special focus on workers, and assigned the sponsorship to S&D (title of the resolution and timetable to follow).*

10.2. Confirmation hearings of Commissioners-designate

- *Coordinators were debriefed by the Chair on the current state of preparations of the confirmation hearings.*

10.3. Housing

- *The Chair was mandated by Coordinators to defend EMPL competences in the CCC in respect of housing.*

11. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings

- *Next Coordinators' meeting: 3 October 2024.*

Annex 1 - Other non-legislative documents received for information

- Report from the Commission - **Monitoring the application of European Union law - 2023 Annual Report** - [COM\(2024\)0358](#)
- Communication from the European Commission to the Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors - **Annual Accounts of the European Commission for the Financial Year 2023** - [COM\(2024\)0271](#)
- Commission Staff Working Document - **New European Bauhaus Investment Guidelines** - [SWD\(2024\)0202](#)
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 1260/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on **European demographic statistics** - [COM\(2024\)0326](#)
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the issuance by Member States of **temporary driver cards** in accordance with Article 26(4) of Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 - [COM\(2024\)309](#)
- Report from the Commission Monitoring the application of European Union law 2023 Annual Report - [COM\(2024\)0358](#)
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation and application of Articles 4 and 5 of Directive (EU) 2015/1794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 amending Directives 2008/94/EC, 2009/38/EC and 2002/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directives 98/59/EC and 2001/23/EC, **as regards seafarers** - [COM\(2024\)291](#)
- Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending Implementing Decision (EU) (ST 10155/21 INIT; ST 10155/21 ADD1) of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the **recovery and resilience plan for Luxembourg** [COM\(2024\)0347](#)
- Proposal for a Council recommendation on **Smoke- and Aerosol-Free Environments** replacing Council Recommendation 2009/C [COM\(2024\)0055 - SWD\(2024\)0055 - SWD\(2024\)0056](#)