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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

EMPL COORDINATORS

FINAL RESULTS - V1-00

Meeting of 21 November 2024 14.30 - 15.30

Room: SPAAK 6B54

Present:

- EPP: Liesbet SOMMEN

- S&D: Estelle CEULEMANS

PfE: Nikola BARTŮŠEK

- ECR: Chiara GEMMA

- Renew: Jana TOOM

- Greens/EFA: Maria OHISALO

- The Left: Per CLAUSEN

Decisions taken at the meeting:

1. Allocation of reports and opinions

1.1. Legislative Reports

- **1.1.1.RESTORE Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction** amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 and Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 COM(2024)0496 2024/0275(COD)
 - A minority of Coordinators requested a bidding for the allocation of files. Following an agreement, Coordinators allocated the report to EPP. The Patriots Coordinator contested this allocation for not being based on the auctioning system.

1.2. Opinions

1.2.1. Possibilities for simplification of cohesion funds

 Coordinators decided to draw up the opinion in the form of a letter and allocated it to S&D.

2. Exchange of views on the Traineeships Directive

 Coordinators agreed to the organisation of the exchange of views, tentatively scheduled for 13 January 2025, and approved the proposed programme for this exchange of views with some changes (see annex).

3. VP Ewa Kopacz proposal to hold a joint EMPL/JURI public hearing on the protection and promotion of rights of children placed in alternative care

- Coordinators decided to hold a joint public hearing with JURI on the protection and promotion of rights of children placed in alternative care as proposed by VP Ewa Kopacz.

4. A letter to the EMPL Chair by Amazon

- Coordinators decided to:
 - o First, invite Amazon to EMPL committee meeting to discuss working conditions in the company's warehouses; and then possibly
 - o Organise a mission to Amazon facilities.
- Coordinators mandated the Chair to reply to Amazon, conveying the decisions taken.

5. Definition of Policy Priorities

5.1. Missions

- Coordinators decided to organise in the first half of 2025 the following missions:
 - Mission to an Agency: ETF (Torino, Italy), possibly between 14 and 18 April 2025, 2 days, combined with a committee mission to La Piazza dei Mestieri (Torino, Italy);
 - o Incoming presidency country (Denmark), possibly between 14 and 18 April or between 26 and 30 May 2025;
 - UN CRPD COSP (New York), 10 12 June 2025, combined with a mission to the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA);
 - Ruhr Region (Germany), which should include a focus on just transition and on the social aspects of the region's transition into a green economy hub.
- Coordinators also decided to organise an ad hoc visit to Kaiserslautern (Germany), around a Strasbourg session.

6. Future of economic governance

- Coordinators agreed that EMPL should have a strong role in the EU economic governance framework, and tasked the secretariat to submit a proposal for that.
- Coordinators endorsed to hold the first economic dialogue with ECON on the Autumn package in the European Semester early 2025 - exact date pending on agreement with ECON.
- Coordinators discussed two topics for EMPL ICM in the European Parliamentary Week based on Polish Presidency proposals and decided to finalise their proposals in a written procedure.

7. Petitions

7.1. Received for information

- 7.1.1. Petition No 0586/2024 by Raluca Valean Malos (Spanish) on the alleged failure by Spain to comply with Directive 2023/970 of 10 May 2023 to strengthen the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work or work of equal value between men and women through pay transparency and enforcement mechanisms
 - Coordinators took note of Petition No 0586/2024 received for information.
- **7.1.2.** Petition No 0734/2024 by R. W. (German) on the accessibility of public spaces for people with reduced mobility
 - Coordinators took note of Petition No 0734/2024 received for information.

8. Motions for Resolution

- 8.1. Motion for a resolution on solutions to the housing crisis <u>B10-0068/2024</u>
 - Coordinators took note of the motion for a resolution on solutions to the housing crisis and decided not to follow up at this stage but to take it into account in committee's future activities.

9. Proposals for Union acts

9.1. Proposal for a Union act on classifying the activity of military personnel, police officers, prison officers and private security guards as dangerous professions in the Union - $\underline{B10}$ - 0018/2024

Postponed to next meeting.

- 9.2. Proposal for a Union act on the need to cut the cost of access to housing B10-0078/2024
 - Coordinators took note of the proposal for a Union act on the need to cut the cost of housing, no further action being required for the time being, and decided to return back to the proposal should ECON as the lead committee decide to take further action.

10. Decisions taken via written procedure

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

- Retabling budgetary amendments in plenary (deadline 14/10/2024): following the analysis of the position adopted in the BUDG Committee on 7 October 2024 compared to the amendments adopted in EMPL on 4 September 2024, no budgetary amendment rejected by BUDG received a clear majority of groups in favour of retabling.
- Requests for INIs and public hearings from other Committees (deadline 14/10/2024):
 - A. the IMCO request for a strategic INI on "Public procurement": request an **opinion under Rule 57**
 - B. the AFET/INTA request for an implementation report on the "Implementation and application of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement": request an **opinion under Rule 57** (which could possibly be submitted in the form of a letter)
 - C. the REGI request for an INI on "The role of cohesion policy in the European plan for affordable housing": request to be jointly associated if this request goes ahead, while highlighting that decisions on any requests regarding housing issues had better be taken at a later stage, in order to take account of relevant developments in a more comprehensive way
 - D. the REGI request for an INI on "Possibilities for simplification of cohesion funds": request an **opinion under Rule 57**
 - E. the REGI request for an INI on "The role of cohesion policy in supporting the just transition": request an **opinion under Rule 57**, while requesting REGI to further adapt the scope to the INI title
 - F. the REGI request for a PH entitled "Towards a European plan for Housing: Perspectives on urban and rural areas" (February 2025): request to treat in the same way as the relevant INI
 - G. the VP Kopacz proposal for a PH to be organised by SANT on 'Public health challenges in view of children and young people's well-being': request **to be involved/invited** to the hearing.
- Public Hearing on 'Loneliness in the European Union' (deadline: 22/10/2024): Following the outcomes of the written procedure launched on 16 October, Coordinators decided to invite three experts: 1. Alana OFFICER, Head of Unit, World Health Organization (WHO), 2. Pamela QUALTER, Professor, Manchester Institute of Education, 3. Maike LUHMANN, Professor, Ruhr University Bochum and Coordinator of 'Lonely-EU' consortium. In addition, the Subcommittee on Public Health (SANT) nominated Jill Litt, PhD, Senior Researcher, Barcelona Institute of Public Health (IS Global) as a speaker.
- Envisaged revisions of the scoreboard of the macroeconomic imbalances procedure (MIP) (deadline: 24/10/2024): EMPL Chair sent Committee opinion to ECON Chair in form of a letter after a written consultation with Coordinators on the 4 November 2024. The opinion was to be annexed to the ECON opinion.
- Public Hearing on 'Fostering employment for persons with disabilities': Groups came forward with proposals for experts, 4 in total with 2 reimbursed.

- **RESTORE** proposal: decision on urgent procedure (deadline: 06/11/2024): EMPL and REGI Coordinators decided to request the application of the urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 170(5) RoP (urgent procedure with committee report).
- EMPL conflict of competence on SANT INI sustainable health systems (deadline: 08/11/2024): A large majority of Coordinators supported option (c) reiterate the EMPL position: request SANT to shorten the INI title to 'Sustainable health systems' and maintain the INI within their competence, without touching upon any EMPL competences. A proposal was made that EMPL draws its own INI on healthcare workers' aspects in parallel, with a suggested title: "Working conditions in the health sector".
- Consultation by EMPL Chair: International Labour Congress in Madrid: Global Charter of Labour Rights (deadline 11/11/2024): a majority of Groups have not supported the Chair signature of the Declaration on behalf of the EMPL Committee.
- Consultation on Eurofound presentation for Gender Equality Week: The deadline was Friday, 15 November. Coordinators agreed to have a presentation by Eurofound on 12 December (30 minutes in total). In addition, it was suggested that among the proposed topics, topic 1 gender pay gap could be prioritized.
- Requests for INIs and public hearings from other Committees (deadline 18/11/2024 at noon): The following outcomes have been established:
 - o FEMM request for an INI on: Gender pay and pension gap in the EU: state of play, challenges and way forward and developing guidelines to better evaluate and fairer remunerate work in female dominated sectors
 - **EMPL** to request **Joint Committee procedure under Rule 59**
 - o FEMM request for an INI on: Gender Equality Strategy 2025
 - > EMPL no Opinion
 - o FEMM request for an INI on: Advancing towards care society: Addressing the gender care gap
 - **EMPL** to request **Joint Committee procedure under Rule 59.**

11. Any other business

None.

12. Dates of next Coordinators' meetings

- Next Coordinators' meeting: 3 December 2024.

ANNEX 1 - Timetables

1. European Semester

Indicative timetable:

Draft report	20 November 2024
Autumn Package	26 November 2024
Deadline for amendments	17 December, at 12:00
Consideration of draft report & AMs in EMPL committee meeting	13 January or 27-28 January 2025
SHA & TEC meetings	Weeks 3 and 4
Last Shadows' / technical meeting	23 January 2025
Tabling compromise amendments	28 January, at 12:00
Draft Voting List	28 January 2025
Requests for oral amendments, withdrawal of amendments, split or separate votes, roll-call votes	31 January, at 12:00
Sending the final Voting List	4 February, at 12:00
Vote in Committee	6 February 2025
Tabling deadline to Plenary	14 February 2025
Plenary	March 2025

2. Talent Pool - opinion

Indicative timetable:

Send draft opinion to translation	22 November 2024
Consideration of draft opinion	12 December 2024
Deadline for Amendments	17 December 2024, noon
Shadow Rapporteurs'/technical meeting - compromises	Week 3 - Week 7
	(exact dates/timings to be
	defined)
Last Shadows' / technical meeting	5 February 2025
Tabling compromise amendments	10 February, 12:00
Draft Voting List	10 February 2025
Requests for oral amendments, withdrawal of	13 February 2025, 17:00
amendments, split or separate votes, roll-call votes	-
Sending the final Voting List	17 February 2025, 12:00
Vote in committee	19 February 2025
Plenary	April I (tbc) (LIBE planning)

3. A revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world - opinion

Indicative timetable:

BUDG draft report sent to translation	14 January 2025
Send draft opinion to translation	29-30 January 2025
Deadline for amendments	3 February 2025 at 12.00
Shadows & technical meetings	Weeks 7 &8
Last shadows / technical meeting	4 March 2025
Draft voting list & compromise amendments	6 March 2025
Requests for oral amendments, withdrawal of amendments, split or separate votes, roll-call votes	12 March 2025
Sending the final voting list	14 March 2025
Vote in EMPL	18 March 2025
Deadline for opinion giving committees	20 March 2025 at 17.00
Vote in BUDG	31 March (extra STR)

ANNEX 2 - Other non-legislative documents received for information

- Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) (ST 11047/21 INIT; ST 11047/21 ADD 1; ST 11047/21 COR 1) of 8 September 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Czechia COM(2024)0492 SWD(2024)0240 2024/0272 (NLE)
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council First progress report
 of the EU Strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life COM(2024)0476
- Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) (ST 12275/22 INIT; ST 12275/22 INIT ADD 1) of 4 October 2022 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for the Netherlands COM(2024)0482 2024/0265 (NLE)
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the working of committees in 2023 COM(2024)0465 SWD(2024)0235
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Implementation of the European Research Area (ERA) Strengthening Europe's Research and Innovation: The ERA's Journey and Future Directions COM(2024)0490
- Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision (EU) (ST 10160/21 INIT; ST 10160/21 ADD 1 REV 2) of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Italy COM(2024)0509 2024/0287 (NLE)