

LobbyNet

Brussels, 8 October 2024

Minutes & Action Points

Practical Information

- 08/10/2024
- 14:00 – 15:30
- Hybrid: Teams/
Ceemet meeting room
2nd floor

The **list of participants** and **final agenda** are attached respectively as per *enclosures 1 & 2*.

ITEM 1 – REVISION OF THE EUROPEAN WORKS COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

The participants agree that the status of the file is still very confusing at the European Parliament level and that it remains unclear whether it will put on the “discontinuity list” at the Conference of Presidents or not.

Latest information seems to confirm, however, that MEP Radtke has been confirmed as rapporteur and that it has been decided in “coordinators’ meeting” that the work on the file will resume where it was left before the European elections.

At Council level, nothing new has happened.

Actions:

- Gesamtmetall will approach their Bavarian member to see if they can contact MEP Weber
- Delphine Rudelli will talk to the Renew EMPL Advisor next week and try to gather some accurate procedural information ;
- Henrique Laitenberger will check who is responsible for the file at the EMPL Secretariat level.

ITEM 2 – INITIATIVES ON TRAINEESHIPS

Ceemet has prepared a letter to President von der Leyen calling for the withdrawal of the directive on traineeship arguing on the “discontinuity principle” (article 39 of the Interinstitutional agreement). The letter will be discussed at BusinessEurope Advocacy Group n Traineeship to gain support from other sectors and possibly from BusinessEurope¹.

In the European Parliament, the rapporteur (Alicia Holms – S&D) and the shadows (Mélanie Disdier (PFE), Jagna Marczulajtis-Walczak (PPE) & Chiara Gemma (ECR)) have been nominated, except for the Greens and Renew. Work will therefore start soon.

¹ In the meantime, the Secretariat that a few sectors and BE were consulting their membership on this proposal.

Actions:

- Victoria Krah will ask Anton from Teknikföretagen if any follow-up action has been taken after the Yellow card procedure in Sweden;
- The lobbying strategy shall be discussed at the next SC EU meeting .

ITEM 3 – POTENTIAL UPCOMING INITIATIVES

The following information are shared by the participants:

Remote work: for the time being, the 2nd consultation document doesn't seem to be a priority of the Commission, at least until the new Commissioner is fully operational. However, there is no doubt that a directive will come despite the fact that the VDL political guidelines only mention an "initiative".

Other topics potentially in the pipeline (under the pressure from the trade unions) are: a directive limiting sub-contracting, a directive on just transition,.

Artificial Intelligence will also be high on the agenda. Several MEPs (EPP - Lexmann, Woeschler) have also expressed an interest for presenting own-initiative reports on the topic. Let's wait and see...

Platform: the text is in its final stage and should be finally approved (Point A) at the ENVI council on 13 October despite rumours that France could oppose.

Survey on AI (TIF) demonstrates that the best way to have companies talk about AI is to mention "data management". The issue of GDPR is still a little unclear how it operates on concrete level. AI leads to ethical concepts so there are still a question mark on how to proceed. Impacts have been identified on OSH, general productivity (performance), work organisation (shift allocation), HR & recruitment. The survey received 20% of responses but enough to be useful.

ITEM 4 – A.O.B.

Richard Rumbelow asked Ceemet about potential meetings on more general messages to MEPs. Delphine replied that indeed several of them have already taken place. All MEPs of EMPL are targeted (then the substitutes will come).

Finally, **Claudia** shared the good news that she will be on maternity leave as from Christmas until end of first semester 2025.

As the next EU Committee is scheduled for 29th October 2024, the **next LobbyNet meeting** will take place on **25 November between 11.00 and 12.30**.

Enclosures:

1. List of participants
2. Final agenda