Basic information

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Tripartite social summit for growth and employment Repealing Decision 2003/174/EC 2002/0136(CNS) **Subject** 4.15.02 Employment: guidelines, actions, Funds 4.15.14 Social dialogue, social partners 5.05 Economic growth	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	SÓGOR Csaba (PPE)	22/07/2014
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Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed

	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs
Council of the European Union	
European Commission	Commission DG: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion — Commissioner: ANDOR László

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
31/10/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0740	Summary
13/02/2014	Vote in committee		
21/02/2014	Committee interim report tabled for plenary	A7-0136/2014	Summary
24/02/2014	Legislative proposal published	05820/2014	Summary
15/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0377/2014	Summary
15/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
09/05/2016	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/07/2016	Vote in committee		
29/08/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0252/2016	Summary
14/09/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0340/2016	Summary
14/09/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/10/2016	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/10/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/10/2016	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	EMPL/8/00251

	EMPL/7/15017

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE526.223	06/01/2014	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE528.059	29/01/2014	
Committee interim report tabled for plenary		A7-0136/2014	21/02/2014	Summary
Interim resolution adopted by Parliament		T7-0377/2014	15/04/2014	Summary
Committee draft report		PE584.237	14/06/2016	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0252/2016	29/08/2016	Summary
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Council of the EU

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Tripartite social summit for growth and employment

2013/0361(APP) - 31/10/2013

PURPOSE: to revise Council Decision 2003/174/EC establishing a Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment (TSS) was set up by Council Decision 2003/174/EC, which formalised the practice of holding highlevel, informal meetings since 1997 in the framework of the European Employment Strategy, and subsequently the Lisbon Strategy.

This Decision was proposed to institutionalise the practice of high-level consultation between the EU institutions and the EU social partners. The proposal meant abolishing the former Standing Committee on Employment, which was set up in 1970 and reformed in 1999.

Since 2003, the TSS has been a separate event from the European Council meetings and has broadly fulfilled its aim of facilitating the exchange of views at the highest level between the Commission, the EU Presidency and the EU social partners on employment and social aspects of the Lisbon Strategy (since 2010, and then of the Europe 2020 Strategy).

Until the Lisbon Treaty entered into force, the meetings were co-chaired by the Council Presidency and the President of the Commission. The 2003 Decision also gave a role to the two subsequent Presidencies.

In its Communication of 2 October 2013 on the social dimension of the EMU, the Commission announced that it will present a proposal to revise the 2003 Council Decision. This is the aim of this proposal.

The amendment of the 2003 Council Decision is also needed as a result of the institutional changes brought in by the Treaty of Lisbon.

In addition, the overall policy framework needs to be revised, replacing the Lisbon Strategy with the Europe 2020 Strategy and specifying how the TSS for Growth and Employment contributes to the overall governance.

CONTENT: this proposal seeks to revise the 2003 Council Decision. The main provisions may be summarised as follows:

Task: its tasks shall be to:

- ensure, in compliance with the Treaty and with due regard for the powers of the institutions and bodies of the Union, that there is a continuous concertation between the Council, the Commission
- and the social partners;
- enable the social partners at European level to contribute, in the context of their social dialogue, to the various components of the Union's strategy for growth and jobs.

Membership: the main amendments concern the membership of the TSS. The Summit shall consist of the:

President of the European Council,

- the Council Presidency,
- the two subsequent presidencies,
- the Commission,
- the social partners.

The ministers from those three presidencies and the Commissioner responsible for employment and social affairs shall also be present.

The social partners' representatives shall be divided into two delegations of equal size comprising 10 workers' representatives and 10 employers' representatives, taking into account the need to ensure a balanced participation between men and women.

Each delegation shall consist of representatives of European cross-industry organisations, either representing general interests or more specific interests of supervisory and managerial staff and small and medium-sized businesses at European level.

Technical coordination shall be provided for the workers' delegation by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and for the employers' delegation by the Confederation of European Business (BUSINESSEUROPE).

Technical provisions are set out as regards:

- the preparation of the Summit;
- the operation (the Summit shall meet at least twice a year. The meetings shall be held before the respective spring and autumn sessions of the European Council);
- information on the Summit's discussions.

Presidency and organisation: the Summit shall be chaired jointly by the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission.

The meetings of the Summit shall be convened by the joint chairmen on their own initiative, in consultation with the social partners.

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2013/0361(APP) - 21/02/2014 - Committee interim report tabled for plenary

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs adopted, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (Parliament consent), the interim report by Csaba ŐRY (EPP, HU) on the proposal for a Council decision on a Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment.

In the framework of the interim report, Members made a series of amendments that may be summarised as follows:

Involving the social partners: Members recalled the position of the social partners and their declaration adopted on 24 October 2013 in which it confirmed their support for the Tripartite Social Summit for growth and employment and called for a coherent process of consultation of the social partners in the context of the European Semester.

They recalled on this occasion their **expertise** in the relevant areas.

Composition: Members stipulated that the Summit should consist of the President of the European Council, the Council Presidency and the two subsequent presidencies, the Commission and the social partners, represented at the highest level. The ministers from those three presidencies and the Commissioner responsible for employment and social affairs should also be present. Depending on the agenda, **other ministers from these three presidencies, other Commissioners and the Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament may also be invited to take part**. The agenda for the Summit should be **determined jointly by, and based on the equal partnership between, the Council, the Commission and the workers' and employers' cross-industry organisations** taking part in the work of the Summit.

Monitoring: the Summit should meet at least twice a year and the meetings should be held before the respective spring and autumn sessions of the European Council, and the outcome of the Summit shall be presented to the following European Council for decision-making. The joint chairmen should draw up a summary of the Summit's discussions in order to inform the relevant Council configurations, the **European Parliament** and the general public.

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2013/0361(APP) - 24/02/2014 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to revise the substance of Council Decision 2003/174/EC establishing the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment (TSS) and repeal that Decision.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

CONTENT : in a revised version of the draft decision, the Council decided to amend the substance of Decision 2003/174/EC on the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment as follows:

Task: the task of the TSS will be to:

- ensure, in compliance with the TFEU and the TEU and with due regard for the powers of the institutions and bodies of the Union, that there is a continuous concertation between the European Council, the Council, the Commission and the social partners;
- enable the European social partners to contribute, in the context of their social dialogue, to the various components of the Union's strategy for growth and jobs;
- facilitate synergies between the actions of the European Council, the Council, the Commission and the social partners aimed at the promotion of growth, a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education, training and protection of human health.

Composition: the TSS will be comprised of:

- the Presidents of the European Council and the Commission,
- the current Council Presidency represented at the highest level
- the two subsequent Council Presidencies and
- the social partners.

As set out in the initial legislative proposal presented by the Commission on 31.10.2013:

- the social partners' representatives shall be divided into two delegations of equal size comprising 10 workers' representatives and 10 employers' representatives, taking into account the need to ensure a balanced participation between men and women;
- each delegation shall consist of representatives of European cross-industry organisations, either representing general interests or more specific interests of supervisory and managerial staff and small and medium-sized businesses at European level;

- technical coordination shall be provided for the workers' delegation by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and for the employers' delegation by the Confederation of European Business (BUSINESSEUROPE).

Technical provisions are set out as regards:

- the preparation of the Summit;
- the operation (the Summit shall meet at least twice a year. The meetings shall be held before the respective spring and autumn sessions of the European Council);
- information on the Summit's discussions.

Tripartite social summit for growth and employment

2013/0361(APP) - 31/10/2013 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to revise Council Decision 2003/174/EC establishing a Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment (TSS) was set up by Council Decision 2003/174/EC, which formalised the practice of holding highlevel, informal meetings since 1997 in the framework of the European Employment Strategy, and subsequently the Lisbon Strategy.

This Decision was proposed to institutionalise the practice of high-level consultation between the EU institutions and the EU social partners. The proposal meant abolishing the former Standing Committee on Employment, which was set up in 1970 and reformed in 1999.

Since 2003, the TSS has been a separate event from the European Council meetings and has broadly fulfilled its aim of facilitating the exchange of views at the highest level between the Commission, the EU Presidency and the EU social partners on employment and social aspects of the Lisbon Strategy (since 2010, and then of the Europe 2020 Strategy).

Until the Lisbon Treaty entered into force, the meetings were co-chaired by the Council Presidency and the President of the Commission. The 2003 Decision also gave a role to the two subsequent Presidencies.

In its Communication of 2 October 2013 on the social dimension of the EMU, the Commission announced that it will present a proposal to revise the 2003 Council Decision. This is the aim of this proposal.

The amendment of the 2003 Council Decision is also needed as a result of the institutional changes brought in by the Treaty of Lisbon.

In addition, the overall policy framework needs to be revised, replacing the Lisbon Strategy with the Europe 2020 Strategy and specifying how the TSS for Growth and Employment contributes to the overall governance.

CONTENT: this proposal seeks to revise the 2003 Council Decision. The main provisions may be summarised as follows:

Task: its tasks shall be to:

- ensure, in compliance with the Treaty and with due regard for the powers of the institutions and bodies of the Union, that there is a continuous concertation between the Council, the Commission
- and the social partners;
- enable the social partners at European level to contribute, in the context of their social dialogue, to the various components of the Union's strategy for growth and jobs.

Membership: the main amendments concern the membership of the TSS. The Summit shall consist of the:

President of the European Council,

- the Council Presidency,
- the two subsequent presidencies,
- the Commission,
- the social partners.

The ministers from those three presidencies and the Commissioner responsible for employment and social affairs shall also be present.

The social partners' representatives shall be divided into two delegations of equal size comprising 10 workers' representatives and 10 employers' representatives, taking into account the need to ensure a balanced participation between men and women.

Each delegation shall consist of representatives of European cross-industry organisations, either representing general interests or more specific interests of supervisory and managerial staff and small and medium-sized businesses at European level.

Technical coordination shall be provided for the workers' delegation by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and for the employers' delegation by the Confederation of European Business (BUSINESSEUROPE).

Technical provisions are set out as regards:

- the preparation of the Summit;
- the operation (the Summit shall meet at least twice a year. The meetings shall be held before the respective spring and autumn sessions of the European Council);
- information on the Summit's discussions.

Presidency and organisation: the Summit shall be chaired jointly by the President of the European Council and the President of the Commission.

The meetings of the Summit shall be convened by the joint chairmen on their own initiative, in consultation with the social partners.

Tripartite social summit for growth and employment

2013/0361(APP) - 15/04/2014 - Interim resolution adopted by Parliament

The European Parliament adopted by 527 votes to 59, with 38 abstentions, in the framework of a special legislative procedure (consent), an interim resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on a Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment.

Parliament called on the Council to take account of the following amendments:

Involve the social partners: Parliament made reference to the Declaration by the European Social Partners on Social Partner Involvement in European Economic Governance adopted on 24 October 2013 in which the EU social partners confirmed their support for the Tripartite Social Summit for growth and employment and called for a coherent process of consultation of the social partners in the context of the European Semester.

Parliament recalled the importance of the social partners's **expertise** in the areas covered by the Summit.

Composition: Parliament stated that the Summit should also consist of the President of the European Council, the Council Presidency and the two subsequent presidencies, the Commission and the social partners, represented at the highest level. The ministers from those three presidencies and the Commissioner responsible for employment and social affairs shall also be present. Depending on the agenda, other ministers from these three presidencies, other Commissioners and the Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament may also be invited to take part.

Parliament called for each delegation to consist of representatives of European cross-industry organisations, either representing general interests or more specific interests of supervisory and managerial staff and **micro**, small and medium-sized businesses at European level.

The agenda for the Summit should be determined jointly by, and based on **the equal partnership between, the Council, the Commission and the workers' and employers' cross-industry organisations** taking part in the work of the Summit.

The matters on the agenda shall be discussed by the Council meeting in its Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs configuration, based as appropriate on a **contribution of all its preparatory bodies**.

Monitoring: the Summit shall meet at least twice a year. The meetings shall be held before the respective spring and autumn sessions of the European Council, and the outcome of the Summit shall be presented to the following European Council for decision-making. Lastly, The joint chairmen shall draw up a summary of the Summit's discussions in order to inform the relevant Council configurations, the **European Parliament** and the general public.

Tripartite social summit for growth and employment

2013/0361(APP) - 14/09/2016 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 626 votes to 62, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment and repealing Decision 2003/174/EC.

In line with the recommendation made by the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, Parliament **gave its consent** to the draft Council Decision.

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2013/0361(APP) - 29/08/2016 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs adopted the report by Csaba SÓGOR (EPP, RO) on the draft Council decision on the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment and repealing Decision 2003/174/EC.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to **give its consent** to the draft Council Decision.

To recall, the proposal seeks to revise the 2003 Council Decision in order to comply with the institutional changes introduced by the Lisbon Treaty. Moreover, the overall policy framework needs to be revised, replacing the Lisbon Strategy with the Europe 2020 Strategy and specifying how the TSS for Growth and Employment contributes to the overall governance.

Tripartite social summit for growth and employment

2013/0361(APP) - 13/10/2016 - Final act

PURPOSE: to repeal Council Decision 2003/174/EC establishing a Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment and replacing it with a new text that renews the tasks of the Summit.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2016/1859 on the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment and repealing Decision 2003 /174/EC.

CONTENT: with this Decision, the Council adopts a new framework for the tasks of the Tripartite Social Summit for Growth and Employment.

These tasks may be summarised as follows:

- to ensure, in compliance with the TFEU and the TEU and with due regard for the powers of the institutions and bodies of the Union, that there is a continuous concertation between the European Council, the Council, the Commission and the social partners;
- enable the European social partners to contribute, in the context of their social dialogue, to the various components of the Union's strategy for growth and jobs;
- facilitate synergies between the actions of the European Council, the Council, the Commission and the social partners aimed at the promotion of growth, a high level of employment, the guarantee of adequate social protection, the fight against social exclusion and a high level of education, training and protection of human health

For that purpose, the Summit shall draw on the upstream work of and discussions between the Council, the Commission and the social partners in the different concertation forums on economic, social and employment matters.

Membership: the Summit shall consist of:

- the Presidents of the European Council and the Commission;
- the current Council Presidency represented at the highest level;
- the two subsequent Council Presidencies; and
- the social partners.

The ministers from the three Council Presidencies and the Commissioner responsible for employment and social affairs shall also participate in the Summit.

The Decision also provides that:

- the social partners' representatives shall be divided into two delegations of equal size, one comprising 10 workers' representatives and the other comprising 10 employers' representatives, taking into account the need to ensure gender balance;
- both delegations shall consist of representatives of European cross-industry organisations, either representing general interests or more specific interests of supervisory and managerial staff and small and medium-sized businesses at European level;
- technical coordination shall be provided for the workers' delegation by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and for the employers' delegation by the Confederation of European Business (BUSINESSEUROPE).

There are technical provisions regarding:

- the preparation of the Summit ;
- the operation of the Summit (which shall meet at least twice a year, before the respective spring and autumn sessions of the European Council);
- information regarding the Summit’s discussions.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: Decision 2003/174/EC is repealed, with effect from 21.10.2016.