

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING
- not to be-treated in full committee -

Thursday, 28 September 2017, 14.00-15.30

Room JAN 2Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

29.09.2017

Present:

Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Belet, Acting Coordinator of the EPP group
Mr Pargneaux, Acting Coordinator of the S&D group
Ms Girling, Coordinator of the ECR group
Mr Torvalds, Acting Coordinator of the ALDE group
Ms Konečná, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG group
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Main items at last CCC meeting

The main item at last CCC was an exchange of views with Mr Verhofstadt on the state of play of Brexit negotiations. A resolution by political groups on the progress of negotiations is planned for the October I session.

2.2 Meeting CCC/Commissioners on 2018 Work Programme

The meeting will take place in the form of “clusters” and will be concluded on Tuesday 3 October by a “plenary meeting” with a report back from the clusters. The first cluster on which ENVI is involved, “Growth, Jobs and Investments” took place on Tuesday 26 September and was chaired by VP Katainen.

The cluster on “Energy and Climate”, chaired by VP Sefcovic, will take place in Strasbourg on 3 October.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

None

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Legislative opinions

None

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Non-legislative opinions

- 1. ECON own-initiative report on "European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2018"**

Decision taken: EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)

- 2. REGI own-initiative report on “Cohesion policy and the circular economy”**

Decision taken: EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)

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Documents received for information

- 3. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, with regard to proposals from various parties to the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals for amendments to the Appendices of the Convention at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
COM(2017)0455**

Decision taken: No action, for information only

- 4. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Interim Evaluation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism for the period 2014-2016
COM(2017)0460**

Decision taken: No action, for information only

5. **Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, at the next three meetings of the International Whaling Commission including related inter-sessional meetings and actions**
COM(2017)0463

Decision taken: *No action, for information only*

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Other documents received

6. **Commission staff working document Interim Evaluation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (2014-2016) Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Interim Evaluation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism for the period 2014-2016**
SWD(2017)0287
7. **Commission staff working document Impact Assessment on a Commission Initiative on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters**
SWD(2017)0255
8. **Draft Council Decision (EU) 2017/... of ... on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention as regards compliance case ACCC/C/2008/32**
Conseil (2017)11150

4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

4.1 State of play on cooperation between committees

4.1.1 ITRE request for clarification on ENVI/AFET INI report on Climate Diplomacy

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the exchange of letters.*

4.1.2 AGRI request for association pursuant to Rule 54 on the INI report on Anti-microbial Resistance

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to reply offering to the AGRI Committee to be associated under Rule 53+.*

4.1.3 Proposal for an agreement on ENVI/TRAN conflict of competence on Eurovignette

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to reply to the TRAN letter maintaining the request for Rule 54 but, as a compromise, to support the share of competences agreed by the ENVI and TRAN rapporteurs.*

4.2 ENVI missions in 2018

4.2.1 Missions to EU and candidate countries and ad-hoc missions

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided the following missions:*

- *French Alps*
- *IMO, London*
- *China (decision in principle - mission for the second semester)*

The date of the mission to the French Alps and the composition of the missions for the first semester will be decided at next coordinators meeting.

4.2.2 Visits to Agencies: dates and composition

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the following dates and composition for the visits to the Agencies:*

- *ECHA (12-13 February 2018 - same composition as previously agreed: EPP, GUE/NGL, ECR)*
- *Health and Food Audits and Analysis (4-6 April 2018 - composition: S&D, Greens/EFA, EFDD)*
- *EEA (second semester 2018 - max 3 days travel included - composition: ALDE, EPP, S&D)*

4.3 Hearing of the candidate for function of Executive Director of ECHA - Decision on procedure

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the envisaged date for the hearing (11 October pm) and endorsed the following format:*

The hearing (approximately 1h30 in total) will be organised as follows:

- **Short introduction** by the Chair.
- **Opening statement** of no more than 10 minutes by the nominee.
- **First round of questions** by coordinators or their representatives in blocs of 5 minutes (total: 40 minutes):
 - 1 minute question (one topic)
 - 2 minutes answer
 - 1 minute possible follow-up question (one topic)
 - 1 minute answer
- **Second round of questions:** 12 questions by MEPs in blocs of 3 minutes (no follow-up questions allowed) (total: 36 minutes).

If a speaker is not present, the question will lapse.

Taking into account the D'Hondt method, the questions for the second round will be divided as follows: EPP 4, S&D 4, ECR 1, ALDE 1, GUE/NGL 1, Greens/EFA 1.

- **Final statement** of no more than 5 minutes by the nominee.
- **Short concluding remarks** by the Chair.

4.4 Possible exchange of views with the Commission on scientific criteria for endocrine disrupters in the context of biocides

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to invite the Commission to the next committee meeting to have an exchange of views on the Delegated Regulation setting out scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 (biocides).

4.5 Renewal of authorisation for glyphosate

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided:

- as first step, to mandate the Chair to seek clarification in writing with Commissioner Andriukaitis on the envisaged date of transmission and of vote of the draft measure;*
- to inform their MEPs of the situation and to already flag up a very short deadline for objection once the text will be officially transmitted;*
- to fix a deadline for objection once the text will be officially transmitted which would allow the possibility to express EP views before a decision is taken by the Commission.*

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Possible public hearing on Brexit

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided:

- To seek authorisation for a Public Hearing on the impact of the UK withdrawal from the EU on the environment, public health and food safety.*

A deadline for political groups to propose speakers for the hearing was set for Friday, 6 October cob in view of a decision by coordinators in written procedure at the latest at the 19 October meeting.

- To invite Parliament's coordinator Mr Verhofstadt and Mr Brok and Mr Gualtieri, members of the Brexit Steering Group, to a subsequent ENVI Committee meeting.*

5.2 *Experts for Joint AGRI/ENVI/ITRE meeting on the EU Forest strategy*

Decision taken: *A deadline was set for Thursday 5 October, close of business for political groups to send their suggestions for two speakers/organisations (without reimbursement of expenses) to be invited to the hearing for topic 4 “Forests and resilient landscapes”.*

5.3 *Appointment of EP representatives in ECHA Management Board*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to appoint Dr Peter Van Puyvelde, and Dr Olwenn Martin and mandated the Chair to inform accordingly the Conference of Presidents.*

5.4 *Possible exchange of views with the Commission on the state of play on 4th RDE package*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to hold the above mentioned exchange of views with the Commission at one of the November/beginning of December ENVI meetings.*

6. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

6.1 *Decisions on procedure*

6.1.1 *Motions for resolution Rule 133*

1. **Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on the appointment of agency heads by the Commission by Dominique Martin - B8-0480/2017**
2. **Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on the health risks associated with the use of solariums by Mireille d’Ornano - B8-0487/2017**
3. **Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on patients’ rights in the area of immunization by Mireille d’Ornano - B8-0500/2017**
4. **Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on soil by Nicola Caputo - B8-0505/2017**

Decision taken: *No follow-up needed. The Chair will reply accordingly to the author(s) of the motions for resolution.*

6.1.2 *Short-list of candidates for INI reports*

The following topic was added to the short list at the 21 March meeting:

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on progress made and gaps remaining in the European Emergency Response Capacity - COM(2017)0078

Decision taken: *In the light of the fact that the above topic was included in the short-list more than 6 months ago, it was now be dropped.*

6.2 *Petitions for opinion*

None

7. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 *On-going INI reports in ENVI*

The file included the list of on-going INI reports.

7.2 *Petitions for information*

- Petition No **0152/2017** by Marco Giovannelli (Italian) on behalf of Save our Wolves International, bearing 170.000 signatures, on the protection of the Italian wolf.
- Petition No **0158/2017** by J.R. (Polish) on Poland's lack of protection of its citizens against environmental ills.
- Petition No **0170/2017** by J.P.B. (German) on improving the care of people who suffer from erythropoietic protoporphyria.
- Petition No **0171/2017** by Thomas Beyer (German) on shielding children from shocking pictures on cigarette packets.
- Petition No **0198/2017** by Ian Blore (British) on alleged breach of the EU environmental legislation as a consequence of the permission to construct a cruise liner terminal in London.
- Petition No **0199/2017** by Sergio Arroyo Morcillo (Spanish) on waste being dumped in the River Segura, in Alicante.
- Petition No **0578/2017** by Mads Nikolajsen (Danish) on Denmark's breach of EU environmental legislation by enabling expansion of aquaculture.

7.3 *Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation*

The updated rolling check-list was included in the file.

7.4 *State of play of ENVI 2017 scrutiny plan*

The updated 2017 scrutiny plan was included in the file.

7.5 *Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee*

- **Case T-448/15, European Environmental Bureau (EEB) v Commission**
This case concerns an action brought by the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), a NGO active in the field of environmental protection, for the annulment of the Commission's refusal to grant access to certain documents relating to the withdrawal of the Waste Package Proposal, which the EEB had requested pursuant to Regulation (EC) No. 1049/2001 (the "Public Access Regulation").

- 7.6** *European Court of Auditors (ECA):*
- *indicative timetable of reports to be published until June 2018 -*
- *2018-2020 strategy*

The file included the above documents.

- 7.7** *Calendar of expert groups meetings organised by DGENV and DGCLIMA in October-December 2017*

The list of expert group meetings organised by DG ENV and DG CLIMA, dealing with the preparation of delegated acts covering areas of interest for the ENVI Committee, and scheduled for the trimester October-December 2017, was included in the file.

- 7.8** *Letter on Depleted Uranium*

The file included, for information, a letter received by the Chair on depleted uranium.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 19 October 2017, 14.00-15.30 (tbc)