

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Thursday, 19 October 2017, 14.00-15.30

Room JAN 4Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

19.10.2017

Present:

Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Ms Dalli, Coordinator of the S&D group
Ms Girling, Coordinator of the ECR group
Mr Torvalds, Acting Coordinator of the ALDE group
Ms Konecná, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG group
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
Ms Melin, Coordinator of the ENF group

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Meeting CCC/College in the context of Commission 2018 Work Programme

The chair reported back on the cluster on "Energy and Climate", chaired by VP Sefcovic, which took place in Strasbourg on 3rd October.

2.2 *ENVI requests for Rule 53+ with ITRE*

The Chair informed that the ITRE coordinators decided last week to grant the application of Rule 53+ as regards the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, as ENVI requested.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

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Own-initiative reports

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Legislative opinions

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Non-legislative opinions

1. AFET own-initiative report on “State of EU-US political relations”

Decision taken: *No opinion*

2. AFET own-initiative report on “State of EU-China political relations”

Decision taken: *GUE/NGL rapporteur (1 point)*

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Documents received for information

3. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Mid-term evaluation of the 3rd Health programme 2014-2020 under Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 on the establishment of a third programme of Union action in the field of health (2014-2020) COM(2017)0586

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

4. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Member State National Action Plans and on progress in the implementation of Directive 2009/128/EC on the sustainable use of pesticides COM(2017)0587

Decision taken *Request authorisation to draw up an implementation report on Directive 2009/128/EC. S&D rapporteur (4 points from special allocation for implementation reports).*

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Other documents received

5. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Mid-term evaluation of the third Health Programme Regulation No 282/2014 on the establishment of a third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020)**
SWD(2017)0331
6. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the commission staff working document accompanying the document: Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Mid-term evaluation of the 3rd Health programme 2014-2020 under Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 on the establishment of a third programme**

4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

4.1 Timetable of Energy Union Governance

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed to postpone the ENVI-ITRE vote as proposed by ITRE Coordinators. The Chair was mandated to identify the best way to express ENVI discontent on the procedure followed by ITRE.*

4.2 ENVI missions in 2018: dates and composition

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the dates and composition of the mission below and mandated the Chair to inform accordingly the Conference of Committee Chairs.*

- *IMO - MEPC 72, London, UK (9-13 April 2018 -maximum 3 days travel included - 3 Members + Chair: 2 EPP, 1S&D + Chair*

Coordinators also took note of the proposed date and composition of the mission below and were asked to check availability of Members for the proposed date.

- *French Alps (Savoie, Hautes-Alpes and Isère), France (16-18 July - 5 Members + Chair: 1 EPP, 2 S&D, 1 ECR, 1 ALDE + Chair)*

4.3 Possible ENVI participation to the activities of the “African Week” (20-23 November 2017)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to organise on 21 November an exchange of views (max 1 hour) on Transmissible diseases/ with Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Ethiopia), new WHO Director-General and/or experts from Africa (embassies, NGOs)*

4.4 European Citizen's Initiative "Ban Glyphosate"

Decision taken: *Coordinators approved the format as used in the previous hearing on the ECI "Right2Water", with one round per ECI goal and without the participation of external experts and decided that the Council should be invited to speak at the hearing.*

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Appointment of EP representatives in EEA Management Board

Decision taken: *Coordinators recommended the appointment of Prof. János Zlinszky and Prof. Lena Neij as full members, and Dr. Klaus Jacob and Prof. Ljubomir Majdandžić as alternate members of EEA Management Board and mandated the Chair to inform accordingly the Conference of Presidents.*

5.2 Experts for public hearing(s) on Brexit

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to organise a 4-hour Public Hearing on Brexit on Tuesday, 28 November. The following speakers were selected (max 6 to be reimbursed):*

Health:

- *Paul Laffin*
- *Virginia Acha*

Food safety:

- *Arla Foods (Peter Giortz-Carlsen)*
- *UK consumer organisation*

Environment:

- *Mary Creagh, MP*
- *Charlotte Burns*
- *Patrick Casement*
- *Vidar Vik, Director General, Norwegian Minister of Climate and Environment*

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

Decision taken: *The secretariat was mandated, in liaison with political groups' advisors, to put together a proposal to be approved by coordinators in written procedure (two experts with no reimbursement of expenses)*

5.4 *Possible Oral Question with resolution on the issue of “vaccine hesitancy and the drop in vaccination rates in Europe”*

Decision taken: *Coordinators approved the proposal. A deadline was set by 27 October closure of business for political groups to inform the Secretariat about the names of co-sponsors.*

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 establishing EU cross-border firefighting intervention teams by Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš - B8-0563/2017

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

None

6.2 Petitions for opinion

- Petition No **0030/2015** by Oliver Barthel (German) on the ban of plasticisers (phthalates) in the EU in items of everyday use. products for infants.
- Petition No **0867/2016** by Daniel Kölle (German) on a ban on chemicals and heavy metals in children’s toys.

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 **1519/2016** by Carmen Méndez Altozano (Spanish) on a high-voltage power line construction project in Fuerteventura.
- Petition No **0134/2017** by Alfonso Ramón (Spanish) on the Canary Island land bill allegedly undermining basic EU and Spanish environmental standards.
- Petition No **0149/2017** by Fabiano Filippin (Italian) on serious and continued acts of atmospheric pollution in the form of unpleasant odours and emissions of substances that cause

mucosal and respiratory tract irritation in an agricultural and inhabited areas in Friuli, Italy.

- Petition **No 0212/2017** by V.D. (Romanian) on the deforestation problem in Europe.
- Petition **No 0228/2017** by Fabio Tosi (Italian) on the alleged infringement by the Liguria region of EU law on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna, in particular by limiting the impact assessment procedure exclusively to actions that come formally within the scope of Sites of Community Interest (SCI).
- Petition **No 0229/2017** by Sara Martinez (Spanish) on the La Quebrada quarry in Jaén.
- Petition **No 0235/2017** by H.W.F. (German) on the Czech proposal to build a barrage dam on the Elbe river near Decin, Czech Republic.
- Petition **No 0245/2017** by H.A. (German), on behalf of an environmental association, Steinbruchfreunde e.V. (“Friends of the Quarry”), on the granting of a permit by local Bavarian authorities for the partial filling of a quarry in Dettelbach, Kitzingen, which allegedly violates the EU law as regards the protection of endangered species under the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC).
- Petition **No 0247/2017** by Roland Van Der Hoek (Dutch) on poisonous chemicals being released into the atmosphere as a result of the fact that in the Netherlands citizens are burning every type of wood, even processed (soaked or dipped), thereby releasing harmful chemicals into the atmosphere.
- Petition **No 0256/2017** by I. O. (Romanian) on air pollution caused from the transportation of pig slurry (manure) at night from pig farms to different farmlands in Romania.
- Petition **No 0265/2017** by Daniela Faccio Peláez (Spanish), on the labelling of low-gluten products.
- Petition **No 0280/2017** by A.T. (Italian) on alleged breaches of Union law in the widening from two to three lanes of part of the A4 Venice-Trieste motorway within Friuli, managed by Autovie Venete.
- Petition **No 0287/2017** by Karin Trüe (German), bearing 18 signatures, on allegedly inadequate implementation of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC in the State of Lower Saxony.
- Petition **No 0295/2017** by Jan Daniel Fritz (German) on behalf of “Saucenfritz GmbH” on the request to introduce mandatory labelling of trans fat products, in particular partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, in Germany and the EU.

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

None

7.6 Special reports recently published by the European Court of Auditors

The following documents have recently been published:

- “Implementing the Drinking Water Directive: water quality and access to it improved in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania, but investment needs remain substantial” (No 12/2017)
- Landscape review “EU action on energy and climate change”
- Audit Brief on “Air Quality in the EU”

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 21 November 2017, 9.00-10.30 (tbc)