

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Tuesday, 20 February 2018, 9.00-10.15

Room JAN 2Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

20.2.2018

Present:

Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Mr Dalli, Coordinator of the S&D group
Ms Girling, Coordinator of the ECR group
Mr Gerbrandy, Coordinator of the ALDE group
Ms Konečná, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG group
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
Ms Reid, Coordinator of the EFDD group
Ms Mélin, 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 Main items discussed at the last CCC meeting

2.1.1 CCC letter to the President on horizontal messages concerning post-2020 MFF

The Chair informed that the CCC had endorsed a letter (included in the file) to the President on the main horizontal messages concerning the post-2020 MFF.

2.1.2 Workload in view of end of legislature

There are currently over 170 files which will need to be concluded before the end of the legislature, not counting the MFF programmes which will be presented in May.

The CCC Chair thus encouraged committees to be selective in their activities and to focus on their core business: legislative work. As for the availability of logistical resources she committed to ask the President to be very flexible on this matter until the end of the legislature.

2.2 Decision of the European Environment Agency (EEA) Management Board on renewal of the terms of office of the Executive Director of the EEA (LV)

By letter of 30 January 2018 Mrs Burke, Chair of the EEA Management Board and Bureau, transmitted to the President of the European Parliament the decision taken on 6 December 2017 to renew the contract of Hans Bruyninckx as the Executive Director of the Agency.

The renewal of the term of office is for a period of 5 years and will take effect as of 1 June 2018. The letter was included in the file.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

1. Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU

ENVI/8/12220

***I 2018/0018(COD) COM(2018)0051 – C8-0024/2018

Responsible: ENVI

Opinions: ECON

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Decision taken: *S&D rapporteur (7 points)*

2. Quality of water intended for human consumption (recast)

ENVI/8/12227

***I 2017/0332(COD) COM(2017)0753 – C8-0019/2018

Responsible: ENVI

Opinions: BUDG

ITRE

IMCO

JURI

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur (5 points)*

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Legislative opinions

None

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Non-legislative opinions

3. AGRI own-initiative report on "The future of Food and Farming"

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points). Coordinators agreed to accept Rule 53+ and mandated the Chair to inform the CCC and the AGRI Chair that this would be without prejudice to a request for a more enhanced cooperation for the upcoming legislation. The suggested timetable was also endorsed.*

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Documents received for information

- 4. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: EU actions to improve environmental compliance and governance
COM(2018)0010**

Decision taken: *Invite the Commission for an exchange of views.*

- 5. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Member States' transposition of Article 118a of Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 6 November 2001 on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use as amended by Directive 2011/62/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011
COM(2018)0049**

Decision taken: *Invite the Commission for an exchange of views*

- 6. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change and repealing Decision No 280/2004/EC
COM(2018)0052**

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expired on 9 of February 2018, as indicated in comitology/DIA newsletter n.622 which included the report).*

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Other documents received

7. **Commission staff working document Environmental Compliance Assurance — scope, concept and need for EU actions Accompanying the document EU actions to improve environmental compliance and governance**
SWD(2018)0010
8. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy**
SWD(2018)0016
9. **Commission staff working document Measuring progress towards circular economy in the European Union – Key indicators for a monitoring framework Accompanying the document communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a monitoring framework for the circular economy**
SWD(2018)0017
10. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of the circular economy package: options to address the interface between chemical, product and waste legislation**
SWD(2018)0020
11. **Commission staff working document Report on Critical Raw Materials and the Circular Economy**
SWD(2018)0036
12. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the REFIT evaluation of the General Food Law (Regulation (EC) No 178/2002)**
SWD(2018)0037

Decision taken: *No action needed, as two exchange of views were already held with the Commission on the REFIT of the General Food Law.*

13. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT THE REFIT EVALUATION of the General Food Law (Regulation (EC) No 178/2002)**
SWD(2018)0038
14. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT Strengthening of the EU Cooperation on Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Accompanying the document Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU**
SWD(2018)0041
15. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the impact assessment accompanying the document: Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU**
SWD(2018)0042

4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

4.1 State of play on cooperation between committees

4.1.1 AGRI INI on Future of Food and Farming

See point 3, item 3

The Chair informed that on the two other pending disagreements on application of Rule 54 (TRAN request on the proposal on CO2 from cars and BUDG/DEVE request on Civil Protection Mechanism) a CCC recommendation was awaited in the next weeks ahead of a CoP decision in March.

4.2 ENVI missions for the second semester 2018

4.2.1 Missions to Agencies

Decision taken: *At their meeting of 28 September, coordinators had decided to visit EEA in the second semester 2018 with the following composition (1 ALDE, 1 EPP, 1 S&D). A suitable date will be identified by the secretariat in liaison with EEA and the contact person for coordinators' approval at next meeting.*

4.2.2 Missions other than Agencies

Decision taken: *The following missions were decided/reconfirmed:*

- ***French Alps (Savoie, Hautes-Alpes and Isère), France (16-18 July or 11-13 July - 5 Members + Chair: 1 EPP, 2 S&D, 1 ECR, 1 ALDE + Chair)***
- ***High Level Political Forum on Sustainability (SDGs), New York, 9-18th July 2018 (jointly with DEVE)***
- ***Global Climate Action Summit, San Francisco (12-14 September 2018)***
- ***World Circular Economy Forum, Japan, 21-23 October 2018***
- ***China on ETS (29-31 October 2018)***

Coordinators decided to reconsider the possibility of missions within the EU at a next meeting, after the Conference of Presidents decision on the ad hoc missions to international conferences.

4.3 Stakeholder Dialogue: committee topics for 2018

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to propose the following files:

- *CO2 emission standards for new cars and vans - Rapporteur: Miriam Dalli (S&D)*
- *Quality of water intended for human consumption (recast) - EPP rapporteur*

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Preparatory work for COP24 on climate, Katowice, December 2018

Decision taken:

ENVI as the Committee responsible for climate change shall prepare, pursuant to Rule 128 of the Rules of Procedure, Oral Questions to the Council and the Commission plus a resolution in order to define Parliament's position ahead of COP24. The resolution should be adopted prior to COP24 in November 2018 at the latest; a deadline for the communication of the co-sponsors' names to the secretariat was fixed for Friday, 16 March at noon. As has been the case for previous COPs, the resolution could include contributions from other interested Committees, in particular ITRE.

Coordinators also requested the Policy Department to commission a study on the issues at stake in view of the COP24 Climate Change Conference in Katowice in December 2018.

5.2 Invitation from the Malaysian Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities to visit Malaysia in the context of the proposed ban on the use of palm oil biofuels

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to organise a joint exchange of views together with ITRE, DEVE and the ASEAN delegation on palm oil biofuels.

At 9.45 in the presence of the Co-Chairs of the working groups

5.3 Exchange of views on the activities of the working groups under ENVI remit

5.3.1 Health Working Group

Mrs **Cabezón**, Co-Chair of the Health Working Group, presented, also on behalf of Mr Peterlee, the activity of the Health Working Group and reported back on the assessment on the implementation and effectiveness of the third Public Health Programme.

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to organise an exchange of views in Committee - in the presence of the Commission - on the mid-term review and future of the Health Programme.

5.3.2 LIFE Working Group

Ms **Suica**, Co-Chair of the LIFE Working Group, presented, also on behalf of Mr Caputo, the activity of the LIFE Working Group with particular reference to the outcomes of the workshop on "First results of the LIFE Programme 2014-2020" held on 10 October 2017.

Decision taken: *An exchange of views in Committee on the mid-term review and future of the LIFE Programme is already scheduled in the context of the ongoing work on the OQ and resolution on the same topic.*

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 raising awareness to combat food waste by Aldo Patriciello - B8-0708/2017

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

None

6.3 ENVI Public Hearings for the second semester 2018

Decision taken: *To mandate the Chair to inform the CCC that authorisation for Public Hearings will be requested, if necessary, on an ad-hoc individual basis.*

6.4 Extension of deadline for adoption of Sustainable Use of Pesticides Implementation INI report

Decision taken: *To endorse the extension of the deadline for adopting this implementation report in ENVI (vote in ENVI in January 2019 instead of November 2018).*

6.5 Structured dialogue 2018/2019

Decision taken: *Following the procedure established in previous years, coordinators decided to hold exchanges of views in the ENVI Committee on the evaluation and implementation of the 2018 Commission Work Programme. with:*

- *Vice-Presidents SEFCOVIC (already planned for 27 February), TIMMERMANS, KATAINEN*
- *Commissioners VELLA (already planned for 26 March), ANDRIUKAITIS (already planned for 26 April) and ARIAS CAÑETE*

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 **0525/2017** by Patricio Oschlies Serrano (Spanish) on reforestation in the EU.
- Petition No **0530/2017** by Jürgen Dunke, on behalf of Menschen für Tierrechte, Tierversuchsgegner Baden-Württemberg e. V., a group of animal rights NGOs, calling for a complete ban on animal testing for cosmetic and household products in the EU.
- Petition No **0605/2017** by P.O.S (Spanish) on the adoption of urgent measures to prevent the spread of the Zika virus in the EU.
- Petition No **0621/2017** by Valentina Rossi (Italian) on a moratorium on geothermal drilling on land.
- Petition No **0622/2017** by Fynn Brackmann (German) on the abolition of summer/winter time in the EU.
- Petition No **0625/2017** by C. M. (Irish) on water pricing in Ireland.
- Petition No **0626/2017** by Josef Kipperer (Austrian) on the non-application of the EU Water Framework Directive and other EU legislation.
- Petition No **0627/2017** by João Almeida (Portuguese) on improving forest fire protection in Portugal.
- Petition No **0636/2017** by J.L.B. (Spanish) on the tendering system for medicinal products in the Autonomous Community of Andalusia.
- Petition No **0646/2017** by Dario Mangili (Italian) on the alleged infringement of European legislation by some car manufacturers.
- Petition **0661/2017** by Francesco Cerchio (Italian) on imports of products derived from raw camel milk.
- Petition No **0669/2017** by Jochen Hörner (German) on the increase of the limit value for methanol in spirits.
- Petition No **0675/2017** by B.L. (French) on the chemical evaluation of carbon dioxide in carbonated beverages.
- Petition No **0694/2017** by Samuel Martin Sosa (Spanish) on lindane, a synthetic organochlorine insecticide.
- Petition No **0697/2017** by Samuel Martin Sosa (Spanish) on the lack of ozone contamination plans in Spain.
- Petition No **0699/2017** by V.S. (German) on the application of the Directive on the assessment and management of environmental noise in the town of Hückeswagen (North Rhine-Westphalia,

Germany), where according to the petitioner, Directive 2002/49/EC is not being applied properly.

- Petition No **0700/2017** by P.H. (Dutch), on behalf of the Canary Association of Renewable Energy (ACER), regarding renewable energy and the regulation of the electric sector.
- Petition No **0710/2017** by R.B. (German) on consumer protection in relation to the sale of alcohol.
- Petition No **0743/2017** by Jens Genzer (German) on the Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques.

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 C-616/17, Mathieu Blaise and Others – Reference for a preliminary ruling** on the validity of Regulation No 1107/2009 under the precautionary principle and possible submission of observations by the European Parliament.

7.6 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

The following documents were recently published:

- **Background Paper: Food safety in the EU**, February 2018
- **Greening: a more complex income support scheme, not yet environmentally effective, Special Report** No 21/2017, December 2017

7.7 Indicative planning on expert groups meetings of DG GROW and DG ENV

The list of expert group meetings was included in the file.

7.8 CCC letter to the President on horizontal messages concerning post-2020 MFF

The file included for information the above mentioned letter.

7.9 Decision of the European Environment Agency (EEA) Management Board on renewal of the terms of office of the Executive Director of the EEA

The file included for information the above mentioned decision.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 20 March 2018, 9.00-10.15 (tbc)