

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

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

Tuesday, 20 March 2018, 9.00-10.30
Room JAN 4Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

20.3.2018

Present:

Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Mr Dalli, Coordinator of the S&D group
Mr Piecha, Acting Coordinator of the ECR group
Mr Gerbrandy, Coordinator of the ALDE group
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
Ms Konečná, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG group
Ms Reid, Coordinator of the EFDD group

For item 2: Ms Ayuso, contact person for EFSA

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

At 9.00, in the presence of Ms Ayuso, contact person for EFSA

2. REPLACEMENT OF 7 MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF EFSA

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting*
An informal legal opinion will be asked to EP Legal Service on the meaning of article 25 of the EFSA regulation.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Main items discussed at last CCC

3.1.1 Structured dialogue

This years' structured dialogue and committees' contribution to the CCC summary report should rather focus on taking stock of the work done and of the initiatives already planned.

3.1.2 MFF Programmes

Commissioner Oettinger will address the CCC on the upcoming MFF and specific spending programmes in an extraordinary meeting in mid-April. To advance work as much as possible the CCC will have a special procedure to address potential conflicts among committees as well as requests for Rule 54 and 55.

3.2 Conference of Presidents' decisions in view of end of legislature

At its meeting of 15 March the Conference of Presidents, in order to allow parliamentary committees to proceed with pending files for this parliamentary term and to ensure that Parliament can deliver on its commitments decided the following:

- requests for own-initiative reports and implementation reports must be submitted to the Conference of Committee Chairs at the latest by 17 April 2018 and to the Conference of Presidents at the latest by 1 May 2018;
- no extension of the 12 months deadline for the vote in committee on implementation reports be permissible for the remainder of the parliamentary term as of 1 April 2018;
- any possible question of competence/request for Rule 54/55 be promptly submitted to the Conference of Committee Chairs after the referral to committee, preferably within two weeks after the announcement in plenary, with a view to being considered and settled by the Conference of Committee Chairs and the Conference of Presidents as swiftly as possible.
- committees may also meet exceptionally during week 44 (29 to 31 October 2018) and week 51 (17 to 21 December 2018), which are weeks set aside for external parliamentary activities, if necessary in view of their workload

4. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

A. Legislative and non-legislative files already referred to ENVI

Reports

None

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Legislative opinions

1. **2019 budget - Trilogue mandate**
ENVI/8/12260 2018/2024(BUD)
Responsible: BUDG – Daniele Viotti (S&D)

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of and endorsed the procedure and timetables in relation to this year's budgetary procedure (Budget 2019)*

2. **Establishing a multi-annual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea**
ENVI/8/12492 ***I 2018/0050(COD) COM(2018)0115 – C8-0104/2018
Responsible: PECH

Decision taken: *Rule 53.4 (position in the form of amendments)*

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Non-legislative opinions

3. **REGI own-initiative report on "Boosting growth and cohesion in EU border regions"**

Decision taken: *No opinion*

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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 on a monitoring framework for the circular economy** COM(2018)0029

Decision taken: *To draft an OQ + resolution. A deadline for political groups to inform the secretariat on the names of co-sponsors was set for Wednesday, 11 April closure of business*

5. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Quality of petrol and diesel fuel used for road transport in the European Union (Reporting year 2016)** COM(2018)0056

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

6. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the delegation conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 510/2011 setting emission performance standards for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO2 emissions from light-duty vehicles** COM(2018)0073

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only (this report was dealt with also in comitology/DIA newsletter no.644).*

7. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 on the non-commercial movement of pet animals** COM(2018)0088

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

8. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee Commission General Report on the operation of REACH and review of certain elements - Conclusions and Actions**
COM(2018)0116

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views in ENVI.*

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Other documents received

9. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the impact assessment accompanying the document: Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast)**
SWD(2017)0448
10. **Commission staff working document impact assessment accompanying the document: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast)**
SWD(2017)0449
11. **Commission staff working document Synopsis Report Stakeholder Consultation Accompanying the document Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast)**
SWD(2017)0451

B. *Legislative and non-legislative files expected before the end of the current legislative term*

Legislative files

12. **Regulation on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur (2 points)*

13. **Regulation on minimum quality requirements for reused water**
14. **Alignment of environmental reporting**
15. **General Food Law: transparency in scientific assessments and decision-making and governance of EFSA**
16. **CO2 emissions from lorries**

17. **Shipping MRV revision**
18. **LIFE Programme**
19. **Health Programme**
20. **Civil Protection Mechanism (RescUE)**
21. **Single use plastics**

Non-legislative files

22. **Communication on digital transformation of health and care**
23. **Future of EU energy and climate policy**
24. **EU pollinators initiative (including an action plan)**
25. **Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030 on the follow-up to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including on the Paris Agreement on Climate Change**

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to consider items 13 to 25 at an extraordinary coordinators' meeting on 12 April dedicated to the committee priorities up to the end of the legislature.*

5. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

5.1 State of play on cooperation between committees

5.1.1 CO2 emissions from cars - TRAN request for Rule 54

Decision taken: *No action needed at this stage (awaiting CCC recommendation)*

5.1.2 Port facilities for the delivery of waste from ships - ENVI request for Rule 54

Decision taken: *To maintain the request for Rule 54 with both exclusive and shared competence for ENVI*

5.2 ENVI missions for the second semester 2018 - dates and composition

The following missions and size of the delegations were agreed:

- ***French Alps (Savoie, Hautes-Alpes and Isère), France (11-13 July (travel included) - 5 Members + Chair).***
- ***High Level Political Forum on Sustainability (SDGs) (jointly with DEVE), New York (Ministerial segment: 16-18 July + travel; 5 MEPs + Chair or otherwise equal number of Members as DEVE)***

- *Global Climate Action Summit, San Francisco* (12-14 September 2018 + travel; 3 MEPs + Chair)
- *Nijmegen, the Netherlands, Green Capital 2018* (19-21 September, max 3 days travel included; 5 MEPs + Chair)
- *China on ETS* (29-31 October 2018 + travel; 6 MEPs + Chair)
- *EEA* , Copenhagen 17-18 September (3 Members from special agency quota)

The allocation of seats will be agreed at a next coordinators' meeting.

5.3 Experts for Public Hearings in which ENVI is involved

5.3.1 AGRI Public Hearing on NBTs

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting.*

5.3.2 AGRI Public Hearing on Country-of-origin labelling

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting.*

5.4 Possible extension of deadline for adoption of the Implementation INI reports linked to PEST committee activity

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting.*

6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

6.1 2018 ENVI scrutiny plan

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the proposal to invite the European Court of Auditors at next ENVI meeting to present two Special Reports.*

The decision on the draft scrutiny plan as a whole was postponed to next meeting.

6.2 Possible oral question and resolution on Lyme disease (borreliosis)

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting.*

6.3 Possible exploratory opinion by EESC

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting.*

6.4 Possible exchange of views on neonicotinoids

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting.*

6.5 Possible exchange of views in ENVI with the European Commission on the strategic approach to pollution of water by pharmaceutical substances

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting.*

6.6 Possible INI report on the Use of Cannabis for medicinal purposes

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting.*

7. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

7.1 Decisions on procedure

7.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133

None

7.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports

None

7.2 Petitions for opinion

None

8. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 On-going INI reports in ENVI

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

8.2 Petitions for information

None

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

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

8.4 Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee

- **Case C-441/17, Commission v. Poland**

The case concerns a plan of active management operations authorised by the Polish Minister because of the constant spread of the spruce bark beetle on the Białowieża forest, a Natura 2000 site and ‘special protection area’ under the Birds Directive. In particular, in 2016 the Polish Minister authorised, for the period until 2021, almost a tripling of harvesting of wood in the Białowieża forest district alone, and the carrying out of active forest management operations such as sanitary pruning, reforestation and restoration, in areas where any intervention was previously excluded.

On 20 February 2018, Advocate General Yves Bot delivered his opinion proposing that the Court should rule that Poland has failed to fulfil its obligation under the Habitats and Birds Directives to

ensure that those forest management measures would not adversely affect the integrity of the Białowieska site. In the second place, the Advocate General states that the obligation to undergo an appropriate assessment of the plan's implications on the site, as well as the precautionary principle have been disregarded.

8.5 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

The following documents were recently published:

- **Special Report on “Renewable energy for sustainable rural development** (March 2018
- **Background Paper on Organic Food in the EU** (February 2018
- **Background Paper on EU and Member State support for wind and solar photovoltaic power generation** (February 2018)

8.6 Final programme of PETI Public Hearing on Endocrine Disruptors (ENVI associated)

The file included the draft programme for the above hearing.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 27 March, 9.00-10.00

Thursday, 12 April (time tbc)

Wednesday, 25 April 2018, 14.30-15.15 (tbc)