

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Wednesday, 25 April 2018, 14.30-15.30
Room JAN 2Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

25.04.2018

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
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 Items discussed at last CCC meeting

2.1.1 Exchange of views with BG Presidency

The Chair stressed that ENVI expects the BG Presidency to conclude all the files currently under negotiations and to make progress on all the new proposals currently on the table.

2.1.2 Exchange of views with Commissioner Oettinger on MFF

The Chair asked the Commissioner to keep with the timetable envisaged, as time is already very short for the EP. She also outlined the ENVI concerns that the Health Programme might not be maintained as a separate programme.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

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Own-initiative reports

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Legislative opinions

A. Legislative opinions already referred to ENVI

1. Application of the Euro 5 step to the type-approval of two- or three- wheel vehicles and quadricycles

ENVI/8/12548

***I 2018/0065(COD) COM(2018)0137 – C8-0120/2018

Responsible: IMCO

Decision taken: *Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)*

2. Fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area

ENVI/8/12618

***I 2018/0069(COD) COM(2018)0143 – C8-0123/2018

Responsible: PECH

Decision taken: *No opinion*

3. Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work

ENVI/8/12692

***I 2018/0081(COD) COM(2018)0171 – C8-0130/2018

Responsible: EMPL

Decision taken: *ENF rapporteur for opinion (2 points)*

B. Legislative opinions not yet referred to ENVI under MFF

4. European Regional Development Fund (lead: REGI)

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur (0,5 points)*

5. Cohesion Fund (lead: REGI)

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

6. Common Provisions Regulation (lead: REGI)

Decision taken: *No opinion. Should new developments occur after the publication of the MFF package, the situation could be reassessed.*

7. Solidarity Corps (lead: REGI)

Decision taken: *No opinion. Should new developments occur after the publication of the MFF package, the situation could be reassessed.*

8. Common Agricultural Policy (lead: AGRI)

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur for opinion on the CAP - direct payments to farmers instrument (1,5 points). The need for possible enhanced cooperation will be assessed once the content of the proposal known.
No opinion on agricultural markets.*

9. European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (lead: AGRI)

Decision taken: *S&D rapporteur for opinion (1,5 points)*

10. European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (lead: PECH)

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

11. Research and Innovation Framework Programme 9 (lead: ITRE)

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

12. InvestEU (lead: BUDG/ECON)

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points). The need for possible enhanced cooperation will be assessed once the content of the proposal known.*

13. Space (lead: ITRE)

Decision taken: *No opinion*

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Non-legislative opinions

14. AGRI implementation report as regards Regulation 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport within and outside the EU

Decision taken: *S&D rapporteur for opinion under Rule 54 (7,5 points from Annex Ia on implementation reports/opinions)*

15. ITRE own-initiative report on “A comprehensive European industrial policy on artificial intelligence and robotics”

Decision taken: *ECR rapporteur for opinion (1,5 points)*

16. ITRE own-initiative report on “Future of the EU energy policy, including the future of the Euratom Treaty”

Decision taken: *No opinion (Secretariat will monitor the report process to ensure the agreement is respected)*

17. AFCO implementation report on “The implementation of the legal provisions and the Joint Statement ensuring the parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies”

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points from Annex Ia on implementation reports/opinions)*

18. **ECON own-initiative report on “European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2019”**

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur for opinion (0, 5 points). The procedure will be in EN only due to the tight timetable in ECON.*

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Documents received for information

19. **Recommendation for a Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations on a Global Pact for the Environment**
COM(2018)0138

Decision taken: *For information only – according to the legal basis – Article 218 – the EP is to be informed in all stages of the procedure, but the consent part only kicks in once there is a proposal for a Council decision concluding the agreement*

20. **Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013 on ship recycling**
COM(2018)0145

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expired on 13 April 2018 at 12.00, as indicated in comitology/DIA newsletter n.652 which included the report).*

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Other documents received

21. **Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the law of the sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity on areas beyond national jurisdiction**
Council(2018)...

4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

4.1 ENVI missions for the second semester 2018 - composition

Decision taken:

Coordinators endorsed the composition of the mission to New York (Greens/EFA, EPP, GUE/NGL, S&D, EPP, S&D + Chair). The composition will have to be revised, should the CoP reduce the number of ENVI participants.

The February mission to Amsterdam will be “neutralised” so as not to impact on the rolling d’Hondt system.

The composition of the mission to China was confirmed as for the 2016 mission (1 EPP, 1 S&D, 1 ECR, 1 ALDE, 1 GUE/NGL, 1 Greens/ EFA, + ENVI Chair + Chair of delegation for relations with China).

The decision on the composition of the missions taking place later in the year will be postponed until after the CoP decision on the mission to New York.

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Possible exchange of views with the Commission on digestive cancers

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed to organise an exchange of views with the Commission.*

5.2 Possible Policy Department study on the benefit of EU action on health

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed to commission the study and to provide input in writing as to the specific areas on which the study should focus.*

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 managing our habitats by Aldo Patriciello - B8-0132/2018

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

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 **0039/2017** by Götz Solmos (German) on the introduction of mandatory labelling for meat from animals slaughtered without being stunned first.
- Petition No **0084/2017** by Benjamin Rzepka (German) on a prohibition of the use of killing traps in hunting in the EU.
- Petition No **0256/2017** by I. O. (Romanian) on air pollution caused from the transportation of pig manure at night from pig farms to different farmlands in Romania.
- Petition No **0662/2017** by J.J. (German) on stopping the use of glyphosate in the EU.
- Petition No **0702/2017** by J.F.S. (Austrian) on noise pollution from motorcycles in East Tyrol.
- Petition No **0754/2017** by Vicente Portes Alemany (Spanish) on the discharge of untreated water

into the Lamarjal Pego-Oliva nature park.

- Petition No **0758/2017** by Manuela Rattin (Italian) opposing the exclusion of animals from circuses.
- Petition No **0761/2017** by B. A. (French) on mandatory ‘produced from GMO-fed animals’ labels.
- Petition No **0776/2017** by Ismael Antonio López Pérez (Spanish) and Petition No **0777/2017** by Ana Martina Varela Velo (Spanish) on the Pena Forcada-Catasol II wind farm in Laxe, La Coruña.
- Petition No **0790/2017** by Thorkild Hansen (Danish), on behalf of Havbruggruppen Ebeltoft, on the alleged breach of EU legislation on aquaculture and maritime planning by the Danish government.
- Petition No **0793/2017** by Manfred Häßner (German) on excessive nitrate pollution of waterways linked to manure processing in certain German localities.
- Petition No **0796/2017** by F.P.V. (Spanish), on behalf of Neighbourhood Associations El Candado - El Palo - Pedregalejo, on air quality and industrial emissions in Malaga, Spain.
- Petition No **0803/2017** by Georgios Mylonas (Greek) on failure to enforce the anti-smoking law in Greece.
- Petition No **0805/2017** by Radosław Ślusarczyk (Polish), on behalf of seven Polish NGOs, on non-compliance of Polish legislation on forest management with EU environmental law.
- Petition No **0809/2017** by Jose Ramón Barrueco Sanchez (Spanish) on the uranium mine in Salamanca.
- Petition No **0811/2017** by Giovanni Cortese (Italian) on the project for the construction of two detention basins for the River Seveso.
- Petition No **0813/2017** by Attilio Agazzi (Italian), bearing 133 signatures, on the alleged breach of the Waste Framework Directive (WFD) provisions on “end of waste” criteria in Italy.
- Petition No **0817/2017** by B.O. (German) on the revision of the EU legislation on organic labelling of food products and on certification and verification procedures for organic producers.
- Petition No **0819/2017** by T.H. (German) on nitrate pollution of drinking water sources across Germany.
- Petition No **0820/2017** by D.R. (British) on Cyprus' potential failure to comply with recycling responsibilities as a Member State of the EU.
- Petition No **0821/2017** by M. B. (Italian) on a mosquito control campaign in Italy in breach of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive.
- Petition No **0829/2017** by S.P. (Italian), on behalf of ‘meetup arcidosso5stelle’, against

geothermal energy production on Monte Amiata, Tuscany.

- Petition No **0837/2017** by Gaižauskienė Kristiana (Latvian) on bio-waste collection in the EU.
- Petition No **0845/2017** by R.C. (Italian), on behalf of the Italian Culture and Sports Association, Viterbo Provincial Committee, bearing 70 signatures, on the revision of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of renewable energy.
- Petition No **0853/2017** by Matthew Spiegl (American), on behalf of the Free Morgan Foundation, bearing 5 signatures, on alleged noncompliant implementation and infringement of Council Regulation (EC) 338/97.
- Petition No **0855/2017** by N.F. (Italian) on the protection of the Spöl River in Livigno.
- Petition No **0879/2017** by Slavomir Elias (Slovak) on the alleged danger to the thermal water sources by the extraction of the brown coal in Slovakia.
- Petition No **0901/2017** by Beate Försterling-Kolb (German) on the negative impact of genetically modified soya imports, in particular from Latin America, into the EU.
- Petition No **0916/2017** by Marco Arietti (Italian) on the distress caused to residents in the north of Turin by various environmental problems.
- Petition No **0936/2017** by Fernando Perez Ramírez (Spanish) on the use of highly dangerous plant protection products in Spain.
- Petition No **0945/2017** by Maya Manolova (Bulgarian), bearing 8 signatures, on the double standards of the same brand food
- Petition No **0946/2017** by Domenico Sanino (Italian) on the damage caused by the use of hydroelectric plants, especially in the Alpine region.
- Petition No **0947/2017** by Julia Baines (British), on behalf of PETA, bearing 109802 signatures, on the REACH refit and the ban of animal testing for REACH.
- Petition No **0955/2017** by Wolfgang Gerber (German) on banned access to cars in Paris and other French cities due to the introduction of the “Crit’Air” vignette system.
- Petition No **1004/2017** by B.R.P. (Spanish), on behalf of the Catalan Agricultural Institute of Sant Isidre, on the Climate Change Act 16/2017.
- Petition No **1012/2017** by Oliver Powalla (German) on water pollution of the river Spree and adjacent waters caused by the coal mining industry in Lusatia
- Petition No **1018/2017** by László Szigeti (Slovakian) on a planned pyrolysis-based waste processing plant in the green park of Sturovo in Slovakia.

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 Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee

- **Judgement of 22 March 2018 in Case T-540/15, *De Capitani***

The file included an information note from the EP Legal Service on the judgment of the General Court on the Parliament's decision refusing full access to two four-column tables in an ongoing legislative procedure. The General Court finds that none of grounds relied on by Parliament demonstrated that full access to the documents at issue was likely to undermine, specifically and actually, the decision-making process at issue. It annuls thus Parliament's decision.

- **Judgement of 17 April 2018 in Case C-441/17, *Commission v. Poland***

The case concerns a plan of active management operations authorised by the Polish Environment 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.

In its judgment, the Court declares that Poland has infringed the EU law, as it failed to fulfil its obligations arising from the Habitats and Birds directives to ensure that those forest management measures would not adversely affect the integrity of the Białowieża site.

7.5 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

The following documents were recently published:

- ***Briefing Paper: Future of the Common Agricultural Policy***, March 2018

This paper is ECA's response to the Commission's Communication on the future of food and farming. The ECA analyses key trends and data relevant to agriculture and rural areas, and calls for future spending under the Common Agricultural Policy to be based on ambitious and relevant performance targets and funds to be spent where they can achieve significant EU added value.

7.6 State of play of annual scrutiny plan

The updated 2018 scrutiny plan was included in the notes.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, 16 May 2018, 14.30-15.30 (tbc)