

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Wednesday, 16 May 2018, 14.30-15.30

Room JAN 4Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

16.05.2018

Present:

Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Ms 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

For item 4.3: Mr Busoi, rapporteur

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 MFF Programmes in Agriculture sector

The Chair informed that, should the current two legislative instruments on the CAP (direct payments to farmer and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development) be merged into one single instrument in the new MFF, coordinators will have to reconsider the allocation of opinions made on 25 April on these items.

2.2 CCC approach to conflicts of competence/requests for Rule 54 and 55 on MFF

The Chair informed that, with a view to allow the Conference of Presidents to take a decision before the summer on conflicts and requests for Rule 54 and 55 regarding the MFF Programmes, the CCC would need to prepare its position on the modalities of cooperation between committees regarding the MFF programmes already by the end of June. It is understood that a reaction from committees is expected within 3 working days from the adoption of each Commission proposal. Dedicated meetings among Committee Chairs to reach an agreement are planned during the Strasbourg week in June and the week afterwards and a final meeting of the whole CCC on 25 June.

2.3 Resignation of one of the EP representatives in ECHA Management Board

Prof. Peter Van Puyvelde, one of the two EP representatives in ECHA Management Board has informed of his resignation due to a possible conflict of interest with his new position as chair of the research council of the KU Leuven. Accordingly, it is necessary to appoint a new EP representative.

Decision taken: *A deadline for proposals by political groups was set by Tuesday, 12 June in view of a decision by coordinators at their June meeting.*

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

1. Nominal quantities for placing on the Union market of single distilled shochu produced by pot still and bottled in Japan

ENVI/8/12844

***I 2018/0097(COD) COM(2018)0199 – C8-0156/2018

Responsible: ENVI

Opinions: INTA

IMCO

AGRI

Decision taken: *Chair as rapporteur (0 points)*

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Legislative opinions

2. Better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules

ENVI/8/12815

***I 2018/0090(COD) COM(2018)0185 – C8-0143/2018

Responsible: IMCO

Decision taken: *No opinion*

Treated jointly

3. **Proposal for a Council decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Japan**
COM(2018)0193

4. **Annex to the Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Japan**
ENVI/8/12823
*** 2018/0091(NLE) COM(2018)0192
Responsible: INTA

Decision taken: *ENF rapporteur for opinion (1 point)*

5. **Marketing and use of explosives precursors**
ENVI/8/12828
***I 2018/0103(COD) COM(2018)0209 – C8-0151/2018
Responsible: LIBE – (NI)

Decision taken: *No opinion*

6. **Protection of persons reporting on breaches of Union law**
ENVI/8/12907
***I 2018/0106(COD) COM(2018)0218 – C8-0159/2018
Responsible: JURI

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

7. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a multiannual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish and amending Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006 and (EU) 2017/2107**
ENVI/8/12920
***I 2018/0109(COD) COM(2018)0229 – C8-0162/2018
Responsible: PECH

Decision taken: *Open a deadline for amendments (the amendments adopted will be put together in an opinion by the Chair on behalf of the ENVI Committee)*

8. **Unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain**
***I 2018/0082(COD) COM(2018)0173 – C8-0139/2018
Rapporteur: Paolo De Castro (S&D)
Responsible: AGRI

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

9. **Proposal for a Council regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027**
COM(2018)0322

Responsible: BUDG

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

10. **Proposal for a Council decision on the system of own resources of the European Union**
ENVI/8/13048
* 2018/0135(CNS) COM(2018)0325

Responsible: BUDG

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

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Documents received for information

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

Decision taken: *To set up a "contact group" (comprising 1 representative from each political group), who would keep track of ongoing developments on the issue. A deadline was set for political groups to inform the secretariat on the name of their representative in the contact group by Wednesday, 30 May 2018 cob. At a later stage, if necessary, the point could be reconsidered by coordinators in view of appointing a rapporteur.*

12. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on implementation and compliance with the sulphur standards for marine fuels set out in Directive (EU) 2016/802 relating to a reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels**
COM(2018)0188

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

13. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee Strengthening whistleblower protection at EU level**
COM(2018)0214
see point 6 above

14. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on enabling the digital transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market; empowering citizens and building a healthier society (BM)**
COM(2018)0233

Decision taken: *To draft an OQ + resolution. A deadline for political groups to inform the secretariat of the names of co-sponsors was set for Wednesday, 30 May closure of business.*

Treated jointly

15. **Proposal for a Council Recommendation on Strengthened Cooperation against Vaccine Preventable Diseases**
COM(2018)0244
16. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Strengthened Cooperation against Vaccine Preventable Diseases**
COM(2018)0245

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only – on 19 April 2018 the EP adopted a resolution on vaccines hesitancy and the drop in vaccination rates in Europe*

17. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A Modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends The Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027**
COM(2018)0321
see point 9 above

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Other documents received

18. **Commission staff working document Synopsis report Accompanying the document Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain amending Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 [on general food law], Directive 2001/18/EC [on the deliberate release into the environment of GMOs], Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 [on GM food and feed], Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 [on feed additives], Regulation (EC) No 2065/2003 [on smoke flavourings], Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 [on food contact materials], Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 [on the common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings], Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 [on plant protection products] and Regulation (EC) No 2015/2283 [on novel foods]**
SWD(2018)0097
19. **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 enabling the digital**

transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market; empowering citizens and building a healthier society

SWD(2018)0126

20. **Commission staff working document Synopsis Report Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, The Council, The European Economic and Social Committee and The Committee of Regions and Proposal for a Council Recommendation on Strengthened Cooperation against Vaccine Preventable Diseases (ER)**
SWD(2018)0149
21. **Commission staff working document European Financial Stability and Integration Review (EFSIR)**
SWD(2018)0165
22. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the implementation of Council Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused from agricultural sources based on Member State reports for the period 2012-2015**
SWD(2018)0246

4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

4.1 ENVI contribution to CCC Summary Report (structured dialogue)

Decision taken: *After a discussion, coordinators approved the contribution and the 2 priorities of the ENVI Committee and mandated the Chair to transmit them to the CCC.*

4.2 Experts for AGRI Hearing (ENVI associated) on Country-of-origin labelling

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite Ms Ana Marusc Lisac (substitute, if she is not available, Mr Roberto Magnaghi).*

In the presence of Mr Busoi, rapporteur

4.3 Future of Health Programme in the context of the new MFF

Decision taken: *Coordinators unanimously decided to oppose the proposed pooling of the scope and resources of the Health Programme in the ESF+ and to request that the Health Programme be kept as a separate financial programme during the next MFF. The Chair was mandated to inform accordingly the CCC.*

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Possible OQ and resolution on European Year of Greener Cities 2020

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to table the above OQ and resolution to Plenary. A deadline for political groups to inform the secretariat of the names of co-sponsors was set for Wednesday, 30 May closure of business.*

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 adding sugar to wine by Nicola Caputo - B8-0180/2018**
- 2. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on the circular economy: waste reduction and reuse by Ivan Jakovčić - B8-0193/2018**

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 **0768/2017** by A.S. (German), on the non-implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in the rural district of Ravensburg.
- Petition No **0769/2017** by I.L. (German), on a change to the designation of an FFH area in the town of Ravensburg. The petitioner objects to the designation by the town of Ravensburg of an open-air swimming pool as a body of water protected by the FFH Directive.
- Petition No **0999/2017** by Ismael Antonio López Pérez (Spanish) on the fires in Galicia.
- Petition No **1025/2017** by Ferenc Tibor Zsák (Hungarian) on a complaint closed by the DG ENVI of the European Commission.
- Petition No **1030/2017** by Ismael Antonio López Pérez (Spanish) on the misuse of ERDF funds in fire-fighting operations in Galicia.
- Petition No **1039/2017** by Jürgen Meuth (German) on the designation of the German natural park

Arnsberger Wald as a Special Protection Area (SPA) under the Natura 2000 framework.

- Petition No **1041/2017** by Graziano Giampaolo Petrachi (Italian) on the failure to set up an SCI area in San Foca di Melendugno (Apulia, Italy), thereby breaching the Habitats Directive.
- Petition No **1044/2017** by M. G. (Italian), on behalf of Future4Wildlife.org, bearing 63000 signatures, on the setting of specific guidelines for the research on wild animals, towards less invasive standards.
- Petition No **1052/2017** by G. C. (Italian) on incorrect transposition into the Italian legal system of Directive 2014/52/EU on environmental impact assessment (EIA Directive).
- Petition No **1060/2017** by Graziano Giampaolo Petrachi (Italian) on the infringement by Italy of the third energy package in relation to the TAP gas pipeline (Trans-Adriatic pipeline).
- Petition No **1061/2017** by Antonia Battaglia (Italian) on Xyllela fastidiosa disease in Apulia, Italy.
- Petition No **1066/2017** by Jens Genzer (German) on Alpine tourism.
- Petition No **1069/2017** by Fabiano Filippin (Italian) on the obligation to indicate the presence of arsenic in mineral water.
- Petition No **1070/2017** by U.N. (German) on banning the use of stand-by mode in electronic devices.
- Petition No **1076/2017** by Ana Wakenhut (German) on severe pollution in river Tagus (Tejo) near Vila Velha de Ródão in Portugal caused by insufficient action by the government.
- Petition **1086/2017** by Georgios Kapentzonis (Greek), on behalf of the municipality of Dorida, on the impact of a dam and an artificial lake on the environment and on the economic and social life of local residents in Mornos (Greece).
- Petition No **1100/2017** by R. P. (Polish) on the improvement of air quality in Poland.
- Petition No **1101/2017** by E.D. (German) on the limited right of purchase and use of large vehicles with high fuel consumption.
- Petition No **1109/2017** by M.H. (German) on abolishing EU legislation on tobacco.
- Petition No **1112/2017** by G.F. (Italian) on the repeal of Directive (EU) 2015/412 concerning the prohibition of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).
- Petition No **1144/2017** by A.Z. (Italian), on behalf of nine environmental associations, bearing nine signatures, against quarries to extract building materials and a waste dump.
- Petition No **1147/2017** by Jens Genzer (German) on European agricultural reform.

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

- **Case C-115/18, *Carluer and Others***

A reference for preliminary ruling has been made by the *Tribunal correctionnel de Saint-Brieuc (Chambre detachee de Guingamp)* (France), raising five questions on validity of Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market. The preliminary reference has arisen in the framework of criminal proceedings initiated in France against Mr Carluer and six other persons as regards an action they had undertaken in three stores targeting containers of an herbicide ('Roundup') that contains the active substance glyphosate. At the hearing before the national court, the defendants raised various issues of validity of the Regulation, on the basis of which glyphosate had been approved as an active substance to be used in PPPs, on grounds of breach of the precautionary principle and requested that the court refer the matter to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

As the preliminary reference raises in substance the same questions of validity of the Regulation that have already been submitted to the Court of Justice in the pending Case C-616/17 *Blaise and Others*, the President of the Court has decided to stay the proceedings until the ruling in *Blaise and Others* is delivered. Parliament has submitted observations in that latter case with a view to defending the validity of the Regulation.

7.5 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

None

7.6 State of play of annual scrutiny plan

The updated 2018 scrutiny plan was included in the file.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Possible joint meeting with the environment committee of the Committee of Regions

Decision taken: *The Chair was mandated to discuss the issue with the Committee of Regions and possibly to propose to identify specific topics for discussion should such meeting take place.*

8.2 SDGs

The Chair informed coordinators of the proposal from VP Hautala and the DEVE Committee for possible informal cooperation in view of increasing the visibility of the EP work on the SDGs. The matter will be discussed at next coordinator's meeting.

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 21 June 2018, 9.00-10.00