

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

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

Tuesday, 20 November 2018, 9.00-10.00  
**Room JAN 4Q2**

## COORDINATORS' RESULTS

21.11.2018

Ms Vălean, Chair  
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group  
Mr Dance, Acting Coordinator of the S&D group  
Mr Piecha, Acting Coordinator of the ECR group  
Mr Gerbrandy, Coordinator of the ALDE group  
Mr Javor, Acting Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group  
Ms Reid, Coordinator of the EFDD group

For item 5.4: Mr La Via and Mr Dorfmann, rapporteurs

### **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 CCC meeting***

##### ***2.1.1 Priorities of the Romanian Presidency***

The Chair informed that Ms Rovana Plumb, Minister for European Funds, had presented the priorities of the Romanian Presidency at the last CCC meeting. In the discussion which followed, the Chair had stressed that the Presidency priority programme did not include important overarching objectives such as climate protection and sustainable development goals and asked the Minister for a verbal commitment - that she gave - that the Presidency would do as much as possible to finalise interinstitutional negotiations on the pending ENVI legislative files.

### **2.1.2 Joint DEVE/ENVI INI on SDGs**

The Chair informed that the request had been endorsed without debate by the CCC and transmitted to the Conference of Presidents for decision and asked coordinators to follow-up with their group leaders to ensure a smooth treatment.

## **3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE**

### ***Reports***

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### ***Own-initiative reports***

- 1. Annual strategic report on the implementation and delivery of the SDGs (Rule 55 with DEVE)**  
*pending authorisation by CoP*

**Decision taken:** *EPP Rapporteur (1 point)*

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### ***Legislative opinions***

### ***Items 2 and 3 to be treated jointly***

- 2. Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part**

INTA/8/14828

\*\*\* 2018/0358(NLE) COM(2018)0693

Rapporteur:

Jan Zahradil (ECR)

Responsible:

INTA

- 3. Conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

INTA/8/14829

\*\*\* 2018/0356(NLE) COM(2018)0691

Rapporteur:

Jan Zahradil (ECR)

Responsible:

INTA

**Decision taken:** *No opinion. At the request of the Greens/EFA group, the secretariat was instructed to inquire into the state of play on the Voluntary Partnership Agreement with Vietnam, in view of a possible decision at next coordinators' meeting.*

4. **Withdrawal of the UK from the EU (APP)**  
*subject to positive conclusion of negotiations on the withdrawal agreement and AFCO and CoP decision on the procedure*

**Decision taken:** *In the light of the tight timetable and notwithstanding the uncertainty around the procedure which will be followed, coordinators decided to appoint a rapporteur for opinion (EPP, 0,5 points). Should in the end an opinion not be possible, the EPP will be given back the points spent.*

5. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on adapting Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy efficiency (as amended by Directive 2018/XXX/EU) and Regulation (EU) 2018/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council (Governance of the Energy Union), by reason of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union**

**Decision taken:** *No opinion*

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*Non-legislative opinions*

None

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*Documents received for information*

6. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the operation of Directive 2011/24/EU on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare - COM(2018)0651**

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

7. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market (the EU Timber Regulation) Biennial report for the period March 2015 - February 2017 - COM(2018)0668**

**Decision taken:** *No action at this stage.*

8. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A sustainable Bioeconomy for Europe: Strengthening the connection between economy, society and the environment - COM(2018)0673**

**Decision taken:** *No action at this stage.*

9. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Summary of the Synthesis Report on the operation of Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals - COM(2018)0697**

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

10. **Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Progress report on the implementation of the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking COM(2018)0711**

**Decision taken:** *To write a letter to Commissioners Vella, Katainen and Timmermans on the issue of the ivory ban.*

11. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: EU and the Paris Climate Agreement: Taking stock of progress at Katowice COP (required under Article 21 of 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)0716**

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

12. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the seventh Meeting of the Parties of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds with regard to certain amendments to Annex 3 to the Agreement - COM(2018)0717**

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

13. **Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Civil Aviation Organization, in respect of the First Edition of the International Standards and Recommended Practices on Environmental Protection - Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation - COM(2018)0723**

**Decision taken:** *No action needed.*

14. **Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union, in the thirty-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats, with regards to amendments to Appendices II and III - COM(2018)0731**

**Decision taken:** *To address the issue in the context of the planned exchange of views with Commissioner Vella on the hunting of protected species planned for 27 February.*

15. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Towards a comprehensive European Union framework on endocrine disruptors**  
COM(2018)0734

**Decision taken:** *To invite the Commission for an exchange of views (jointly with item 17).*

16. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the delegation conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO2 emissions from light-duty vehicles**  
COM(2018)0735

**Decision taken:** *No action needed, for information only, (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expires on 21 November, as indicated in the Comitology/DIA newsletter no 760, which included the report).*

17. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the review of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products with regard to substances with endocrine disrupting properties**  
COM(2018)0739

**Decision taken:** *see item 15*

18. **Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reduction in accordance with the Paris Agreement (in advance of the Katowice COP on 3-14 December)**  
*to be adopted by the Commission on 28/11/2018*

**Decision taken:** *To draft an oral question with resolution. A deadline for informing the secretariat of the names of co-sponsors was set for Friday, 30 November at 12.00 noon*

*A Public Hearing will be organised in January.*

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***Other documents received***

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 A sustainable Bioeconomy for Europe: Strengthening the connection between economy, society and the environment**  
SWD(2018)0431
20. **Commission staff working document Progress of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing**  
SWD(2018)0437
21. **Commission staff working document Synthesis Report on the Operation of Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals**  
**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 Summary of the Synthesis Report on the operation of Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals**  
SWD(2018)0438

22. **Commission staff working document Third Progress Report on the Commission's Action Plan on Nutrition – April 2017 to March 2018**  
SWD(2018)0441
23. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EU GPP criteria for indoor cleaning services**  
SWD(2018)0443
24. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament Progress report on the implementation of the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking**  
SWD(2018)0452
25. **Commission staff working document Technical information Accompanying the document Report from the European Commission to the European Parliament and the Council EU and the Paris Climate Agreement: Taking stock of progress at Katowice COP**  
SWD(2018)0453
26. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION of Council Directive 1999/22/EC of 29 March 1999 relating to the keeping of wild animals in zoos (Zoos Directive)**  
SWD(2018)0455
27. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation of Council Directive 1999/22/EC of 29 March 1999 relating to the keeping of wild animals in zoos (Zoos Directive)**  
SWD(2018)0456
28. **COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/... of ... on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the International Maritime Organization during the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the 100<sup>th</sup> session of the Maritime Safety Committee, on the adoption of amendments to regulation 14 of Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011**  
Council(2018)12495
29. **Council Recommendations to be signed in the EU-Canada CETA Joint Committee on trade, climate action and the Paris Agreement**  
Council(2018)11131

## **4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS**

### ***4.1 Possible OQ (jointly with PETI) on Natura 2000 violations***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators agreed to co-signing the Oral Question to the Commission and asked that a similar Oral Question be also addressed to the Council. The two OQs will be put to the vote in ENVI on 27 November.*

### ***4.2 Update on MFF state of play***

The Chair informed that the issue had been briefly discussed at the CCC meeting and then at the Conference of Presidents on 15 November and reported on the letter addressed by the President to the Committee Chairs.

### ***4.3 Treatment of legislative files in view of end of legislature***

In view of the approaching end of legislature, coordinators considered the constraints related to the finalisation of the ongoing legislative files as well as the different scenarios and their implications and agreed the following:

#### ***A. Files blocked***

- **Reduction of pollutant emissions from road vehicles** (Dess, EPP)

**Decision taken:** *Do not put the file on plenary agenda, so that it lapses at the end of the legislature (Rule 229 of RoP). At the beginning of next legislature, the new Parliament/ENVI Committee will be asked to decide whether to resume work, to ask the Commission to withdraw the proposal or to modify it.*

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- **Protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (CITES)** (Valean, Chair)
- **Possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory (amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003)** (Valean, Chair)
- **Cloning of animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species kept and reproduced for farming purposes** (Rule 55 with AGRI - Sommer, EPP)

**Decision taken:** *No action needed at this stage. At the beginning of next legislature, the new Parliament/ENVI Committee will be asked to decide whether to resume work, to ask the Commission to withdraw the proposal or to modify it.*

#### ***B. Files on which interinstitutional negotiations are ongoing***

- **Spirit drinks** (Ayuso, EPP)
- **Union Civil Protection Mechanism** (Gardini, EPP)

- **Emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles** (Dalli, S&D)
- **Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment** (Ries, ALDE)
- **Environment policy: alignment of reporting obligations** (Valean, Chair)

**Decision taken:** *No action needed at this stage. Reassess the situation at the January coordinators' meeting in case negotiations have not been concluded by then.*

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**C. Files on which it is expected that both the EP and Council will have a negotiating mandate by the end of 2018**

- **Quality of water intended for human consumption** (Dantin, EPP)
- **Promotion of clean road transport vehicles in support of low-emission mobility** (Grzyb, EPP)
- **Persistent organic pollutants** (Girling, EPP)
- **New heavy-duty vehicles: CO2 emission performance standards** (Eickhout, Greens/EFA)
- **Transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain** (Sommer, EPP)
- **Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE) 2021–2027** (Gerbrandy, ALDE) \*

**Decision taken:** *No action needed at this stage. Reassess the situation at the January coordinators' meeting in case negotiations are not well advanced by then.*

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**D. Files on which Council is not expected to have a negotiating mandate by the first week of February 2019**

- **Health technology assessment** (Cabezon Ruiz, S&D)

**Decision taken:** *No action needed at this stage. If negotiations have not started by end of January 2019, conclude EP first reading (report back to plenary and procedural vote in February part-session)*

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\* Subject to CoP horizontal decisions on MFF-related programmes



#### *E. Files on which the EP will adopt a normal first reading*

- **Minimum requirements for water reuse** (Bonafé, S&D)
- **Framework to facilitate sustainable investment** (Pietikainen, EPP) - Rule 55 with ECON

**Decision taken:** *Maintain agreed timetable.*

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#### *F. Files on which the Commission proposal is still awaited*

- **Civil Protection Mechanism (RescUE) 2021-2027** (Zorrinho, S&D)\*

**Decision taken:** *No action needed at this stage. It is however clear that at the most the EP could conclude a normal first reading on this file.*

#### *4.4 Joint Public Hearing with DEVE on SDGs*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators endorsed the date (7 February), the proposed format (two panels) and the experts (VP Timmermans, Pr. Jeffrey Sachs, the author of the DEVE study, one of the authors of the Global Sustainable Development Report 2019) for the Public Hearing.*

#### *4.5 Possible exchange of views with the Commission on the Commission Implementing Regulation on chlorpyrifos*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators agreed to hold an exchange of views with the Commission at the 26-27 November ENVI meeting.*

### **5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

#### *5.1 Possible Public Hearing (jointly with PETI) on climate change denial (misinformation campaigns on climate change)*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators agreed to be associated to the Public Hearing and confirmed the date. A deadline will be set for political groups to propose names of possible speakers.*

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\* Subject to CoP horizontal decisions on MFF-related programmes

5.2 *Possible presentation by ECA of its review of the “EU system of measuring vehicle emissions”*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to invite the ECA to present its briefing paper in one of the January or February 2019 meetings – relevant committees will be informed.*

5.3 *Possible request to the Legal Service for an opinion on the legality of a draft implementing act*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators agreed to request a Legal Service opinion in the form of a “non-paper” on the legality of the draft implementing act described above, in particular on compliance with the procedural and substantial requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.*

*At 10.10 in the presence of the rapporteurs, Mr La Via and Mr Dorfmann*

5.4 *Cooperation with AGRI on the future of CAP legislative proposals*

**Decision taken:** *After hearing the two rapporteurs, and in the light of the seriousness of the matter, coordinators mandated the Chair to write two letters, one to the Chair of the AGRI Committee and one to the CCC Chair complaining about both the lack of communication (in breach respectively of Rule 54 and Rule 53+) and on the content of the AGRI draft report on the amending regulation which significantly enters in ENVI competences (notably as regards wine labelling).*

**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 the presence of endocrine disruptors in products made from recycled materials by Mireille d’Ornano - B8-0511/2018**

**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*

- Petition No **0154/2018** by Roberto Moncalvo (Italian), on behalf of the national confederation ‘Coldiretti’ and the ‘Campagna Amica’ foundation, bearing 120 000 signatures, regarding the European regulation on labels indicating the origin of foodstuffs.

**Decision taken:** *No opinion. The Chair will reply by letter.*

## **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 **0105/2018** by W.S. (German) on an EU regulation against MRSA germs in rivers and bathing waters.
- Petition No **0113/2018** by Maurizio Michele Sapio (Italian) on protecting public health and adopting a traffic plan.
- Petition No **0120/2018** by S. T. (Greek) on the non-enforcement of the anti-smoking law in Greece.
- Petition No **0123/2018** by I.L. (German) on the limits of microplastic particles in food, cosmetics and toothpaste.
- Petition No **0126/2018** by Konstantinos Tasis (Greek) on the extraction of hydrocarbons in Epirus, Greece.
- Petition No **0134/2018** by Kyriakos Gkikas (Greek) on the situation of municipal waste collection and treatment in the region of Kalamata, Greece.
- Petition No **0143/2018** by F. S. (Italian) on behalf of the City of Milan, on the relocation to Amsterdam of the seat of the European Medicines Agency (EMA).
- Petition No **0149/2018** by K. S. (German) on the transport of living animals within the EU and outside.
- Petition No **0161/2018** by Simon Baraldi (Italian) on the obligation to provide medical assistance on boats and planes in the EU.
- Petition No **0162/2018** by Thomas Quade (German) on Europe-wide labelling of caffeinated beverages.
- Petition No **0163/2018** by Roberta Angelilli (Italian) on illegal dumping and burning of toxic waste in Rome.
- Petition No **0167/2018** by Philipp Schmagold (German) on dedicating public spaces to grow wild flowers and to counter the decline of insect population.
- Petition No **0179/2018** by Harald Bundt (German) on saving wolves.
- Petition No **0191/2018** by O.J. (German) on reducing plastic waste.
- Petition No **0198/2018** by J. M. H. P. (Spanish) on the need to carry out a verification on the plan

for monitoring radioactivity of the land in Palomares (Spain).

- Petition No **1018/2017** by László Szigeti (Slovakian) on a planned pyrolysis-based waste processing plant in the green park of Sturovo in Slovakia.
- 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 **0900/2016** by Frida Kieninger (Austrian) on behalf of Food & Water Europe, bearing 732 signatures, on taking action against a multinational oil company for climate change denial.
- Petition No **0205/2018**, by Mariateresa Anzola, (Italian), on behalf of the Intermunicipal Committee for the Quality of Life of Dosolo, on more stringent limits on formaldehyde under the REACH Regulation and on its replacement in the wood panel industry.
- Petition No **0207/2018** by Robert Latimer (British) on the contamination of Whitburn beach, UK.
- Petition No **0215/2018** by P.B.V. (Spanish) on soil contamination by heavy metals in La Unión-Cartagena.
- Petition No **0219/2018** by A.J.R.L. (Spanish), on behalf of Comité René Cassin, on urban waste water treatment in an area in South Seville (El Polígono Sur), Spain.
- Petition No **0222/2018** by Pedro Alfonso Ocampo Cardala (Spanish) on behalf of Esquerda Unida de O Porriño (EU-SON) on lindane contamination in O Porriño, Spain.
- Petition No **0225/2018** by B. M. (Polish), bearing 2 signatures, on behalf of the Prawobrzeża Association, concerning the construction of a container terminal in a Natura 2000 area in Świnoujście, Poland.
- Petition No **0233/2018** by H. M. (German) on daylight saving time and summer time adjustment.
- Petition No **0260/2018** by S.F.C. (Spanish) on the situation of aquifers in Doñana National Park.
- Petition No **0262/2018** by Lutz Rittmeier (German) on a complaint against the Federal Republic of Germany for non-compliance by the city of Eckernförde with the Environmental Noise Directive (Directive 2002/49/EC) and other Union legislation, as well as the Aarhus Convention.
- Petition No **0273/2018** by Jennifer Manteiga Branco (Spanish) on a lithium mine in Sierra de la Mosca, Cáceres.
- Petition No **0290/2018** by B.M. (Romanian) bearing 3 signatures, on environmental taxes levied on wood Euro pallets in Romania.
- Petition No **0344/2018** by A.U.B. (Spanish) on Eucalyptus plantations.
- Petition No **0349/2018** by K.H. (German), on behalf of Ideenschmiede Mainz, on enacting legislation on the use of plastic.
- Petition No **0362/2018** by Sibylle Schroer (German) on the possible adoption of EU legislation

against light pollution.

- Petition No **0369/2018** by Marco Bava (Italian) on a ban on added sugar in food products.
- Petition No **0375/2018** by S.M. (German) on banning the possession and use of fireworks by private individuals in the EU.
- Petition No **0377/2018** by M.S. (German), bearing one additional signature, on noise pollution from motorcycle traffic in Nordlippe and Schaumburg, Germany..
- Petition No **0386/2018** by Isabel Vila (Spanish) on the Touro copper mine in Galicia.

### **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 T-128/14, Daimler AG v European Commission**

Daimler AG brought an action in annulment of the Commission's decision of 13 December 2013 rejecting the applicant's request for access to documents relating to proceedings pursuant to Article 29 of Directive 2007/46/EC on motor vehicles. The applicant raises several pleas in law, one of which is based on an alleged breach of the applicant's rights under the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the 'Aarhus Convention'). In fact the applicant claims that Article 6(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 on the application of the Aarhus Convention and Article 4(2) 3rd indent of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on access to documents are an insufficient application of the Aarhus Convention. The applicant maintains in particular that these provisions unduly extend the reasons of refusal for access to documents beyond those permitted under Article 4(4) (c) of the Aarhus Convention. Parliament intervened in the case to defend Regulation 1367/2009 as co-legislator. The General Court has considered that the Commission's refusal of access was not justified in light of the exception related to the protection of investigations provided for by Regulation 1049/2001 and has therefore annulled the Commission's decision. It has however rejected the arguments under which some provisions of Regulation 1367/2006 were not in accordance with the Aarhus Convention

### **7.5 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors**

#### **Opinion concerning Commission proposals for regulations relating to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for the post-2020 period (No 7/2018)**

On 1 June 2018, the Commission published its legislative proposal for the post-2020 CAP. The Court stresses that the proposed reform of the CAP after 2020 falls short of the EU's ambitions for a greener and more robust performance-based approach.

For the Court, under the proposed reform, it remains unclear how a greener CAP could be assessed or measured. In addition, the Commission's estimate of the CAP's contribution to EU climate change objectives appears unrealistic.

Furthermore, the largest part of the budget would still be direct payments to farmers, based on hectares of land, though this instrument is not appropriate for addressing many environmental concerns, nor is it the most efficient way of supporting viable income.

The Court also regrets that the proposal does not contain the necessary elements of an effective performance system.

**Special Report “Demonstrating carbon capture and storage and innovative renewables at commercial scale in the EU: intended progress not achieved in the past decade” (No 24/2018)**

In 2009, the EU launched two large funding programmes to support carbon capture and storage and innovative renewables: the European Energy Programme for Recovery and the New Entrants’ Reserve 300 programme. With an overall spending target of EUR 3.7 billion, both programmes set ambitious targets for the delivery of carbon capture and innovative renewables. The Court considers that EU action to support carbon capture and storage and innovative renewables has not succeeded. Between 2008 and 2017, ambitious targets were set, but EU support for demonstration projects achieved little in terms of projects delivered and results achieved.

**Work programme for 2019**

This report includes audit priorities and the reports the Court intends to publish next year. Among the topics addressed are the effectiveness of cross-border healthcare, the EU’s approach to measuring vehicles’ emissions, the use of "green" criteria in EU climate and energy policies when deciding which investment to carry out, EU actions for the sustainable use of pesticides, actions at EU level to combat the rising threat of antimicrobial resistance and the role of the Commission in managing the European Environmental Accounts.

**Annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2017**

This report summarises the Court's audit results for the financial year 2017 for the EU agencies. The Court has signed off the 2017 accounts of the 41 agencies and issued clean opinions on the revenues underlying the agencies’ accounts. As regards the underlying payments, the Court has issued a clean opinion for all the agencies except one – the European Asylum Support Office.

**Annual report on the 2017 EU budget**

The Court's annual report concludes that the EU accounts present a true and fair view of the EU’s financial position. For the second year in a row, the Court issues a qualified (rather than an adverse) opinion on the regularity of the transactions underlying the accounts. This means that a significant part of the 2017 expenditure that was audited was not materially affected by error. Moreover, the level of irregularities in EU spending continued to decrease. The estimated level of error in payments during 2017 was 2.4%, down from 3.1% in 2016 and 3.8% in 2015. At the same time, sufficient information was available to prevent, or detect and correct, a significant proportion of errors in, for example, rural development payments. If this information had been used by national authorities to correct errors, the estimated level of error would have been below the 2% threshold for an even larger share of the EU budget.

Problems remain, in particular where payments from the EU budget are made to beneficiaries based on their declarations of costs previously incurred.

**7.6 State of play of annual scrutiny plan**

The updated scrutiny plan was included in the file.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*Possible letter to Commission regarding measures adopted in election recess period*

**Decision taken:** *The Chair was mandated to write to the Commission reminding of its commitment under the Recess Agreement to inform the Parliament of delegated acts it envisages adopting, as well as request that they provide information also on implementing acts or other RPS measures under preparation or planned for adoption during the election recess.*

## **9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

Tuesday, 22 January 2019 (tbc)