

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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

### CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

**IN CAMERA**

Thursday 6 November 2014, 9.00-10.00

**Room  
JAN4Q2**

### **RESULTS**

6.11.2014

#### Present:

Mr La Via, Chair  
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP Group  
Mr Groote, 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  
Mr Pedicini, Coordinator of the EFDD 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 issues discussed at last CCC***

The largest part of the meeting was devoted to the finalisation of the procedure of the hearings of the Commissioners.

#### ***2.2 Update on TTIP***

On 24 July 2014, the coordinators expressed again the wish of insisting on 2 ENVI representatives one from EPP and one from S&D (Mr Herbert DORFMANN (EPP) and Mr Guillaume BALAS (S&D)). No response has been received from INTA yet, as it is the European Commission who has established the number of people to have access to the confidential documentation. The subject was also widely discussed during the last TTIP Coordination Group organised by President Schulz on 14 October 2014. Another point made by the INTA Chair and discussed at that meeting was the possibility to launch an INTA report in accordance with Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure to be eventually voted in plenary in February 2015. That report will however need to be authorised by the Conference of Presidents.

With regards the negotiations, the 7<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations took place in the US between 29.9-3.10.2014. Mr Bercero, the EU chief negotiator, briefed the INTA Monitoring Group on 15 October 2014 and informed that the issues addressed during those negotiations were the sectors of pharmaceuticals, motor vehicles, chemicals. There are still no joint texts on the table. The horizontal chapters on regulatory coherence and sustainable development will be discussed at the 8<sup>th</sup> round. However, as more preparations are needed for the preparation of those chapters, Mr Bercero does not expect the next round to take place earlier than January 2015.

### **2.3 Expo 2015**

The AGRI Committee has appointed a standing rapporteur. Both the AGRI and ITRE Committees plan to send delegations to Milan in the first semester 2015. ENVI will have to discuss at one of the next coordinators' meetings its possible involvement.

## **3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE**

### **A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPOREURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS - DECISION ON PROCEDURES**

#### ***Reports***

#### ***Items 1-2 to be taken together***

- 1. Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency**

ENVI/8/01656      \*\*\*I      2014/0256(COD)      COM(2014)0557 – C8-0142/2014

Responsible: ENVI –      Opinions:      ITRE –      IMCO –      AGRI –

**Decision taken:      *S&D rapporteur (1 point)***

- 2. Veterinary medicinal products**

ENVI/8/01652      \*\*\*I      2014/0257(COD)      COM(2014)0558 – C8-0164/2014

Responsible: ENVI –      Opinions:      ITRE –      IMCO –      AGRI –

**Decision taken:      *EPP rapporteur (4 points)***

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#### ***Opinions***

#### ***Items 3-9 to be treated jointly***

- 3. Discharge 2013: European Environment Agency**

ENVI/8/01618      2014/2099(DEC)      COM(2014)0510[15] – C8-0175/2014

Responsible: CONT –      Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

- 4. Discharge 2013: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)**

ENVI/8/01636      2014/2109(DEC)      COM(2014)0510[24] – C8-0185/2014

Responsible: CONT –      Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

5. **Discharge 2013: European Chemicals Agency**  
 ENVI/8/01565                      2014/2116(DEC)      COM(2014)0510[31] – C8-0192/2014  
 Responsible: CONT –      Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
6. **Discharge 2013: European Medicines Agency**  
 ENVI/8/01624                      2014/2102(DEC)      COM(2014)0510[18] – C8-0178/2014  
 Responsible: CONT –      Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
7. **Discharge 2013: European Food Safety Authority**  
 ENVI/8/01634                      2014/2108(DEC)      COM(2014)0510[23] – C8-0184/2014  
 Responsible: CONT –      Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
8. **Discharge 2013: IMI - Innovative Medicines**  
 ENVI/8/01602                      2014/2133(DEC)      COM(2014)0510[47] – C8-0209/2014  
 Responsible: CONT –      Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
9. **Discharge 2013: Clean Sky - Aeronautics and Environment**  
 ENVI/8/01585                      2014/2131(DEC)      COM(2014)0510[45] – C8-0207/2014  
 Responsible: CONT –      Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

**Decision taken:**      *Coordinators confirmed that ENVI will deliver opinions only on:*

- *the discharge of each of the five agencies under its responsibility (ECDC, ECHA, EEA, EFSA, EMA)*
- *and the discharge of the Commission.*

10. **Manufacture, placing on the market and use of medicated feed and repealing Council Directive 90/167/EEC**

ENVI/8/01706                      \*\*\*I      2014/0255(COD)      COM(2014)0556 – C8-0143/2014

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

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*Documents received for information*

11. **Proposal for a Council directive on laying down calculation methods and reporting requirements pursuant to Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels**  
 COM(2014)0617

**Decision taken:**      *No additional action needed*

12. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Report on the availability of mercury-free button cells for hearing aids, in accordance with Article 4.4 of Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and repealing Directive 91/157/EEC**  
COM(2014)0632

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

## **B. DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL REPORTS/OPINIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

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

### ***B.1. Short-list of candidates for own-initiative reports***

The following issues are currently on the short-list:

13. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: The post-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action: Managing risks to achieve resilience**  
COM(2014)0216
14. **Green Paper on mobile health ('mHealth')** COM(2014)0219
15. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Implementation report on the Commission Communication on Rare Diseases: Europe's challenges [COM(2008) 679 final] and Council Recommendation of 8 June 2009 on an action in the field of rare diseases (2009/C 151/02) - COM(2014)0548**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the list.*

### ***B.2 Opinions to own-initiative reports following last CCC meeting:***

16. **DEVE Committee own-initiative report: "The Ebola Crisis: the long-term lessons and how to strengthen health systems in developing countries to prevent future crises"**

**Decision taken:** *GUE/NGL rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)*

17. **REGI Committee own-initiative "An EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region"**  
- COM(2014)357

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

18. **ECON Committee own-initiative report: "European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2015"**

### **Decision taken:**

*Coordinators decided to be involved in the annual process of the European Semester for economic policy coordination for the new term and to draft an opinion providing policy input in the European Semester for the year to come by means of annual opinion to the ECON INI on the Annual Growth Survey. S&D rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points).*

19. ITRE Committee own-initiative report: "Green growth opportunities for SMEs" - COM(2014)0440

**Decision taken:** *No opinion*

20. REGI Committee own-initiative report: "The Urban Dimension of EU policies" – COM(2014) 490 final

**Decision taken:** *No opinion*

21. REGI Committee own-initiative report: "Investment for jobs and growth: promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union" - COM(2014) 473 final

**Decision taken:** *No opinion*

22. INTA Committee own-initiative report "Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in third countries" - COM(2014) 389 final

**Decision taken:** *No opinion*

23. ITRE Committee own-initiative report "Realising the potential of our seas and oceans for jobs and growth" - COM(2014)254

**Decision taken:** *No opinion*

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### *B.3 State of play on cooperation among committees*

#### **For decision:**

1. DEVE request for Rule 54 on the ENVI own-initiative report "Follow-up to the European Citizens' Initiative Right2Water" - rapporteur Ms Boylan (GUE/NGL)

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to reject the DEVE request for application of Rule 54 in line with the rapporteur's position but to propose instead to DEVE that the two Committees work closely together.*

#### **For information:**

2. ENVI request for Rule 54 on the AGRI Committee own-initiative report: "A New Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest-based sector" - rapporteur: Mr Gambus (EPP)

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the CCC recommendation.*

3. ENVI request for Rule 54 on the AGRI Committee own-initiative report: "The agricultural component of TTIP negotiations with the US"

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the state of play.*

4. Recommendations from the CCC are still awaited on the following files:

Organic farming - rapporteur: Ms Pietikainen (EPP) (AGRI lead - ENVI requests application of Rule 54)

Cloning - rapporteur: Ms Sommer (EPP) (AGRI lead - ENVI contests the AGRI competence)

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the state of play. On the issue of cloning, the EFDD coordinator regretted that the decision on competence seemed already taken in favour of AGRI and re-challenged by ENVI due to the fact that the file had been assigned to the Italian Delegation of the EFDD Group. The Chair clarified that this was factually incorrect, as ENVI decision to challenge AGRI competence had already been taken in the previous legislative term and was reconfirmed at the 14 July ENVI coordinators' meeting, thus before the allocation of the file to the EFDD group in AGRI.*

#### ***B.4. Motion for Resolutions***

1. Motion for resolution on rationalising food waste and combating obesity and global hunger by Aldo Patriciello B8-0145/2014

**Decision taken:** *No specific action – (the topic related to combating obesity could be submitted to the Health Working Group and the issue of food waste will be dealt with in the framework of the report by Ms Bonafé on the Waste Legislative Package). The Chair was mandated to reply accordingly to the author of the MfR.*

2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on patient access to the hepatitis C drug Sofosbuvir at affordable prices - B8-0150/2014

**Decision taken:** *No specific action - (pricing and reimbursement of medicines within the national health systems is a MS competence in accordance with Article 168(7) of the EU Treaty. The EU has only competence in that field as far as setting a common procedural framework through Council Directive 89/105/EEC, the "Transparency Directive" to ensure that national pricing and reimbursement decisions are made in a transparent manner and do not disrupt the operation of the internal market. The revision of the Directive has been for years now blocked in Council). The Chair was mandated to reply accordingly to the author of the MfR.*

#### **4. DECISIONS RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

##### ***4.1 Possible action to be brought by the European Parliament in case T-521/14 Sweden v Commission – Regulation (EU) NO 528/2012 on biocides***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided by a majority representing a large majority of committee Members to express a favourable opinion to support Sweden in the action against the Commission. The Chair was mandated to write accordingly to the JURI Chair.*

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

##### ***5.1 Invitation to Vice-President Timmermans to one of next ENVI meetings***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to invite Vice-President Timmermans to one of next ENVI meetings*

##### ***5.2 Invitation to Commission negotiators on the chemical chapter of TTIP to the December ENVI meeting***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission negotiator on the chemical chapter of TTIP to the December ENVI meeting.*

##### ***5.3 Joint workshop with DEVE on 'Towards a post-Hyogo Framework for Action: Strengthening disaster resilience for sustainable development'***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to accept the proposal to organise a joint workshop with DEVE on 11 December.*

#### **6. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

Tuesday, 11 November, 11.30 - 12.30 (Brussels) - continuation of 6 November agenda

Thursday, 4 December 2014, 9.00-10.00 (Brussels)