

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

IN CAMERA

Wednesday 24 September 2014, 9.00-10.30

Possibly continued on Thursday, 25 September 2014, 9.00-10.00

Room JAN 4Q2

RESULTS

24.09.2014

Present:

Mr La Via, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP Group
Ms 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 below.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Main issues discussed at the last CCC

- The most important issues discussed were those relating to the hearings of Commissioners. The Chair tried to obtain a formal involvement of the ENVI Committee in the hearing of VP Katainen but that was impossible since this hearing is already being organised by three committees with 2 committees associated. ENVI will therefore only be informally invited and have the right to one question.
- On the issue of the objections raised on RPS and DA and the cancellation of the October mini-plenary, the Chair asked the CCC to bring the issue to the attention of the EP President in order to look for a political solution.

2.2 State of play on cooperation among Committees

- **ITRE request for Rule 54 on ETS - market stability reserve report** (Rapporteur: Ivo Belet). An agreement in principle was reached with the ITRE Committee. The ITRE

Committee will prepare an ordinary opinion but the Rapporteur for opinion will be invited to participate in ENVI Shadows' and trilogue meetings on the proposal. In a spirit of reciprocity, the ITRE Chair has also agreed to apply the same arrangements to any proposals concerning energy efficiency and renewable energy. The agreement in principle is subject to overall agreement concerning the timetable already finalised for the dossier. Once this is confirmed by ITRE, the two Chairs will write a joint letter to the Conference of Committee Chairs.

- **ENVI request for Rule 54 on organic labelling** (Rapporteur: Sirpa Pietikainen). At the CCC the two committees (ENVI and AGRI) were asked to reach an agreement before the next CCC (21 October). The AGRI Committee coordinators will examine our request this week.

2.3 *Informal Health Council in Milan*

The Chair was invited and took part in the Informal Health Council in Milan on 22 September. The main issues discussed were pain therapy and palliative care, therapeutic innovation for the benefit of patients and the Ebola outbreak.

2.4 *Next ENVI meetings*

The presentation of the work and responsibilities of the Agencies within ENVI remit is postponed from 6 October (meeting cancelled due to the hearing of VP Bratusek) to Monday, 10 November pm.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS - DECISION ON PROCEDURES

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

None

LEGISLATIVE OPINIONS

None

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Documents received for information

1. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council as foreseen in Article 67(1) of Regulation (EU) 305/2011 - COM(2014)0511**

Decision taken: No action needed

2. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Health programme) - COM(2014)0522**

Decision taken: *No action needed*

3. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management: Tackling risks, strengthening supply chain security and facilitating trade - COM(2014)0527**

Decision taken: *No action needed*

4. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Annual Report on the European Union's humanitarian aid and civil protection policies and their implementation in 2013 - COM(2014)0537**

Decision taken: *No action needed*

5. **Proposal for a Council decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union with regard to proposals from various parties to the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals for amendments to the Appendices of the Convention at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties - COM(2014)0544**

Decision taken: *No action needed*

6. **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 decided to include this item in the short-list of candidates for own-initiative reports.*

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B. DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL REPORTS/OPINIONS/RESOLUTIONS

B.1. Own-initiative reports already decided

- 3.7 **Follow up to the European Citizens' Initiative Right2Water**

Decision taken: *Rapporteur GUE/NGL (1 point)*

- 3.8 **Safer healthcare in Europe: improving patient safety and fighting antimicrobial resistance**

Decision taken: *Rapporteur EFDD (1 point)*

- 3.9 **Resource efficiency: moving towards a circular economy**

Decision taken: *Rapporteur EPP (2 points)*

B.2 Short-list of candidates for own-initiative reports

The following issues are currently on the short-list:

- 3.10 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
- 3.11 Green Paper on mobile health ('mHealth')**
COM(2014)0219

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided for the time being not to request authorisation to draw-up an own-initiative report on any of the issues above.*

B.3 Opinions to own-initiative reports following last CCC meeting:

- 3.12 The EU and the global development framework after 2015** (lead committee: DEVE)

Decision taken: *Draftsperson ALDE (0,5 points)*

- 3.13 Prospects for the EU dairy sector - Review of the implementation of the Dairy package**
- COM(2014)0354 (lead committee: AGRI)

Decision taken: *No opinion*

- 3.14 Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT): State of Play and Outlook**
COM(2014)0368 - (lead committee: JURI)

Decision taken: *Draftsperson Chair (0 points)*

- 3.15 European Energy Security Strategy - COM(2014)0330** (lead committee: ITRE)
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Decision taken: *Draftsperson GUE/NGL (1 point)*

4. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON 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 (IF)**

Decision taken: *After having heard the Legal Service explaining the background to the case, coordinators decided to invite the Commission to explain the reasons for not having adopted the delegated act in question at the next ENVI*

meeting. Coordinators asked the Legal Service to produce by that meeting a note explaining the situation.

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Hearings of the new Commissioners

5.1.1 Hearing of Commissioner-designate Vella

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the date and format of the hearing (i.a. blocks of 3 minutes questions) as well as of the date/time of the evaluation meetings. Political groups were asked to inform the secretariat by Thursday, 25 September at 18:00 on the names and order in which the ENVI MEPs will speak.*

5.1.2 Hearing of Commissioner-designate Andriukaitis

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the date and format of the hearing (i.a. blocks of 5 minutes questions for the first round of political groups and blocks of 3 minutes questions afterwards) as well as of the date/time of the evaluation meetings. Political groups were asked to inform the secretariat by Friday, 26 September at 13.30 on the names and order in which the ENVI MEPs will speak.*

5.1.3 Hearing of Commissioner-designate Arias Canete

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the date and format of the hearing (i.a. blocks of 3 minutes questions) as well as of the date/time of the evaluation meetings. Political groups were asked to inform the secretariat by Monday 29 September at 18:00 on the names and order in which the ENVI MEPs will speak.*

5.1.4 Hearing of Vice-President Bratusek

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the date and format of the hearing (i.a. blocks of 3 minutes questions) as well as of the date/time of the evaluation meetings. Political groups were asked to inform the secretariat by Thursday, 2 October at 18:00 on the names and order in which the ENVI MEPs will speak.*

5.1.5 Hearing of Commissioner-designate Bienkowska – ENVI associated committee

Decision taken: *Coordinators were invited to take note of the date and format of the hearing. The evaluation meeting was fixed at 16.30-17.00 on Thursday, 2 October.*

Coordinators were asked to take contact with the coordinators of their political groups in ITRE and IMCO with a view to obtaining an appropriate number of questions for the ENVI Committee.

Political groups were asked to inform the secretariat by Tuesday, 30 September at 18:00 on the names and order in which the ENVI MEPs will speak.

The coordinators meeting will continue on Thursday, 25 September at 9.00.