

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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

### CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

**IN CAMERA**

Tuesday, 24 February 2015, 9.00-10.00

**Room JAN4Q2**

### **Results**

25.02.2015

#### 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 Kone n, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG Group

Mr Skrlec, Acting 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 the CCC***

#### ***2.1.1 Missions outside the EU***

The CCC discussed at length the outcome of the 2nd meeting of the External Missions Coordination Group, which, after a long a difficult discussions had recommended to the Conference of Presidents to approve *en bloc* all requests for committee missions for the period March-June 2015. The Conference of Presidents then rejected a number of these requests.

The discussion at the CCC focused on the following elements:

- purpose and role of EMCG are unclear;
- the new procedure lengthens the time needed for authorisation;
- the Committee Chairs travelling should always be considered outside quota.

Some Committee Chairs suggested that the procedure should be reviewed.

### **2.1.2 STOA**

At its last meeting, and following the request of ENVI to increase its representatives to 4, the CCC decided to rearrange the Committees representation in the STOA Panel. It was agreed that three Committees should increase their membership: ITRE 6, ENVI and IMCO 3 – all others committees' representation will remain unchanged. The decision will now go to the Bureau for approval. If confirmed, the three ENVI MEP candidates proposed last year by the ENVI political groups could be nominated soon afterwards.

### **2.1.3 Participation of Non-Attached Members to committee work**

At the request of the ENVI Committee the issue of the participation of Non-Attached Members was discussed. There was quite a broad consensus on the approach proposed by ENVI, although the practices differ in the committees, in particular as regards the use of "points systems" for the allocation of reports. It was agreed that guidelines will be drawn up with a view to facilitate a consistent approach.

### **2.2 End of term of the current ECDC Director**

Since the 5-year period (May 2010 - May 2015) of the current ECDC Director, Dr Marc Sprenger, comes to an end, ECDC's Management Board will proceed in its meeting on 24 -26 March to the nomination of a new Director, based on a short list of candidates provided by the European Commission according to Art.17 of ECDC's founding Regulation (EC) 851/2004.

Paragraph 2 of this article says that "*before its appointment the candidate nominated by the Management Board shall be invited without delay to make a statement before the European Parliament and to answer questions put by members of that institution*". The hearing of the nominee in the ENVI Committee is tentatively scheduled for 13 April.

## **3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE**

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

#### ***Legislative reports***

None

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

- 1. Towards a new international climate agreement in Paris**  
ENVI/8/02851

#### **Decision taken: S&D rapporteur (2 points)**

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*Opinions*

**2. Trade in seal products**  
ENVI/8/02788

\*\*\*I 2015/0028(COD) COM(2015)0045 – C8-0037/2015

Responsible: IMCO

**Decision taken: No opinion**

**3. Draft amending budget No 1/2015: European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)**  
ENVI/8/02569 2015/2011(BUD)

Responsible: BUDG – Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D)

**Decision taken: No opinion**

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*Documents received for information*

**4. Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in polyvinyl chloride sensors in in-vitro diagnostic medical devices**

ENVI/8/02695 2015/2546(DEA) C(2015)00328

Responsible: ENVI

**Decision taken: No action. For information only**

**5. Commission Delegated Directive ../../EU amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for mercury in intravascular ultrasound imaging systems**

ENVI/8/02692 2015/2544(DEA) C(2015)00386

Responsible: ENVI

**Decision taken: No action. For information only**

**6. Commission Delegated Directive ../../EU amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for cadmium in illumination and display lighting applications**

ENVI/8/02691 2015/2542(DEA) C(2015)00383

Responsible: ENVI

**Decision taken: No action. For information only**

7. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the functioning of Regulation (EC) No 470/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 laying down Community procedures for the establishment of residue limits of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin, repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 and amending Directive 2001/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council**  
COM(2015)0056

**Decision taken:** *No action. For information only*

8. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the ex-post evaluation of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism and Civil Protection Financial Instrument for the period 2007-2013**  
COM(2015)0061

**Decision taken:** *No action. For information only*

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***Other documents received***

9. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A Global Partnership for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development after 2015**  
COM(2015)0044

Responsible: DEVE

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

***B.1 Opinions to own-initiative reports following last CCC meeting:***

10. **DEVE Committee own-initiative report on "Preparing for the World Humanitarian Summit: Challenges and opportunities for humanitarian assistance"**

**Decision taken:** *No opinion*

11. **LIBE Committee own-initiative report on "Prisons systems and conditions"**

**Decision taken:** *No opinion*

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

### **4.1 *Scrutiny and oversight activities of the ENVI Committee***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided:*

#### **On implementation sessions:**

- *To fix a deadline for Wednesday, 4 March, closure of business, for political groups to indicate priorities among the topics already suggested;*
- *To then follow a procedure in two steps:*
  - *To ask information in writing from the Commission on the problems and possibly invite the Commission for an exchange of views in ENVI;*
  - *On the basis of the written and oral information received, to invite relevant Ministers from Member States for an exchange of views in ENVI.*

#### **On the other parts of the draft annual scrutiny plan:**

- *To come back to the issue at the next meeting on the basis of concrete proposals for action.*

### **4.2 *Co-rapporteurs on TTIP***

**Decision taken:** *Given the current state of play, Coordinators decided to appoint Mr Dorfmann as standing rapporteur and Mr Balas as vice standing rapporteur.*

### **4.3 *ENVI involvement in the Public hearing on "Time to revise the summer time directive?"***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided that ENVI should not be directly involved in the hearing.*

### **4.4 *Possible study on the pricing of medicines***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to commission the study. The technical specifications will be agreed in written procedure.*

### **4.5 *Participation of Members' assistants to committees' missions***

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

## **5. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

### ***5.1 Decisions on procedure***

#### ***5.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133***

- 1. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on incorporating the principle of fair compensation into EU law on medicinal products - justice for the victims of Thalidomide by Mara Bizzotto - B8 0090/2015**
- 2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on pollution control in Europe's rivers and lakes by Aldo Patriciello - B8-0082/2015**
- 3. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on controls on procedures for the dismantling of merchant vessels by Aldo Patriciello - B8 0084/2015**

**Decision taken:**      *No specific action – The Chair was mandated to write accordingly to the authors of the MfR.*

#### ***5.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports***

The following issues are currently on the short-list:

- 1. 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**
- 2. Green Paper on mobile health ('mHealth')  
COM(2014)0219**
- 3. 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.*

#### ***5.1.3 Petitions received for opinion***

- Petition N° **2356/2013** by Marvin Hannott (German), on marketing procedures for medicinal products

**Decision taken:**      *No opinion - the Chairman will reply by letter to the PETI Chair.*

- Petition N° **2386/2013** by A.T. (Swedish), on the adverse impact of wind farms

**Decision taken:**      *No opinion - the Chairman will reply by letter to the PETI Chair.*

## **5.2      *Proposals for ENVI Committee missions in the second semester 2015***

**Decision taken:**      *A deadline was fixed for Friday, 6 March closure of business, for political groups to put forward proposals for ENVI missions outside the three places of work, including those to the Agencies, in view of a coordinators' decision at the March meeting.*

## **5.3      *Cloning of animals for farming purposes - update from the rapporteurs***

**Decision taken:**      *To reverse the decision of 22 January and not to ask, at this stage, for a prompt opinion of JURI on the legal basis.*

## **6. POINTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **6.1      *Petitions received for information***

- Petition N° 2299/2013 by Victoria Cadahia (Spanish) on behalf of the Spanish Association of Agro-nutrients Manufacturers, on the use of hydrolysed protein.
- Petition N° 2319/2013 by Asta Praviļonyte (Lithuanian), on sustainable development
- Petition N° 2378/2013 by John Parsons (British), on taxation of solar power
- Petition N° 2494/2013 by Thomas Schutz (German), concerning an EU-wide ban on the import of genetically modified maize varieties
- Petition N° 2627/2013 by Krisztian Varga (Hungarian), on the call for a ban on trans fats in the European Union

### **6.2      *On-going INI reports in ENVI***

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

### **6.3      *State of play on cooperation among committees - information on decisions taken***

#### ***Modalities of cooperation among Committees on EFSI***

The Conference of Presidents endorsed on 11 February the recommendation by the CCC that the EFSI proposal will be dealt jointly by ECON and BUDG (Rule 55), with ITRE and TRAN associated under Rule 54.

In addition, the CCC agreed on 10 February that some other Committees, including ENVI, would be informally associated under Rule 53+ for specific parts of the proposal.

#### **6.4 Interventions by the EP in cases before the ECJ**

- **Case C-580/14 Bitter - Reference for a preliminary ruling - ETS**

The JURI Committee is considering possible submission of observations by the EP.

- **Joined Cases C-401/12 P to C-403/12 P - Aarhus Regulation**

In its judgement of 13 January 2015 the Court of Justice (Grand Chamber) in the case *Parliament, Council and Commission v Vereniging Milieudefensie and Stichting Stop Luchtverontreiniging Utrecht* upheld the appeal brought by Parliament and confirmed the validity of the Aarhus Regulation.

- **Case C-48/14**

In its judgement of 12 February 2015 the Court of Justice in the case *Parliament v Council* ruled that the Council was entitled to adopt alone, on the basis of the Euratom Treaty, the requirements for monitoring levels of radioactive substances in drinking water.

#### **6.5 Proposals for new STOA projects of benefit to Committees**

The Chairman of the STOA Panel wrote to the ENVI Chair on 3rd of February 2015 inviting ENVI Members to propose projects to be carried out in STOA during the 8th legislature. STOA projects usually have an interdisciplinary character and focus on the identification and assessment of possible range of options for future policy actions. A list of STOA projects completed in the 7th legislature, a list of new STOA projects and a standard 'STOA project proposal form 2015' are attached in his letter. A first deadline for proposal submission is set by 27th of February 2015. Proposals can also be submitted later once ENVI Members will be part of the STOA Panel.

#### **6.6 Feedback of Life Working Group meeting of 27 January 2015**

A short note summarising the outcome of the first meeting of the LIFE Working Group was included in the file.

#### **6.7 Preliminary draft programme for the workshop on organ harvesting in China**

The preliminary draft programme was included in the file.

### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

Next ENVI coordinators' meeting will take place either on Thursday 26 March or on Tuesday, 31 March.