

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -
IN CAMERA

Tuesday, 31 March 2015, 9.00-10.30

Room
JAN4Q2

DRAFT RESULTS

31.03.2015

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 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. POSSIBLE CHANGE OF TITLE OF WORKSHOP ON "ORGAN HARVESTING IN CHINA"

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to ask the Policy Department to seek formal confirmation from the Chinese Embassy of their participation in the workshop if China is not mentioned in the title of the workshop. Should that be confirmed, ENVI coordinators would agree to the change of title.*

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Main issues discussed at the CCC

3.1.1 Exchange of views with Mr Timmermans

The Chair reported on the main elements of the exchange of views, notably the idea of an impact assessment before the final adoption of the legislation and the positive reaction to the EP request for a register of delegated acts.

3.2 *ECI "Stop Vivisection"*

The European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) 'Stop Vivisection' was formally submitted to the European Commission on 3 March 2015. In accordance with Rule 211 (1), the Chair of the CCC recommended to the President that the AGRI Committee be given the responsibility for organising the hearing. ENVI, ITRE and PETI will be associated. This recommendation has been agreed by the President.

The hearing on the ECI 'Stop Vivisection' will take place on 11 May 2015, in the afternoon, in room 4Q2.

3.3 *Appointment of Executive Director of ECDC*

At its meeting of 26 March, the ECDC Management Board did not succeed in nominating a candidate with the necessary 2/3 majority. Accordingly, the hearing of the newly nominated Executive Director of ECDC scheduled for 13 April pm. also has to be postponed. Pending a restart of the appointment procedure the current Director, Mr. Sprenger, will remain in office until 30 April and an Acting Director will then be nominated.

3.4 *Vice-Chair responsible for EMAS*

Following a meeting between the Chair and the Vice-Chairs, Mr Javor will be the Vice-Chair responsible for EMAS for the first half of the term.

3.5 *Unused interpretation*

A first case of evident unused interpretation has occurred. Coordinators were asked to make Members aware of the costs involved; as first measure the Chair will instruct the secretariat, in case of late cancellation of interpretation or no show up, to inform Members by mail of the costs entailed.

4. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

In camera

Decisions on procedure

Reports

None

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Opinions

1. Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part

ENVI/8/02970 *** 2013/0440(NLE) 05432/2015 – C8-0062/2015

Responsible AFET

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Decision taken: No opinion

2. **Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part (LV)**

ENVI/8/02973 *** 2013/0441(NLE) 05431/2015 – C8-0061/2015

Responsible AFET

Decision taken: No opinion

3. **Unfair trading practices in the food supply chain**

ENVI/8/03035 2015/2065(INI) COM(2014)0472

Responsible: IMCO – Dawid Bohdan Jackiewicz
(ECR)

Decision taken: EFDD rapporteur (0,5 points)

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Documents received for information

4. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation for the year 2013**

COM(2015)0069

Decision taken: No specific action. For information only

5. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Quality of petrol and diesel fuel used for road transport in the European Union – Twelfth annual report (reporting year 2013)**

COM(2015)0070

Decision taken: No specific action - For information only

6. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: The Paris Protocol – A blueprint for tackling global climate change beyond 2020**

COM(2015)0081

Decision taken: No specific action - For information only

7. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - The Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive: Actions towards the 'good status' of EU water and to reduce flood risks**
COM(2015)0120

Decision taken: *No specific action. For information only (in particular in the context of implementation sessions)*

8. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Directive 2010/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 on the standards of quality and safety of human organs intended for transplantation**
COM(2015)0123

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

9. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, at the Seventh Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants regarding the proposals for amendments of Annexes A, B and C**
COM(2015)0137

Decision taken: *No specific action - For information only*

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Other documents received

10. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council The Paris Protocol - a blueprint for tackling global climate change beyond 2020** SWD(2015)0017
11. **Commission staff working document Report on the progress in implementation of the Water Framework Directive Programmes of Measures Accompanying the document communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council The Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive: Actions towards the 'good status' of EU water and to reduce flood risks** SWD(2015)0050
12. **Commission staff working document Report on the progress in implementation of the Floods Directive Accompanying the document communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council The Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive: Actions towards the 'good status' of EU water and to reduce flood risks** SWD(2015)0051
13. **Commission staff working document Report on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plans Member State: CROATIA Accompanying the document COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL Actions towards the 'good status' of EU water and to reduce flood risks** SWD(2015)0053

14. **Commission staff working document Report on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plans Member State: GREECE Accompanying the document COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL The Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive: Actions towards the 'good status' of EU water and to reduce flood risks SWD(2015)0054**
15. **Commission staff working document Report on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plans Member State: PORTUGAL Accompanying the document COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL The Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive: Actions towards the 'good status' of EU water and to reduce flood risks SWD(2015)0055**
16. **Commission staff working document Report on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive River Basin Management Plans Member State: Spain Accompanying the document COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL The Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive: Actions towards the 'good status' of EU water and to reduce flood risks SWD(2015)0056**
17. **Commission staff working document Progress report on the Action plan against the rising threats from Antimicrobial Resistance SWD(2015)0059**

B. DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL REPORTS/OPINIONS/RESOLUTIONS

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

None

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Placing on the market of food from animal clones - legal basis

Coordinators heard an intervention from the Legal Service as regards the legal aspects of the cloning proposals.

5.2 Delegated acts - tacit extension/revocation of delegation of powers

Decision taken: *Coordinators approved the following approach as regards the expiration and tacit extension of the power to adopt delegated acts:*

- *The Secretariat informs all ENVI Members, via the biweekly DIAs newsletter, about upcoming expiration/tacit extensions of the power to*

adopt delegated acts and about the related reports drawn up the Commission.

- The newsletter sets an internal deadline for opposition to the extension. The procedure that must be followed when a Member wishes to oppose an extension is similar to the procedure for the objection to a delegated act, RPS measure or implementing measure: in principle the Chair decides on the appropriate procedure and informs the Coordinators thereof.*
- In the event of no concerns raised by the Coordinators within a specified deadline (usually one week), the procedure is deemed agreed.*

5.3 Possible study on the restriction of use of certain antimicrobials

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to request to Policy Department a compilation of existing studies on the subject, to be made available before the deadline for amendments to the draft report.*

6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

6.1 Cooperation with ITRE Committee on climate/energy issues

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided:

- to ask ITRE to clarify on what specific issues of the ENVI INI they would claim joint or exclusive competence;*
- to request the application of Rule 54 with exclusive competence on climate and decarbonisation on the ITRE INI report on the Energy Union Communication.*

6.2 ENVI Committee missions in the second semester 2015

6.2.1 Delegation visits

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to undertake the following visits to Agencies in the second semester 2015: ECHA and EFSA (possible dates : 20-24 July, 24-25 September, 3-6 November).
Coordinators will examine the other proposals for visits at their next meeting.*

6.3 Participation of Members' assistants to committees' missions

Decision taken: *Postponed.*

6.4 Scrutiny and oversight activities of the ENVI Committee

Decision taken: *Postponed.*

6.5 Possible exchange of views with EFSA on bisphenol A

Decision taken: *Postponed.*

6.6 Possible exchange of views with ECDC and WHO on vaccination policies in EU Member States

Decision taken: *Postponed.*

6.7 Possible INI report on harmonised systems of national identification and registration of pets

Decision taken: *Postponed.*

7. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

7.1 Decisions on procedure

7.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133

- 1. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the safety of food packaging - B8-0086/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**
- 2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the European Year of Seas and Oceans -B8-0187/2015 - Ivan Jakovic)**
- 3. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the protection of European seas from chemical and conventional weapons - B8-0190/2015 - Ivan Jakovic**
- 4. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on conflicts of interest affecting scientific experts in the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers - B8-0193/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**
- 5. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on the conservation of the marine ecosystem - B8-0194/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**
- 6. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting river delta ecosystems - B8-0195/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**
- 7. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on swine flu in the Veneto region of Italy - B8-0197/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**
- 8. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the prevention of tumours in Italy and in Europe - B8-0198/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**
- 9. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on mandatory indication of origin for meat in processed food products - B8-0202/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**
- 10. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the labelling of dairy products produced abroad and sold in Italy - B8-0203/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**
- 11. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on hydrocarbon extraction by Croatia - B8-0205/2015 - Mara Bizzotto**

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

7.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports

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

7.1.3 Petitions received for opinion

- Petition N° **0647/2011** by Colin Baines (British), on behalf of The Cooperative Group, Greenpeace, WWF, Friends of the Earth Europe and Transport and Environment, accompanied by approximately 13 000 signatures, on the extraction of oil from tar sands and Directive 2009/33./EC as regards the specification of petrol, diesel and gas-oil and introducing a mechanism to monitor and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Petition N° **0336/2012** by C.R. (Danish), concerning the routine tail-docking of piglets in Denmark.
- Petition N° **0322/2014** by Borja Perez Serna (Spanish), on animal welfare regulation in the EU.

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

7.2 Public Hearings in the second semester 2015

Decision taken: *To mandate the Chair to inform the CCC that authorisation for Public Hearings will be requested, if necessary, on an ad-hoc individual basis.*

7.3 Structured dialogue with Commissioners - decision on procedure

Decision taken:

Coordinators agreed that the following procedure will be applied:

- *the ENVI Secretariat will prepare a draft of possible ENVI priorities and circulate it to group staff by 29 April 2015;*
- *group staff will be invited to a separate preparatory meeting ahead of the Coordinators' meeting (an extra Coordinators meeting will most likely be scheduled during the Strasbourg part-session in May);*
- *the draft priorities will be submitted to the ENVI Coordinators ahead of that meeting for final approval of the ENVI priorities for the Commission's Work Programme for 2015 and major legislative priorities for 2016;*
- *final contributions from all committees have to be received by the Conference of Committee Chairs by 22 May 2015.*

7.4 Appointment of a representative in the inter-committee network on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD)

Decision taken: *To fix a deadline for political groups for Friday, 17 April to put forward proposals.*

7.5 Use of ENVI expertise budget - Proposed workshop by Health Working Group on "The Paediatric Regulation: are children still missing out on potentially life-saving treatments?"

Decision taken: *To agree with the abovementioned request*

8. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Petitions received for information

- Petition N° **0181/2014** by Hans Mechtild (German), on the immediate repeal of the planned relaxation of the checking of meat in slaughterhouses in the EU.
- Petition N° **0187/2014** by Jürgen Lauer (German), on the exemption from Trichinella testing in slaughtered animals.
- Petition N° **0586/2014** by F. E. S. (Spanish), on behalf of the Asociación para a Defensa Ecoloxica de Galiza (ADEGA), on alleged infringement by the Galician Waste Management Plan of EU law on waste management.

8.2 On-going INI reports in ENVI

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

8.3 State of play on cooperation among committees - information on decisions taken

At its meeting of 12 March 2015, the Conference of Presidents approved the CCC recommendation to confirm the allocation of the legislative proposal on non-road mobile machinery to the ENVI Committee as lead Committee and the IMCO Committee as opinion giving committee.

8.4 Interventions by the EP in cases before the ECJ

- ***Case T-458/12 Générations Futures v Commission (Parliament as intervener in support of the Commission) - Aarhus Regulation***

Further to the request of the Applicant to discontinue the proceedings, the President of the General Court ordered the case to be removed from the register.

8.5 Procedure and timetable for the budgetary procedure - Budget 2016

Coordinators took note of the procedure and timetable in relation to the procedure for Budget 2016.

8.6 *Meetings of experts groups*

The file included information on expert group meetings dealing with the preparation of delegated acts (DAs) organised by DG ENV and DG CLIMA which will take place within the oncoming trimester (April, May, June 2015).

8.7 *Corrigendum to Article 10 of Directive 2014/40/EU on Tobacco Products*

Coordinators were informed that a formal request from the Council for a corrigendum concerning Article 10(1) f in Directive 2014/40/EU (the tobacco directive) had been received.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Monday, 13 April 2015 at 17.30