



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

Wednesday, 23 September 2015, 15.00-16.30
Room: PHS1A002

RESULTS

25.09.2015

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 Torvalds, Acting 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
Ms D'Ornano, Coordinator of the ENF 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 items discussed at last CCC

The main item discussed at the last CCC was the date and the format of the next meeting between the College of Commissioners and the Committee Chairs. The meeting is likely to take place during the first October part-session in Strasbourg and to be organised around "clusters".

2.2 Exchange of views with FAO in the context of World Food Day

The exchange of views, jointly with the AGRI and DEVE Committees, will take place in the ENVI meeting of Monday, 12 October.

2.3 Participation of MEPs assistants in committee missions

President Schulz has replied to the CCC on the request for assistants to be able to accompany MEPs in delegation visits.

2.4 Meeting with Mr Bloomberg

Mr Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy on Climate and Cities (and former mayor of New York) will be in Brussels on Tuesday, 20 October (group week) and has expressed the wish to meet MEPs involved in the debate on climate change. Since it is not possible to organise an ENVI meeting, this exchange of views will take place in the form of a meeting of the COP21 delegation open to all interested ENVI Members.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPORTEURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS

Legislative reports

None

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Opinions

Points 1-17 treated jointly

1. **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Ombudsman**
ENVI/8/04148 - 2015/2161(DEC) COM(2015)0377[08] – C8-0206/2015
Responsible: CONT – Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
2. **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Parliament**
ENVI/8/04029 - 2015/2155(DEC) COM(2015)0377[02] – C8-0200/2015
Responsible: CONT – Markus Pieper (PPE)
3. **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Commission**
ENVI/8/04009 - 2015/2154(DEC) COM(2015)0377[01] – C8-0199/2015
Responsible: CONT – Martina Dlabajová (ALDE)
4. **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Council and European Council**
ENVI/8/04049 - 2015/2156(DEC) COM(2015)0377[03] – C8-0201/2015
Responsible: CONT – Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)
5. **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Court of Justice**
ENVI/8/04069 - 2015/2157(DEC) COM(2015)0377[04] – C8-0202/2015
Responsible: CONT – Anders Primdahl Vistisen
(ECR)
6. **Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Court of Auditors**
ENVI/8/04089 - 2015/2158(DEC) COM(2015)0377[05] – C8-0203/2015
Responsible: CONT – Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

7. Discharge 2014: EU general budget - European Economic and Social Committee

ENVI/8/04108 - 2015/2159(DEC) COM(2015)0377[06] – C8-0204/2015

Responsible: CONT – Anders Primdahl Vistisen
(ECR)

8. Discharge 2014: EU general budget - Committee of the Regions

ENVI/8/04128 - 2015/2160(DEC) COM(2015)0377[07] – C8-0205/2015

Responsible: CONT – Anders Primdahl Vistisen
(ECR)

9. Discharge 2014: Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2014: performance, financial management and control

ENVI/8/04294 - 2015/2205(DEC) COM(2015)0377[51] – C8-0266/2015

Responsible: CONT

10. Discharge 2014: European Medicines Agency (EMA)

ENVI/8/04181 - 2015/2171(DEC) COM(2015)0377[18] – C8-0216/2015

Responsible: CONT – Derek Vaughan (S&D)

11. Discharge 2014: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

ENVI/8/04194 - 2015/2177(DEC) COM(2015)0377[24] – C8-0222/2015

Responsible: CONT – Derek Vaughan (S&D)

12. Discharge 2014: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

ENVI/8/04207 - 2015/2184(DEC) COM(2015)0377[31] – C8-0229/2015

Responsible: CONT – Derek Vaughan (S&D)

13. Discharge 2014: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

ENVI/8/04192 - 2015/2176(DEC) COM(2015)0377[23] – C8-0221/2015

Responsible: CONT – Derek Vaughan (S&D)

14. Discharge 2014: European Environment Agency (EEA)

ENVI/8/04175 - 2015/2168(DEC) COM(2015)0377[15] – C8-0213/2015

Responsible: CONT – Derek Vaughan (S&D)

15. Discharge 2014: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)

ENVI/8/04172 - 2015/2167(DEC) COM(2015)0377[14] – C8-0212/2015

Responsible: CONT – Derek Vaughan (S&D)

16. Discharge 2014: Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking (IMI)

ENVI/8/04250 - 2015/2200(DEC) COM(2015)0377[47] – C8-0245/2015

Responsible: CONT – Marian-Jean Marinescu
(PPE)

17. Discharge 2014: Joint Undertaking - Aeronautics and the environment (Clean Sky)

ENVI/8/04244 - 2015/2198(DEC) COM(2015)0377[45] – C8-0243/2015

Responsible: CONT – Marian-Jean Marinescu
(PPE)

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

- *the discharge of the five agencies under its responsibility (ECDC, ECHA, EEA, EFSA, EMA) and the discharge of the Commission*
- *took note of the CONT and ENVI timetable*

Opinions to own-initiative reports

18. ECON Committee own-initiative report: "European Semester for economic policy coordination: Annual Growth Survey 2016"

Decision taken: *EPP draftsperson (0,5 points)*

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Documents received for information

**19. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council:
Commission Report on the operation of Directive 2011/24/EU on the application of
patients' rights in cross-border healthcare
COM(2015)0421**

Decision taken: *The topic will be addressed in the context of an implementation session.*

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Other documents received

None

4. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

4.1 Programme of ENVI missions for the period January-June 2016

4.1.1 Missions inside and outside the EU

Decision taken: The following missions were decided:

- ***ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP)***
- ***Sweden and/or Finland on sustainable forestry***
- ***IMO Marine Environment Committee 70th session (clarification to be sought as of exact dates)***

Coordinators also decided to examine again the proposal of mission to China in the context of the proposals for the 2nd semester 2016.

Coordinators mandated the Chair to stress the need for an early authorisation of the missions (in particular those outside the EU) for an efficient planning and use of resources.

4.1.2 Visits to the Agencies

Decision taken: The following visits to Agencies were decided:

- ***EEA***
- ***FVO***
- ***ECDC (in the 2nd semester 2016)***

The programme of missions and visits to the Agencies will be finalised, on the basis of the decisions taken, at next coordinators meeting as for size of the delegations and dates.

4.2 Format for the hearing of the candidate nominated by the EMA Management Board to be Executive Director of the Agency

The format for the hearing (approx. 2 hours) will be as follows:

- **3-minute introduction** by the Chair of the committee,
- **no more than 10 minutes opening statement** by the candidate,
- first round of questions from coordinators (40min) and one round of questions from ENVI Members (60min) - **total of 20 questions**:
 - The format of each question will be as follows (5 minutes per question):
 - 1-minute initial question 2-minute answer
 - 45-second follow-up question 1-minute answer

If a speaker is not present, the question will lapse.

- **5-minute final statement** by the candidate

- **2 minutes** conclusive remarks by the Chair
- After the hearing the coordinators will evaluate the performance of the candidate, and a letter containing the Committee's views will then be sent to the President.
- President Schulz, after consulting the Conference of Presidents, will transmit Parliament's final views on the candidate to Mr Kent WOODS, Chairman of the EMA Management Board.

Taking into account the d'Hondt system, the questions will be divided as follows:

Total:	EPP:	6
	S&D:	5
	ECR:	2
	ALDE:	2
	GUE/NGL:	1
	Greens:	1
	EFDD:	1
	ENF:	1
	NA:	1

Round 1 - 8 Qs - political group coordinators or representatives in the above order

Round 2 - 12 Qs - EPP 5, S&D 4, ECR 1, ALDE 1, NI 1 - mixed order

Decision taken: *Coordinators approved the above format for the hearing. Political groups were requested to send to the secretariat their list of speakers by Friday (October 9), at noon. The list of speakers will be distributed on the Monday (12 October).*

4.3 Participation of the European Commission to ENVI Committee visits to the Agencies under its responsibility

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided that the Commission should not be invited to join the ENVI delegation during the visits to the Agencies in the current legislature.*

4.3a Exchange of views on the assessment of the properties of active substances in plant protection products

Decision taken: *Coordinators declined the above proposal.*

4.4 Possible OQ to the Commission in committee on rare cancers

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to hold question time in committee with the Commission on rare cancers at one of the forthcoming ENVI meetings.*

4.5 *Petition n. 1555/2012 by Helmut Wolfram on the erection of wind turbines near a German residential area on the border with the Czech Republic*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the information note included in the file. The Legal Service was requested to reply in writing as to whether the new legislation would avoid a situation as the one mentioned in the petition.*

4.5a *Possible OQ in committee on "WEEE treatment in the EU"*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to hold question time in committee with the Commission on "WEEE treatment in the EU" at one of the next ENVI meetings.*

4.5b *Possible Public Hearing on glyphosate*

Decision taken: *Coordinators declined the proposal and decided to maintain their decision of June on the issue.*

4.5c *Follow-up to the Committee debate on the Volkswagen case*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to table an OQ without resolution jointly with IMCO in view of the October I part-session. The text of the OQ will be adopted in written procedure.*

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 the Lambert case - B8-0640/2015 - Aldo Patriciello**
- 2.** **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning the sale of glue traps - B8-0731/2015 - Dominique Bilde, Sophie Montel**
- 3.** **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the preservation of pollinating insects, particularly bees - B8-0732/2015 - Dominique Bilde, Sophie Montel**
- 4.** **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the call to renew the exemption from the restriction on the use of lead for crystal glass production - B8-0780/2015 - Sophie Montel, Dominique Bilde, Florian Philippot**
- 5.** **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on remnants of war - B8-0789/2015 - Aldo Patriciello**
- 6.** **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on rare diseases - B8-0792/2015 - Gianluca Buonanno**
- 7.** **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a universal databank monitoring medicines and their circulation in the EU - B8-0795/2015 - Aldo Patriciello**
- 8.** **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on water scarcity - B8-0799/2015 - Aldo Patriciello**

Decision taken: *No specific action. The Chair will reply accordingly to the authors of the MfRs.*

5.1.2 *Short-list of candidates for INI reports*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the issues currently on the short-list.*

5.1.3 *Petitions received for opinion*

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

5.2 *Public Hearings for the 1st semester 2016*

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

5.3 *Use of ENVI expertise budget - Request by Health Working Group to organise a workshop on "Data Saves Lives: the impact of the Data Protection Regulation on personal data use in cancer research"*

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed with the abovementioned request.*

6. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 *On-going INI reports in ENVI*

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

6.2 *Petitions for information*

- Petition N° **0422/2014** by Helmut Strack (German) on the EU-US free trade agreement and risks relating to food imports from the US.
- Petition No **0978/2014** by X.X. (Greek), on behalf of the company on infringements of Greek and EU legislation on processing by-products of animal origin.

6.3 *Interventions by the EP in cases before the ECJ*

- **Case C-106/14 FCD and FMB v Ministre de l'Écologie, du Développement durable et de l'Énergie**

In its ruling of 10 September, the ECJ concluded that articles incorporated as components of a complex product must be notified to the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) when they contain a substance of very high concern in a concentration above 0.1% .

6.4 Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation The file included the updated rolling check-list.

6.5 Use of ENVI expertise budget for 2015

The file included an overview of the use of the ENVI expertise budget for 2015 until September, provided by Policy Department A.

6.6 Commission reply on alcohol strategy

The file included a letter from Commissioner Andriukaitis replying to the Chair's letter on the alcohol strategy.

6.7 Meetings of experts groups

The file included the list of expert group meetings dealing with the preparation of delegated acts (DAs) organised by DG ENV and DG CLIMA within the oncoming trimester (October, November, December 2015).

6.7a Exchange of letters with EMA on Policy Department study on Antimicrobial Restrictions in Animal Feed

The file included a letter from EMA's head of Veterinary Medicine Division and the Chair's reply.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Council decision at qualified majority on climate policy

The EPP coordinator informed that this issue is currently under discussion in the Commission.

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to write to the Commission to support the QMV in Council, which is in full respect of the Treaties.*

7.2 ENVI meeting of 21-22 December

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite at this meeting:*

- *Commissioner Arias Canete to discuss the outcome of COP21*
- *Commissioner Vella for a presentation of the circular economy package*

8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 13 October at 15.00 (tbc)