

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

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

Wednesday, 17 February 2016, 15.00-16.30

Room
JAN 4Q2

Coordinators Results

23.02.2016

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 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 meeting

The main items on the last CCC agenda were an exchange of views with Mr Verhofstadt, Chair of the ALDE Group, in charge of negotiations on the Inter-institutional Agreement (IIA) on Better Law-Making and an exchange of views with Commission VP Ansip on the Digital Single Market.

2.2 Appointments in EFSA Management Board

Under Article 25 of EFSA founding Regulation, members of EFSA Management Board are appointed by the Council in consultation with the European Parliament, from a list drawn up by the Commission. The Commission sent to the Council on 15 January a list of candidates with a view to renew half of the management board (7 Members) by 30 June 2016. The item will be in the March coordinators' meeting agenda for decision.

2.3 Appointment of civil society representatives in EMA Management Board

The EP is consulted by the Council regarding the appointment of four members of civil society representatives of the EMA Management Board. Coordinators will decide on this issue at their next meeting.

2.4 New breeding techniques

Coordinators had decided on 23 November to hold an exchange of views with the Commission on this issue, as soon as the Commission legal opinion would be available. It is understood that this legal opinion is now planned for the second quarter 2016.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

Items 1-2 treated jointly

1. Regulation on mercury and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1102/2008

ENVI/8/05656

***I 2016/0023(COD) COM(2016)0039 – C8-0021/2016

Responsible ENVI

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Opinions: INTA - ITRE - JURI

2. Minamata Convention on Mercury

ENVI/8/05661

*** 2016/0021(NLE) COM(2016)0042

Responsible ENVI

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Opinions: INTA - ITRE

Decision taken: *GUE/NGL rapporteur (3 points)*

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Own-initiative reports

3. Access to medicines

Decision taken: *To seek authorisation to draw up an INI report on "EU options for improving access to medicines", which will focus on issues within EU competence. S&D rapporteur (1 point).*

4. Palm Oil and deforestation of rainforests

Decision taken: *Postponed until after the Public Hearing on the same topic*

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Legislative opinions

5. **Approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles (TV/JV)**
ENVI/8/05639 - ***I 2016/0014(COD) COM(2016)0031 – C8-0015/2016
Responsible IMCO
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Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur for opinion (1,5 points). Request application of Rule 54 with ENVI exclusive competence for articles 91-94 of the proposal (and corresponding parts as referred in the correlation tables) and shared competences.*

Items 6-7 treated jointly

6. **Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part**
ENVI/8/05599
2016/0005(NLE) COM(2016)0018
Responsible INTA
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7. **Proposal for a Council decision on the signing and provisional application of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part**
COM(2016)0008

Decision taken: *No opinion*

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Non-legislative opinions

8. **TRAN Strategic INI report on "An Aviation Strategy for Europe"**

Decision taken: *S&D rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)*

9. **JURI/AFCO INI report on "Interpretation and implementation of the Inter-Institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making"**
ENVI/8/05353

Responsible AFCO
: JURI

Decision taken: *Chair rapporteur for opinion (0 points)*

10. **ENVI opinion to the EMPL INI implementation report on the Concluding Observations of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

Decision taken: *S&D rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)*

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Documents received for information

11. **Proposal for a Council decision amending Decision No 529/2013/EU to include reference levels for forest management, minimum values for the definition of forest and base year of emissions for the Republic of Croatia (ES)**
2015/0315 (NLE), COM(2015)687

Decision taken: *No action needed.*

12. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, at the Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on mercury and at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Minamata Convention on Mercury with regard to the provisional and subsequent final adoption of guidance referred to in its Article 8, paragraphs 8 and 9 (HCE)**
COM(2016)0003

Decision taken: *No action needed.*

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Other documents received

13. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments {COM(2015)337 final}**
SWD(2015)0297
14. **Commission staff working document Inventory of Union and Member State incentives to support research into, and the development and availability of, orphan medicinal products — state of play 2015**
SWD(2016)0013

15. **Commission staff working document: executive summary of the impact assessment: Ratification and Implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury accompanying the document: proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on mercury, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1102/2008**
SWD(2016)0014
16. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT Ratification and Implementation by the EU of the Minamata Convention on Mercury Accompanying the document Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on mercury, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1102/2008**
SWD(2016)0017
17. **Commission staff working document Implementation Plan Accompanying the document Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on mercury, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1102/2008**
SWD(2016)0018

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Other issues

18. **Wildlife crime**

Decision taken: *To invite the authors of the study on wildlife crime to present it in a forthcoming ENVI meeting;*

To request authorisation to draw-up an INI report on the basis of the Commission Action Plan.

To draft an OQ and resolution to define Parliament's position ahead of CITES COP17 (see item 4.1.1).

19. **Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

A. **DEVE own-initiative report on "The New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition"**

Decision taken: *No opinion*

B. **EU implementation of the SDGs**

Decision taken: *To wait for the Commission document before deciding on the next steps. The Chair was also mandated to take informal contacts with the DEVE Chair in view of possible DEVE initiatives on the topic.*

4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

4.1 ENVI missions for the second semester 2016

4.1.1 Missions inside and outside the EU

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to organise the following missions in the second semester :*

- *China/ETS: September or November turquoise weeks;*
- *Essen (climate/sustainability local experiences): September or November turquoise weeks;*
- *CITES COP17, Johannesburg: 3 days + travel in week of 24 September*
- *Taranto, ILVA: 13-15 July (interpretation only IT/EN)*

The exact dates and size of the missions will be decided in written procedure or at the next coordinators' meeting.

In addition, it was decided to request exceptionally authorisation to send a delegation of 3 Members to the ICAO High-level Meeting on a Global Market-Based Measure (MBM) Scheme, 11 - 13 May 2016, Montréal, Canada, although this meeting overlapping with the May part-session.

4.1.2 Visits to the Agencies

Decision taken: *ECDC, delegation composed as follows: 1 GUE/NGL, 1 EPP, 1 S&D. The exact date will be decided in written procedure or at the next coordinators' meeting.*

4.2 Joint Public Hearing with ITRE on mhealth

Decision taken: *To reschedule the hearing in order for it to take place during ITRE meeting time;*

4.3 Appointment of EP representatives in EMA Management Board

Decision taken: *A decision on the EP representative will be taken at next coordinators' meeting on the basis of the proposals put forward by the political groups.*

4.4 State of play of cooperation with ITRE on INI report on renewables

Decision taken: *Coordinators rejected ITRE informal proposal for application of Rule 53+ on the three pending files and mandated the Chair to reply accordingly to the ITRE Chair and ask that the matter be referred to the Conference of Presidents for decision.*

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Participation to COP22 on climate change in Marrakesh, 7-18 November 2016

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting*

5.2 Follow-up to the ENVI delegation to CAEP10 in Montreal and the upcoming expiry of ETS "Stop the Clock" in December 2016

Decision taken: *To have a report back by the EP delegation to CAEP10 during the March ENVI Committee;*

5.3 Next exchanges of views with the European Commission on REFIT activities

Decision taken: *To organise exchange of views on the REFIT activities - which will be finalised by Q2 2016 - on:*

- EU legislation and policies relevant to the chemicals sector (cumulative cost assessment) – (finalised, report awaiting publication)

- Fuel Quality Directive 2009/30/EC (to be finalised Q2 2016)

- Birds directive 2009/147/EEC and Habitats directive 92/43/EEC (to be finalised Q2 2016)

To come back to the other proposals, which concerns REFIT activities, which will be finalised later in 2016 or in 2017, at a next coordinators' meeting.

5.4 2016 ENVI annual scrutiny plan

Decision taken: *To ask the secretariat and the political groups advisors to make a technical proposal putting together the inputs received, in view of a discussion and decision by the coordinators at their next meeting.*

5.5 Possible presentation of ECA special report on Danube water quality

Decision taken: *postponed to next meeting*

5.6 Oral Question and resolution on Transfats

Decision taken: *postponed to next meeting*

6. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

6.1 Decisions on procedure

6.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133

1. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting mountain ecosystems by Aldo Patriciello - B8-0013/2016
2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the importance of school fruit and milk schemes by Aldo Patriciello - B8-0016/2016
3. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) by Aldo Patriciello - B8-0037/2016
4. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on compulsory removal and disposal of asbestos roofing and other asbestos-containing material from buildings by Gianluca Buonanno – B8-0126/2016
5. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the labelling of meat from animals killed in ritual slaughter by Louis Aliot, Gilles Lebreton, Edouard Ferrand, Philippe Loiseau, Mireille d'Ornano, Sylvie Goddyn, Jean-François Jalkh, Mylène Troszczynski - B8-0127/2016
6. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting EU citizens against garlic bleached with methyl bromide by Franz Obermayr – B8-0129/2016
7. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the need to clean up the sea by Aldo Patriciello – B8-0138/2016
8. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the safety of blood transfusions by Aldo Patriciello – B8-0142/2016
9. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on legislation to combat indiscriminate wastage of food by Gianluca Buonanno – B8-0200/2016
10. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on eradicating asbestos by Isabella Adinolfi – B8-0213/2016
11. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on waste disposal in Campania, Italy by Isabella Adinolfi – B8-0215/2016

Decision taken: *No follow-up needed. The Chair will reply accordingly to the author(s) of the motions for resolution.*

6.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports

Decision taken: *To take note of the issue currently on the short-list.*

6.2 Public Hearing on Palm Oil and Deforestation

Decision taken: *To endorse the title and the draft programme for the public hearing, agreed at technical level*

6.3 ENVI Public Hearings in the second semester 2016

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.*

6.4 Petitions for opinion

None

6.5 Possible participation of an ENVI Member as high-level speaker to the Maritime Day 2016 in Turku, Finland on 18-19 May

Decision taken: *A deadline was fixed for 24 February closure of business for political groups to put forward proposals of interested Members. The final choice will have to be coordinated with the two other Committees concerned.*

6.6 Nomination of representatives to the French National Council of the Sea and Coastal Regions

Decision taken: *A deadline was fixed for 24 February closure of business for political groups to put forward proposals. The final choice will have to be coordinated with the two other Committees concerned.*

6.7 Hearing of the candidate for function of Executive Director of ECDC - Decision on procedure

Background

The Chair of the ECDC Management Board has informed President Schulz that the MB will nominate the ECDC Director at its meeting of 8-10 March 2016.

Article 17(2) of ECDC's Founding Regulation provides that "*Before 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*".

Pending the decision of the MB, the hearing of the nominee in the ENVI Committee is therefore preliminarily scheduled for Monday, 21 March at 3.00 pm.

Procedure

The format for the hearing would follow the one applied in previous such hearings, most recently the Executive Director of EMA in October 2015.

The hearing (approx. 2 hours) will be organised as follows:

After the **3-minute introduction** by the Chairman of the committee, the candidate will be asked to make an opening statement of **no more than 10 minutes**.

The statement will be followed by a **first round** of questions from coordinators (40min) and one round of questions from ENVI Members (60min) - the two rounds will cover a total of 20 questions:

- The format of each question will be as follows (5 minutes per block of question):
 - 1-minute initial question 2-minute answer
 - 45-second follow-up question 1-minute answer¹
- **If a speaker is not present, the question will lapse.**

At the end of the hearing, the candidate will present **5-minute final statement** and the committee Chairman will make conclusive remarks in another **2 minutes**.

¹ On the basis of past experience the remaining 15 seconds should be used as a buffer for 'giving the floor' operations and for overshooting statements. Indeed the chairman has to give the floor to **each** of the speakers **every time** they speak. In other words, this operation has to be carried out 4 times per 5-minute block. Assuming that these 4 operations take 10 seconds in total, multiplied by 21 questions, at least 4 minutes have to be set aside for 'giving the floor' operations in the course of a hearing.

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 Mr Schultz, the President of the Parliament. This letter shall be sent as quickly as possible.

It is then envisaged that President Schulz, after consulting the Conference of Presidents, will transmit Parliament's final judgement on the candidate to Mr Reynders, Chair of the ECDC Management Board.

Nota: groups will be requested to send their list for speakers **by Thursday, 17 March at noon.** The list of speakers will be distributed on **Friday 18 March.**

Material for the hearing will include:

The candidate's CV;

A copy of his/her application form [**not publicly available**];

His/her declaration of interests ;

A detailed motivation letter [**not publicly available**];

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 endorsed the format for the hearing*

6.8 *Use of ENVI expertise budget - Proposed workshop by Health Working Group on "EU's pesticides risk assessment system: the case of glyphosate"*

Decision taken: *To authorise the use of the expertise budget for the workshop on "EU's pesticides risk assessment system: the case of glyphosate" foreseen on Tuesday, 19 April, 12.30-14:45*

7. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 On-going INI reports in ENVI

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

7.2 Petitions for information

- Petition **0723/2014** by M-J F. (Portuguese / Canadian) on Food safety and Free trade agreements.
- Petition **1129/2014** by Joanna Swabe (British), on behalf of the organisation Human Society International, on the safety of horsemeat imported from outside the EU.
- Petition No **0187/2015** by Sjoerd Wartena (Dutch), on behalf of several organisations, on the protection and administration of European agricultural land as shared wealth.
- Petition No **1581/2014** by Luca Bucchini (Italian), on food control legislation.
- Petition No **0537/2015** by Jens Genzer (German) on the pressure by the EU Council on the United Nations to establish a world environmental organisation as part of the UN.

7.3 Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation

The updated rolling check-list was included in the file.

7.4. ECJ case law of interest for ENVI

- **Judgment of 15 December 2015 in Joined Cases C-132/14 to C-136/14 *Parliament and Commission v Council* - Measures aimed at facilitating the full application of the EU *acquis* to Mayotte are validly based on Article 349 TFEU**
- **Judgment of 17 December 2015 in Case C-157/14 *Neptune Distribution* - The Court of Justice confirms the validity of Directive 2009/54/EC on natural mineral waters**
- **Order of 17 December 2015 In Case C-580/14 *Bitter* - The Court upholds the validity of the provision of the Emissions Trading Directive foreseeing a lump-sum fine to ensure the effectiveness of the obligation to surrender emissions allowances, as it complies with the principle of proportionality**

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

16 March 2016, (time tbc)