

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 30 May 2017, 9.00-10.00

Room
JAN 4Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

31.05.2017

Present:

Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Ms Dalli, 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
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 Chair informed that the main items in the May CCC agenda were an exchange of views with VP Sefcovic on the Energy Union and an exchange of views with the Maltese Presidency on the mid-term review of the Presidency.

2.2 Association of AGRI to implementation report on Pesticides

At the CCC meeting, the AGRI Chair requested for AGRI to be associated under Rule 54 to ENVI implementation report on plant protection products as it was the case for the 2009 legislation ("enhanced cooperation" at the time).

2.3 Away Day CCC

An Away Day of the CCC will take place on 7 June. The main items which will be discussed are Brexit (with Mr Barnier) and on a more practical note how to improve the procedure on conflicts of competence/Rule 54 and 55.

2.4 Exchange of views with Court of Auditors on independence and conflict of interests of Agencies

The above meeting - decided by coordinators at their meeting of 11 April - will take place on Thursday, 22 June from 14.00 to 15.30.

2.6 Shadows meetings in Strasbourg

Following restrictions on the EP budget for missions of committee secretariats, the possibility of organising shadows meetings in Strasbourg will have to be significantly reduced. Priority to use the limited possibilities available will be given to legislative files. Coordinators were asked to inform their Members of these restrictions.

2.7 Rescheduling of exchange of views with Vice President Katainen

The exchange of views - initially scheduled for 22 June - has been rescheduled for 12 October.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

None

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Legislative opinions

None

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Non-legislative opinions

- 1. AGRI implementation own-initiative report on ‘Implementation of CAP young farmers’ tools in the EU after the 2013 reform’**

Decision taken: EPP Rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points from the special allocation for implementation reports/opinions)

- 2. FEMM own-initiative report on “Women, gender equality and climate justice”**

Decision taken: No opinion

- 3. TRAN own-initiative report on “A European strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems” - COM(2016)0766**

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

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Documents received for information

4. **Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament under Article 12(3) of Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment** COM(2017)0234

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

- 5 **Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament Progress report on the implementation of the Commission Communication "Stepping up the fight against cigarette smuggling and other forms of illicit trade in tobacco products - a comprehensive EU strategy"** COM(2017)0235

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

6. **Communication from the Commission: Commission Notice on Access to Justice in Environmental Matters** C(2017)2616

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to write to the Commission to recall EP request that the issue be addressed via a legislative proposal.*

7. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - An Action Plan for nature, people and the economy** COM(2017)198 SWD(2017)0139

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to draft an Oral Question with resolution. Political groups were asked to inform the secretariat by 7 June at noon of the names of the co-sponsors.*

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Other documents received

8. **Commission staff working document Agriculture and Sustainable Water Management in the EU** SWD(2017)0153

4. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

4.1 Organisation of speaking time for committee exchange of views with VIPs

Decision taken: *The Chair's proposal to inform coordinators before each exchange of views on the format (including speaking time for the guest) and maximum number of speakers per group was supported by the coordinators.*

4.2 Possible joint ENVI/AGRI Public Hearing on Glyphosate

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to organise a public hearing jointly with AGRI on the issue of glyphosate in relation to the “Monsanto papers”. The Public Hearing will last half-day and will be organised after the summer break (September/October), if necessary as an extraordinary ENVI meeting.*

5. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

5.1 Decisions on procedure

5.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133

Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on promoting the use of Braille - B8-0279/2017

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on establishing a European plan to eradicate hepatitis C - B8-0280/2017

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on organ donation - B8-0287/2017

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the decline of the European rabbit - B8-0291/2017

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

5.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports

The following topic was added to the short list at the 21 March meeting:

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on progress made and gaps remaining in the European Emergency Response Capacity - COM(2017)0078

5.2 Petitions for opinion

None

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 No **0519/2016** by V.G. (German) on reuse of ink cartridges for printers.
- Petition No **1007/2016** by K.M. (Polish) on air quality in Poland.
- Petition No **1041/2016** by Mireta Năstase (Romanian) on the alleged violation of environmental laws by several quarries in the village of Sibioara (Constanța, Romania).

- Petition No **1078/2016** by H. B. (Greek) bearing one signature, on the degradation of the environment, the marine life and the archaeological site in Vatika Bay (Laconia, Greece) a unique site of environmental and cultural value.
- Petition No **1090/2016** by C.B. (British) on scientific policy advice on internal exposures to radioactive pollutants and compliance with the Basic Safety Standards Directive.
- Petition No **1135/2016** by Dolores Verdaguer Soler (Spanish) on meat imported from Israel.
- Petition No **1150/2016** by Thomas Lappe (German) on incorrect threshold values and the lack of quality control inspections in the olive oil sector.
- Petition No **1155/2016** by Pedro Preto Paulo (Portuguese) on the ban of aerial spraying.
- Petition No **1211/2016** by B. S. (German) on behalf of the residents of Barnstorf (rural district Dielpholz, Lower Saxony), bearing one signature, on the acceptance by the local council of a request of authorization for building a wind farm (six wind energy plants of 150m height and one of 170m height) in a nature conservation area with many threatened species (eagle owl, bat, goose, whooper swan and cranes).
- Petition No **1250/2016** by L. D. (Italian) on the project for the creation of a rear indicator for environmentally friendly vehicles.
- Petition No **1389/2016** by Mark Ellis (British) on suspending the use of the Canine Lepto 4 vaccine in the European Union.
- Petition No **1403/2016** by Jörg Brauneis (German) on the protection of the ‘Stölzinger Gebirge’ and the Werra and Wehretal natural habitats against the construction of wind generators.
- Petition No **1405/2016** by Michael Traill (British) on proposal to make single-use cups biodegradable in the EU.
- Petition No **1464/2016** by Danielle Van Hulst (Dutch) on the proposal to provide breakfast to children in schools in the EU.
- Petition No **1485/2016** by J.S. (German) on protection from highly toxic coal smog.
- Petition No **1498/2016** by Ľors Orosz (Slovak) on the protection of the quality of groundwater resources in Vereknýe (in Hungarian)/Vrakuňa (in Slovak), Slovakia, against chemical environmental pollution and safeguarding the health of the population concerned.
- Petition No **1511/2016** by Davide Fabretti (Italian) on behalf of Osservatorio Nazionale Sull'Amianto, on the risks posed by a refinery and the presence of asbestos.
- Petition No **1528/2016** by Rocco Sofi (Italian) on the pollution risks from the Colleferro incinerators and the alleged infringement of EU legislation in Italy.
- Petition No **1544/2016** by Rosa Hernanz Herrera (Spanish) on post-polio syndrome.

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

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

6.4 *State of play of ENVI 2017 scrutiny plan*

The updated 2017 scrutiny plan was included in the file.

6.5 *Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee*

- **Case C-128/17, Republic of Poland v European Parliament and Council**
The Republic of Poland brought an action against the European Parliament and the Council for the annulment of Directive (EU) 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, amending Directive 2003/35/EC and repealing Directive 2011/81/EC (“NEC Directive”).

6.6 *Draft letter on mandate for budgetary trilogue*

The file included the draft letter to be put to the vote in ENVI on 8 June.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The ECR coordinator informed on the state of play on the safety data project between EFSA, ECHA and EMA. A position paper on the matter will be put forward by the Agencies in June and could be discussed by coordinators before the summer break. An exchange of views in ENVI could then take place in September/October.

8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, 21 June 2017 15.00-16.00 (tbc)