

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Tuesday, 11 July 2017, 17.30-18.30

Room JAN 4Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

12.07.2017

Present:

Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Belet, Acting Coordinator of the EPP group
Ms Dalli, Coordinator of the S&D group
Ms Girling, Coordinator of the ECR group
Ms Bearder, Acting 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

2.1.1 Follow-up to BLM Interinstitutional agreement on negotiations on international agreements

Mr Brok and Mr Lange, EP negotiators, debriefed on the last meeting with the other institutions, where significant progress was made - thanks to the Estonian Presidency - on a number of issues concerning access to information in the context of negotiations of bilateral agreements.

2.1.2 Monitoring of the implementation of the Rome Declaration

Committees were asked to provide input, including on the five Commission reflection documents and in relation to the Commission Work Programmes before the end of the legislature. The secretariat will circulate the Commission reflection documents.

2.1.3 CCC guidelines on roll-call votes in committees

The CCC adopted an updated version of the guidelines on roll-call votes in committees. There is no change to the practice already used in ENVI.

2.1.4 Pilot-phase on adjusted meeting time on Tuesday and Wednesday pm

A pilot-phase to have 30 minutes additional meeting time on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (starting at 14.30 instead of 15.00) will take place between October and December. ENVI could test this, in particular in case of busy agendas.

2.2 Brexit Steering Group meeting

The Chair was invited to take part to a Brexit Steering Group meeting where the Commission position paper on goods placed on the market was discussed. She raised the issues indicated by the coordinators in their comments and also asked if it was possible to ask the Commission to receive a timeline on when they envisage to come up with further position papers. The Brexit steering group will now put together all the comments received and send them to the Commission.

2.3 Presence of MEPs for exchange of views with Commission and other institutions

MEPs presence at last meeting's exchange of views with the Commission and with the European Court of Auditors and the Agencies was very low. Coordinators' were asked to draw once again Members' attention to this issue.

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

None

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Documents received for information

1. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Actions to Streamline Environmental Reporting**
COM(2017)0312

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

2. **Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**
COM(2017)0339

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to request authorisation to draw up an own-initiative report. S&D rapporteur (3 points).*

3. **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 2016/802/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 relating to a reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels**
COM(2017)0342

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expired on 7 July 2017, as indicated in comitology/DIA newsletter n.526).*

4. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention regarding compliance case ACCC/C/2008/32**
COM(2017)0366

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

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Other documents received

5. **Commission staff working document Fitness Check of Reporting and Monitoring of EU Environment Policy Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Actions to Streamline Environmental Reporting**
SWD(2017)0230
6. **Commission staff working document - Synopsis report accompanying the document: Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: A European One-Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**
SWD(2017)0240

7. **COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/... of ... on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as regards the adoption of the required content of the certification referred to in Article 3(12) of the Convention and of the guidance referred to in Article 8(8) and (9) of the Convention**
Conseil (2017)09666

4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

4.1 State of play on pending requests for cooperation among Committees involving ENVI

4.1.1 Request for Rule 54 on Eurovignette

Decision taken: *To insist on ENVI request for Rule 54 with exclusive competence.*

4.1.2 Request for Rule 54 on European Solidarity Corps

Decision taken: *To accept the proposal for Rule 54 with shared competence and the specific arrangement that the budget will be agreed jointly. Coordinators committed to comply with the current CULT timetable.*

4.2 Speakers for the Public Hearing on Glyphosate

Decision taken: *The format of the hearing will be in 3 panels of 2 speakers each (subject to agreement with AGRI). The following speakers were chosen:*

Panel 1

- *Prof Dr Dr Andreas Hensel or Dr Roland Solecki, BfR (nominated by AGRI)*
- *Prof Christopher Portier, Maastricht University*

Panel 2

- *Carey Gillam, US Right to Know*
- *Hugh Grant, CEO, or another representative of Monsanto (nominated by AGRI)*

Panel 3

- *Tim Bowmer, Chairman of the ECHA Committee for Risk Assessment*
- *Martin Pigeon, Corporate Europe Observatory (nominated by AGRI)*

Dr Kate Guyton (nominated by AGRI) and Prof Sir David Spiegelhalter (nominated by ENVI as "reserve") could eventually be included in the programme if one of the selected speakers is not available.

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 Appointment of EP representatives in EEA Management Board

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to set a deadline on Friday 29 September closure of business for political groups to put forward proposals for candidates (motivation letter, CV and DoI) in view of a decision at the 11-12 October ENVI coordinators' meeting.*

5.2 Possible exchange of views in ENVI Committee on Brexit

Decision taken: *After a discussion, coordinators decided to come back to the issue at a next meeting.*

5.3 Possible joint event with DG ENV on the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed in principle that ENVI hosts the suggested event and mandated the Chair to identify, with the support of the secretariat, the possible format and date.*

5.4 Possible exchange of views with the Commission and EFSA on proposals to update the GMO Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) criteria

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed to invite the Commission and EFSA to an exchange of views at one of the upcoming ENVI Committee meetings, to take place shortly after the summer break.*

5.5 Possible request for an opinion of the Parliament Legal Service on scientific criteria for endocrine disruptors

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to ask the Legal Service for a formal opinion on the issue.*

6. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

6.1 Decisions on procedure

6.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133

- 1. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on mandatory origin labelling for rice by Angelo Ciocca - B8-0386/2017**

2. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on the dangers for children of excessive screen use by Mireille d'Ornano - B8-0404/2017

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

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

6.2 Petitions for opinion

None

6.3 Proposals for ENVI missions for the first semester 2018

Decision taken: *Coordinators fixed a deadline for Friday, 8 September closure of business for political groups to submit proposals, in view of a decision at the 28 September coordinators' meeting.*

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 **No 0107/2017** by E.K. (Greek) on a breach of EU legislation during the construction of sewers in Parga (western Greece).
- Petition **No 0121/2017** by Mita Drius (Italian) on sustainable cross-border management of the Isonzo-Soca river system.
- Petition **0124/2017** by Lampros Dousikos and another 38 people on the alleged breaches of EU legislation in the spatial development of public land in the area of Kassiopi, Corfu (Greece).
- Petition **No 0127/2017** by C. S. (Italian) on the tender procedure for the treatment of solid waste in Rome.
- Petition **No 0136/2017** by Bas Van Tol (Dutch) on alleged unfair competition created in the ozone devices market as a result of EU legislation.

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 State of play of ENVI 2017 scrutiny plan

The updated 2017 scrutiny plan was included in the file.

7.5 Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee

- **Judgement of 22 June 2017 in Case C-549/15, *E.ON Biofor Sverige***

The file included an information note from the EP Legal Service on the judgment of the Court of Justice concerning the interpretation of Article 18(1) of Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/30/EC (OJ 2009 L 140, p. 16) as well as whether that provision is compatible with Article 34 TFEU.

7.6 Indicative planning on expert groups meetings of DG ENV and DG CLIMA

The list of expert group meetings organised by DG ENV and DG CLIMA, dealing with the preparation of delegated acts covering areas of interest for the ENVI Committee, and scheduled for the trimester July-September 2017, was included in the file.

7.7 Letter to the EP President by the Chair of the Intergroup on Animal Welfare on a global end to animal testing on cosmetics

The letter was received by the EP President who transmitted it to the ENVI Committee for information.

Decision taken: *At the request of the S&D coordinator the point will be included in next coordinators' agenda.*

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, 31 August 2017, 9.00-9.45