

CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI meetings will take place on the 20th and on the 21st of November, in Brussels.

We will start the meeting with a public hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative "Ban glyphosate and Protect People and the Environment from Toxic Pesticides". As you all know, glyphosate is a widely used, but highly controversial herbicide and the active substance in Monsanto's weed killer

Roundup. Its current EU approval expires on 15 December 2017 and its possible renewal is subject to a heated debate. The Public Hearing on the 20th of November aims to offer the organizers of the European Citizens' Initiative a platform to present their initiative and to ask the European Commission to act on this matter.

The following day, we will vote on the recast of the Regulation on Internal market for electricity, which is part of the Commission's package "Clean Energy for all". The proposal is aimed at establishing an integrated energy market that provides several benefits including the development of electricity produced from renewable sources in a cost efficient manner. In a similar vein, we will vote on the recast of the Directive on common rules for the internal market in electricity. In order to achieve a clean and sustainable car industry, emissions tests that reflect real on-road emissions are essential. We will also exchange views with the Commission on the fourth Real Driving Emissions test procedure package, which will contribute to ensuring that new cars will have to pass new and more reliable emissions tests in real driving conditions.

We will also hold an implementation session with the European Commission, on the Food Information to Consumers Regulation. This allows us to monitor the implementation of the regulation so far, and identify possible measures towards better protection of consumers.

Finally, the ENVI Committee is proud to take part in the European Parliament's African Week. In this context, we will welcome Dr Matshidiso Moeti, World Health Organisation Regional Director for Africa, with whom we will exchange views on a global perspective on

communicable diseases in Africa. Some parliamentarians from African countries will also take part in the exchange of views with Dr Moeti.

Follow our discussions live and get involved in the debate at <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/envi/home.html>

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MEETING ITEMS

Votes:

- Internal market for electricity (recast)
- Common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast)
- The role of EU regions and cities in implementing the COP 21 Paris Agreement on climate change

Exchange of views:

- Exchange of views on communicable diseases with Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa
- Exchange of views with the Commission on the state of play on 4th Real-Driving Emissions package (RDE4)
- Exchange of views with the Commission on Food Information to Consumers

Public hearing:

- European Citizens' Initiative "Ban glyphosate and Protect People and the Environment from Toxic Pesticides"

Next meeting of the ENVI Committee

27-28 November 2017 (Brussels); For future meetings see [2017 meeting dates](#).

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VOTES

Internal market for electricity (recast)

Vote on draft opinion (see [meeting documents](#))



The recast of the Regulation on Internal market for electricity is part of the Commission's package "Clean Energy for all" that also includes proposals for a recast of the Directive on common rules for the internal market in electricity and the Regulation

establishing a European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators.

The proposal is aimed at establishing an integrated energy market that provides several benefits including the integration and development of large volumes of electricity produced from renewable sources in a cost efficient manner and further energy saving thanks to a more transparent pricing.

In his draft opinion, composed of 56 amendments, the Rapporteur introduces a series of amendments aimed to find the right balance between market-based approaches and effective regulation.

To successfully integrate the different national energy markets, the Rapporteur considers that efficient coordination of the European power system is needed. Regional coordination between Transmission System Operators (TSOs) is a key building block in the achievement of the Energy Union but legislative framework should promote elaborating the European dimension of transmission operation bottom-up.

440 amendments have been tabled (including the 56 of the draft report) and 16 compromise amendments have been agreed in order to cover the environment-related articles of the regulation.

Rapporteur: [Belet \(EPP\)](#)
Shadows: [Poc \(S&D\)](#), [Wiśniewska \(ECR\)](#), [Punset \(ALDE\)](#), [Kyllönen \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Škrlec \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#)

Common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast)

Vote on draft opinion (see [meeting documents](#))

This recast is intended to adapt electricity markets to the new reality of power producers and consumers. At this moment, market rules are based on centralised, large-scale fossil fuel-based power plants with limited participation of consumers. Already today and still more in the future, electricity generation will consist of a variable mix of sources for which current rules have to be adapted. In order to enable renewable energy resources to participate in the short-term electricity markets, allowing trade across national borders is necessary for both producers and consumers. Energy storage and flexible generators have to play their role in the energy landscape at a correct price. This

is currently not always the case mainly due to too rigid national price setting and other distortions hindering a market-based prices. Consumers should also be allowed to generate electricity and profit fully from lower prices.

In his draft opinion the rapporteur basically agrees with the Commission proposal, but tabled 25 AMs focusing on some important aspects, in particular: i) to give more impact to market integration; ii) to create fair conditions and clear rules for participation of new entities such as aggregators or local energy communities; iii) to guarantee a close integration and mechanism of balancing markets, with the aim of allowing renewables and demand side's efficient participation across borders, while ensuring security of supply at all times; iv) to ensure protection of vulnerable and energy poor consumers; v) to better link wholesale and retail market in order to increase system flexibility and integration of renewables; vi) to provide customers with all information necessary for their participation in the market and for well informed choice on their electricity service provider in order to facilitate demand response.



In ENVI, 311 AMs have been tabled. A set of 13 compromises has been elaborated.

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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

African week: exchange of views on communicable diseases with Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa



Following a Decision of the Conference of Presidents, an "African Week" has been organized ahead of the Africa-EU Summit to be held in Abidjan on 29/30 November. Committees were therefore invited to participate in this "African Week" by discussing a dedicated point on Africa in their respective committee meetings.

ENVI Coordinators decided to organise an exchange of views on a global perspective on communicable diseases in Africa with WHO. The WHO African Region is one of the six regions of WHO. The Organization's presence in the region consists of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, a Secretariat for the African region, three Inter-country Support Teams (ISTs) and WHO Country and Liaison Offices located in 47 Member States.

Dr Matshidiso Moeti from Botswana is the first woman WHO Regional Director for Africa.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the state of play on 4th Real-Driving Emissions package (RDE4)



The Real Driving Emissions test procedure is an update on the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC), a laboratory test on a chassis dynamometer that was for years used to measure the emissions of light-duty vehicles for European type-approval purposes.

Given the inadequacies of the NEDC to capture the real level of emission in real driving conditions, an update on the test was launched to introduce a new test involving Portable Emissions Measurement Systems (PEMS). The Euro 5/6 Regulation stipulates that the measures necessary to update and amend the NEDC test procedure are to be adopted via the Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny (RPS). For practical reasons the RDE procedure has been split into four RPS packages, the first three being adopted between 2015 and 2017.

The 4th RDE package, currently under discussion in the technical working group on Real Driving Emissions for Light Duty Vehicles (RDE-LDV) will introduce a new concept for In-Service Conformity, including the use of RDE testing and the possibility of independent testing. It will also deal with various other technical issues that remained open from the first three RDE acts.

ENVI has already held a few exchanges with the Commission from the start of the RDE process in 2015 and 2016.

Exchange of views with Commission on Food Information to Consumers



In accordance with the Annual Scrutiny Plan for 2017, ENVI Committee will hold an implementation session on food safety legislation. Members tabled 20 questions on the implementation of the Regulation (EU) 1169/2011 on Food Information to Consumers, on matters such as the “Country of origin or place of provenance”,

“Additional forms of expression and presentation”, or “Nanomaterials and the enforcement of the nano labelling requirement”.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative “Ban glyphosate and Protect People and the Environment from Toxic Pesticides”

The European Citizens’ Initiative on banning glyphosate collected over 1 million verified signatures from many different Member States. It is the fourth successful European Citizen’s initiative since the Lisbon Treaty came into force. ENVI organises the public hearing in association with PETI, ITRE and AGRI Committees. The aim of the hearing is to give the organisers of the European Citizens’ Initiative a platform to publicly present their initiative and engage in a constructive debate with Members of the European Parliament, Commissioner Andriukaitis, the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, other Commission representatives and the representative of the European Economic and Social Committee.



The European Citizens’ Initiative aims to ban glyphosate, to change the procedure for the scientific evaluation of glyphosate and to introduce mandatory reduction targets for the use of pesticides.

Glyphosate is a widely used, but highly controversial herbicide and the active substance in Monsanto's weed killer Roundup. Its current EU approval expires on 15 December 2017 and its possible renewal is subject to a heated debate. Parliament is taking a very active part in that public debate. On 24 October, Parliament objected to the draft implementing act by the Commission which proposed to renew the glyphosate authorisation for 10 years and asked instead that some of its uses be restricted in the context of the renewal of authorisation and that glyphosate be phased out by 15 December 2022. On 11 October, a joint ENVI/AGRI public hearing was held on “The Monsanto papers and glyphosate”, where experts from different risk assessment bodies, academia and industry discussed the scientific basis for the risk assessment of glyphosate and the alleged influence of industry on this assessment in the US and the EU.

The Commission will have to formally react to the European Citizens’ Initiative by early January.

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- [Briefing on the 1st Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on mercury](#)

Upcoming Publications

- Workshop proceedings on "An Urgent Strong Antimicrobial Action Plan"
- Workshop proceedings on "Autoimmune diseases – modern diseases"

- Workshop proceedings on "Complementary and alternative therapies for patients today and tomorrow"

Upcoming Events

- Workshop on "Limits and potential of the public health programme", 22.11.2017
- High Level Conference "Towards a renewed partnership with Africa" - 2nd Roundtable - 2nd part on "Focus on Climate Change, Environment and Water management", 22.11.2017

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NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency (EEA)



EEA published the 2017 Report on Air quality in Europe. The Air quality in Europe report series from the EEA presents regular assessments of Europe's air pollutant emissions, concentrations and their associated impacts on health and the environment. [More](#)

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



ECHA and the European Commission co-organised a stock-taking conference on 13-14 November on the implementation of REACH authorisation. The purpose of the conference was to take stock of the evolution and achievements of the authorisation process in terms of the progression of substitution, proper control of risks and cost-effectiveness. [More](#)

European Medicines Agency (EMA)



Progress in children's medicines since the Paediatric Regulation came into force. The Commission published a report showing an increase in medicines for children in many therapeutic areas in the last ten years (260 new

paediatric medicines authorised), most notably in rheumatology and infectious diseases. It also acknowledges that little progress has been made in diseases that only affect children or where the disease shows biological differences between adults and children, particularly rare diseases. The press release by the EC is available [here](#). The EC report is complemented by: A technical [10-year report](#) to the EC prepared by EMA together with its Paediatric Committee (PDCO); [A study](#) on the economic impact of the Paediatric Regulation.

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and European Medicines Agency (EMA)

ECDC, EFSA & EMA recommend set of indicators to measure progress on reduction of antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial consumption in EU Member States. It will assist to assess EU Member States progress in reducing the use of antimicrobials and combatting antimicrobial resistance. These indicators have been established, following a request from the European Commission. They address the human and animal sectors and reflect antimicrobial consumption and resistance in the community, in hospitals and in food-producing animals. The indicators are based on data already gathered through existing EU monitoring networks. [More](#).

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