EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

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

Wednesday, 24 January 2018, 9.00-10.15
Room JAN 2Q2

COORDINATORS’ RESULTS

Present:
Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Mr Dance, Acting Coordinator of the S&D group
Ms Girling, Coordinator of the ECR group
Mr Gerbrandy, Coordinator of the ALDE group
Ms Konecná, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG group
Ms Auken, Acting Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
Ms Julia Reid, Coordinator of the EFDD group
Ms Mélin, 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 Brexit
Mr Verhofstadt reported on the state of play and on the next steps.
An extraordinary meeting of the CCC with Mr Barnier will take place next week.

2.1.2 Date of next European elections
The Conference of Presidents has mandated the President to propose the period 23-26 May 2019 for the next European elections

2.2 TLD Steering Group meeting
A meeting of the Transatlantic Legislative Dialogue Steering Group took place last week in Strasbourg. For ENVI, the Chair underlined the importance of the issue of climate and of cooperation also with US actors other than the current administration and reported on the very successful meeting in November with Governor Jerry Brown from California.

25.1.2018
2.3 ENVI Working Group on a Safety data project between EFSA, ECHA and EMA
The kick-off meeting of the new ENVI Working Group on a Safety data project between EFSA, ECHA and EMA took place on 23 January.

2.4 Exchange of views with Commissioner Bienkowska on EMIS Follow-up - responses to written questions
The Chair reported that the Commissioner had informed her that no written replies would be ahead of the exchange of views planned in ENVI for 24 January.

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to reiterate the request for written replies and to postpone the exchange of views with Commissioner Bienkowska until these are received.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

1. Introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease
Responsible: ENVI - Opinions: AGRI – Decision: no opinion

Decision taken: Rapporteur: Chair (0 points). Coordinators also agreed on a fast-track procedure (consideration of draft report on 1st February and vote in ENVI on 20 February - whole procedure in EN only)

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Own-initiative reports
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Legislative opinions

ENVI/8/11801 - ***I 2017/0336(COD) COM(2017)0826 – C8-0432/2017
Responsible: REGI

Decision taken: Open a deadline for amendments on the Commission proposal

3. Rules and procedures for compliance with and enforcement of Union harmonisation legislation on products
ENVI/8/12042 - ***I 2017/0353(COD) COM(2017)0795 – C8-0004/2018
Responsible: IMCO
**Decision taken:** EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)

4. Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships
   ***I 2018/0012(COD) COM(2018)0033
   Responsible: TRAN

   **Decision taken:** Greens/EFA rapporteur for opinion (1 point) and request Rule 54 for those provisions falling in ENVI remit.

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Non-legislative opinions

5. ECON own-initiative report on "Sustainable finance"

   **Decision taken:** No opinion.

6. INTA own-initiative report on “Implementation of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and Colombia and Peru”

   **Decision taken:** ENF rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)


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

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Documents received for information


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


   **Decision taken:** Invite the Commission for an exchange of views.

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


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


**Decision taken:** Request authorisation for an INI report. 
Rapporteur ECR (3 points)


**Decision taken:** Coordinators will reassess the matter after the exchange of views with VP Katainen on the implementation of the Circular Economy Action Plan.


**Decision taken:** Draft an OQ + resolution. A deadline for political groups to inform the secretariat on the names of co-sponsors was set for Friday, 9 February closure of business).

15. The impact of the use of oxo-degradable plastic, including oxo-degradable plastic carrier bags, on the environment - COM(2018)0035

**Decision taken:** Will be addressed in the context of the INI on plastics.


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

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Other documents received

17. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be added, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning amendment to Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement
   COM(2017)0726

   SWD(2017)0445

19. Commission staff working document Empowering Development: Implementation of the new European Consensus on Development in energy cooperation
   SWD(2017)0482

   SWD(2017)0710

   SWD(2017)0711

22. COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/… of … on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, with regard to a proposal for amending Annex II to the Protocol concerning specially protected areas and biological diversity in the Mediterranean at the twentieth ordinary meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the protection of the marine environment and the coastal region of the Mediterranean
   Council(2017)14694

23. COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/… of … on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the thirty-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats with regard to an amendment to Appendix II to the Convention
   Council(2017)14671

24. COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/… of … authorising the opening of negotiations with the Global Green Growth Institute for an agreement on an arrangement as regards the membership of the European Union
   Council(2017)14875

25. COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/… of … on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in relation to matters falling within its competence, at the next three meetings of the International Whaling Commission including related intersessional meetings
   Council(2017)14970
4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

4.1 State of play on cooperation between committees
4.1.1 Union Civil Protection Mechanism - Requests for association under Rule 54

**Decision taken:** Coordinators decided to grant the BUDG Committee Rule 53+ and to allow the BUDG rapporteur to take the floor to defend the BUDG position on the sourcing of the financial resources for the programme in the forthcoming interinstitutional negotiations and to mandate the Chair to reply accordingly to the CCC Chair.

4.1.2 AGRI hearings on New Breeding Techniques and Country-of-origin labelling - ENVI involvement

**Decision taken:** Coordinators decided:

1) to accept AGRI’s offer in relation to the AGRI public hearing on Labelling of Origin (associated status), provided that all of the following conditions are fulfilled:

- ENVI will be consulted in relation to the date and programme of the hearing; as to the latter, ENVI will also be allowed to propose a number of speakers that is comparable to that proposed by AGRI (with the expenses of speakers proposed by ENVI to be reimbursed by ENVI);

- ENVI Members will receive a reasonable amount of speaking time; and

- the ENVI Chair will either co-chair the whole hearing or a panel or make an introductory statement, in order to give ENVI a strong visibility.

2) considering that it cannot be excluded that at least part of the hearing on NBTs will deal with GMOs, which is ENVI competence, to maintain ENVI's request for organising the AGRI public hearing on NBTs in association with ENVI;

Political groups were invited to send names of possible speakers for the two hearings to the Secretariat by 31 January closure of business in view of a decision by coordinators in written procedure.

4.2 ENVI Committee input for the 2019 European Court of Auditors (ECA) Work Programme

**Decision taken:** Coordinators instructed the secretariat to put together the proposal submitted in writing by ECR and the ones put forward during the meeting in view of a decision in written procedure.

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
5.1 Involvement in BUDG Public hearing on Climate Financing

**Decision taken:** Coordinators decided to be involved in the hearing by putting forward the name of some experts on climate financing. Political groups were invited to send names of possible speakers to the Secretariat by 31 January closure of business, in view of a decision, possibly in written procedure.
5.2 Possible Oral Question with resolution on the issue of protecting the EU’s internal market and consumer rights against the negative implications of the illegal trade in companion animals

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to table an Oral Question with resolution. Political groups were asked to inform the secretariat by Friday, 9 February closure of business of the names of the co-sponsors.

5.3 Possible INI report on the Use of Cannabis for medicinal purposes

Decision taken: As a first step, coordinators decided to hold an exchange of views with the Commission as soon as possible.

5.4 Possible exploratory opinion request to EESC on the shortages in the implementation of EU environmental policies

Decision taken: To request an explanatory opinion from EESC on shortages in the implementation of EU environmental policies. Political groups were invited to give feedback on the areas of EU environmental policy on which the opinion should focus by Friday, 9 February closure of business.

5.5 Possible exchange of views with DG CLIMA on the "Proposal for the First Edition of Annex 16, Volume IV, concerning Standards and Recommended Practices relating to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)"

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to invite DG CLIMA for an exchange of views in ENVI as soon as possible.

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 fighting and curbing obesity by Aldo Patriciello - B8-0658/2017
2. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on a European fire safety strategy by Salvatore Domenico Pogliese - B8-0675/2017
3. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on the fight against pollution in the Mediterranean by Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš - B8-0706/2017

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

None

6.2 Petitions for opinion

- Petition No 0578/2017 by Mads Nikolajsen (Danish) on Denmark's breach of EU environmental legislation to enable expansion of aquaculture.
- Petition No 1073/2016 by Chris Butler-Stroud (British), on behalf of ‘Whale and Dolphin Conservation’ (WDC), bearing 267,007 signatures, on the inclusion of the topic of Japan’s alleged violations of the International Whaling Moratorium in the current free trade negotiations between the EU and Japan.
6.3  2018 Annual Scrutiny Plan - Deadline for proposals

Decision taken:

- to set a deadline for *9 February 2018 close of business* for political groups to submit to the secretariat their proposals for scrutiny-related activities to be carried out in 2018;
- to instruct the secretariat to prepare, in liaison with the political groups advisors, a working draft table of the annual scrutiny plan 2018 listing the suggestions received, in time for consideration at their March meeting.

6.4  Workshops to be organised by Health Working Group in 2018

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Meetings 2018

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<td>Digitalisation and big data: implication for the health sector</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 9 October 2018, from 10:00 to 12:00</td>
<td>Cardiovascular diseases and lifestyle</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 21 November 2018, from 10:00 to 12:00</td>
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Decision taken: Coordinators endorsed the 2018 Health Working Group Timetable and topics for workshops

6.5  Extension of deadline for adoption of Plant Protection Product Implementation INI report

Decision taken: Endorse the extension of the deadline for adopting this implementation report in ENVI (vote in ENVI on 9/10 July instead of 16/17 May 2018).

6.6  ENVI missions for the second semester 2018 - Deadline for proposals

Decision taken: Coordinators fixed a deadline for *Friday, 9 February closure of business* for political groups to submit proposals, in view of a decision at the February 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 0397/2017 by Roció Sanchez López Ibáñez (Spanish) requesting that all consumer products be labelled in braille.
- Petition No 0398/2017 by Laura Ferrara (Italian) on the treatment of urban waste water in Calabria which led to two infringement procedures before the ECJ for infringement of Directive 91/271/EEC on the treatment of urban waste water.
- Petition No 0400/2017 by B.R. (German) on stopping EU subsidies for meat production.
- Petition No 0488/2017 by C.F. (Italian) on the lack of healthcare in Italy for patients suffering from multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) and electromagnetic sensitivity (EHS).
- Petition No 0494/2017 by Alessia Margheritini (Italian) against a national law that has made vaccination mandatory for school attendance, with fines for failing to do so and repercussions on parental authority.
- Petition No 0495/2017 by Elena Manzoni Di Chiosca (Italian) against a national law making vaccinations for school children compulsory.
- Petition No 0496/2017 by Remo Pulcini (Italian) on the incompatibility with EU legislation of an Italian law of 19 May 2017 on compulsory vaccinations.
- Petition No 0513/2017 by R.N.S. (German) on multidrug-resistant pathogens and the lack of responsibility of the European pharmaceutical sector.
- Petition No 0516/2017 by K.G. (Greek), on behalf of the Citizens Initiative for the Preservation, Promotion and Sustainable Development of Pediada, registering their opposition to the construction and operation of a new international airport in Kastelli, Heraklion, Crete, which is intended to replace the existing one.
- Petition No 0526/2017 by Stefan Chiroiu (Romanian) on problems with the labelling of organic products in Denmark.
- Petition No 0538/2017 by Alessandra Toscano (Italian) bearing 2 signatures, on Celiac Disease.
- Petition No 0546/2017 by Giacomo Bugané (Italian) against the project to expand a pre-existing municipal solid waste landfill site in Imola, Italy.
- Petition No 0550/2017 by F.J.S.R (Spanish), on behalf of the Asociación Mediterránea Anticorrupción y por la Transparencia, on dismantling the ‘Príncipe de Asturias’ aircraft carrier.
- Petition No 0572/2017 by Véronique Robert (French), bearing 692 signatures, asking to abandon the project to dismantle Stade Léo Lagrange in Paris given the importance of the current green space, with more than 310 trees of different species in the surrounding urban landscape.
- Petition No 0591/2017 by Michel Haßler (German) on the banning of diesel tampers and diesel vibratory plate compactors on grounds of potential serious illness caused to the operator inhaling unfiltered diesel soot while compressing the ground with these machines.
- Petition No 0595/2017 by Alfonso Díz-Lois Palomares (Spanish) on the Salas-As Conchas pumped-storage hydroelectric power plant in Orense which will release water from As Conchas reservoir (water with a huge agricultural pollution problem due to slurry) into Salas reservoir, which is in a national park (Baixa Limia-Serra do Xures).
- Petition No 0600/2017 by Felice Saronni (Italian), on behalf of the Associazione Arese 5 stelle, accompanied by 18 signatures, against the extension of a commercial-leisure urban expansion plan of an ex-industrial area (FIAT-Alfa Romeo plant in Arese) which would duplicate its area.
- Petition No 0130/2017 by Maria Vanesa Catalan Gonzalez (Spanish) on Canary Islands Government laws 2/2016 and 6/2002 on land management laws for tourism on El Hierro, La Gomera and La Palma, which are, in the petitioner’s view, violating EU environmental standards.
- Petition No 0131/2017 by Rubén Martinez (Spanish) on behalf of the Plataforma Canarias por un
Territorio Sostenible La Gomera, on laws 2/2016 and 6/2002. The petitioner claims that through the ‘Special Tourism Planning Tools’ a series of plans and projects have been approved which will result in ‘a clear impact’ on special protection areas (SPA) for birds, important bird areas (IBAs) and sites of Community importance (SCI) that form part of the Natura 2000 network.

- Petition No 0154/2017 by Antonio Perez Marrero (Spanish) on Law No 2/2016 on tourism planning in the Canaries, which applies on La Gomera, La Palma and El Hierro, three islands that have been declared biosphere reserves.
- Petition No 0155/2017 by Juan Ramón González Santana (Spanish) on Law No 2/2016 on tourism planning in the Canaries for the same reasons explained in petition No 0154/2017.
- Petition No 0303/2017 by V.D. (Romanian) on the ban of counterfeit cigarettes and other related public health issues.
- Petition No. 0323/2017 by S.D.G. (Italian), bearing 1 signature, on the environmental pollution caused by a hazardous waste dump in Bracciano (Lazio, Italy) which has been full and abandoned since 2013.
- Petition No 0328/2017 by A.K. (German) on behalf of the association ‘Artgerechte Tiergesundheit e.V.’ stating that the legal framework for veterinary medicinal products contains provisions that puts major restrictions on homeopathic and naturopathic medicines, resulting in serious disadvantage for alternative veterinary practitioners and organic farmers.
- Petition No 0336/2017 by Ž. P. (Lithuanian) on the alleged difference in components used in food and cosmetics manufacturing in Western and Eastern Europe.
- Petition No 0340/2017 by V.D. (Romanian) on food labelling.
- Petition No 0341/2017 by V.D. (Romanian) on centralising online resources on recycling.
- Petition No 0351/2017 by Roderick O’Sullivan (British), on behalf of the Federation of Lough Corrib Angling Clubs (FLCAC), on alleged failure by the Irish authorities to restrain the extirpation of certain water species from the Owenriff River (Contae na Gaillimhe, Ireland).
- Petition No 0370/2017 by László Csizmadia (Hungarian), on behalf of Civil Ősszefogás Közhasznú Alapítvány, on establishing a parliamentary committee and a permanent monitoring system to investigate quality differences in food products in different EU Member States.
- Petition No 0373/2017 by Andreas Scherer (German), on simplifying the trade of old musical instruments. The petitioner claims that, since the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora, the private and business trading of second-hand musical instruments, particularly guitars, has been severely hampered, as the majority of guitars made to date contain types of wood that are now classified as protected species.
- Petition No 0394/2017 by A. A. V. (Bulgarian) bearing 156 signatures, on the transposition of Directive 2008/98/EC on waste in Bulgarian law and its application by Bulgarian authorities. According to the petitioner, the measures proposed incorrectly apply the provisions of the Directive, in particular concerning the criteria for calculating household waste tax, which he considers to be disproportionate.
- Petition No 0395/2017 by Jens Genzer (German) on a proposal for revision of the air quality Directive.
- Petition No 0400/2017 by B.R. (German) on stopping EU subsidies for meat production on the same grounds explained in Petition No 0400/2017.
- Petition No 0413/2017 by A.D. (German) calling for an adaptation and possible amendment of Directive 2014/40/EU and Article 10(1)(a) (“the Tobacco Products Directive”) and in particular those provisions relating to the use of photographs on cigarette packaging.
- Petition No 0451/2017 by Martin Jürgens (German) on improving pharmaceutical production processes and environmental standards for pharmaceutical companies.
- Petition No 0454/2017 by Daniel Enrique Gómez Lapuente (Spanish) on time changes.
- Petition No 0461/2017 by Marco Bazzoni (Italian) on the violation of the EU’s fire safety regulations in Italy, in particular of Directive 89/391/EEC, which stipulates that employers have
a general obligation to ensure workers’ safety and health in all aspects related to work.

- Petition No 0463/2017 by C.B. (German) calling for the introduction of mandatory video surveillance in slaughterhouses.
- Petition No 0464/2017 by Boris Schubert (German), on behalf of Wirtschaftsverband Brandschutz e.V and Celsion Brandschutzsysteme GmbH, on the alleged legal uncertainty created by Regulation No 593/2008 on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I), in particular concerning the provision on individual employment contracts. The petition calls on the European Parliament to urge the European Commission to adopt interpretative guidelines applicable to that provision.
- Petition No 0471/2017 by Gaspare Inglese (Italian) on potential circumvention of strategic environmental assessment procedures in offshore oil research programmes in the Canal of Sicily and, specifically, near the island of Pantelleria.
- Petition 0472/2017 by L.M. (German), on behalf of SAVE Wildlife Conservation Fund, signed by 57 466 people, on the labelling of palm oil on cosmetics.
- Petition No 0473/2017 by Simon Schmid (German) on labelling vegetarian and vegan food.
- Petition 0474/2017 by Hans Lautenschläger (German), on behalf of KOKO GmbH & Co. KG, on the development of tax warehouses for non-denatured alcohol in the cosmetics industry.

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**

None

7.6 **Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors**

The following documents were recently published:

- *Background Paper on EU animal welfare measures*, January 2018
- *Greening: a more complex income support scheme, not yet environmentally effective, Special Report No 21/2017*, December 2017
- *2016 audit of EU agencies in brief*, November 2017
- *Rural Development Programming: less complexity and more focus on results needed*, Special Report No 16/2017, November 2017
- *Summary of results from the ECA’s 2016 annual audit of the European research Joint Undertakings*, November 2017

7.7 **Use of 2017 ENVI expertise budget**

*Decision taken:* Coordinators took note of the information provided by the Policy Department A - ENVI team in the provided document.
7.8 Legislative proposals and major initiatives in ENVI remit until the end of legislature

A document outlining legislative proposals and major initiatives in ENVI remit expected until the end of the legislature was included in the file.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
Possible Workshop on CO2 emissions from cars

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to organise the above workshop.

9. NEXT COORDINATORS’ MEETING
Tuesday, 20 February 2018, 9.00-10.15 (tbc)