EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Thursday, 21 June 2018, 9.00-10.00
Room JAN 4Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

22.06.2018

Present:
Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Ms Dalli, Coordinator of the S&D group
Mr Piecha, Acting Coordinator of the ECR group
Mr Gerbrandy, Coordinator of the ALDE group
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
Ms Konecná, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL group
Ms Evi, Acting Coordinator of the EFDD group

For item 5.1: Ms Girling, rapporteur.

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA
The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Trilogues on fertilisers

In relation to the request of the ALDE group to add an item in relation to the trilogues on fertilisers, the Chair stated that the issue should be discussed in the presence of the rapporteur, Ms Gardini, who could unfortunately not be present. She informed that she would write to the Chair of the IMCO Committee on the matter.
2.2 Main items discussed at last CCC

2.2.1 Exchange of views with President Tajani on the implementation of the Joint Declaration on 2018-2019 legislative priorities

The Chair reported that the discussion focused around the following topics:
- lack of progress made by Council on several important legislative proposals;
- work on the MFF;
- the ENVI representative (Vice-Chair Pargneaux) also stressed ENVI dissatisfaction at the fact that the Commission does not intend to adopt any significant initiative from now on, thus delaying work on issues on which the EP has since long requested action.

2.2.2 Exchange of views on the priorities of the Austrian Presidency

The ENVI representative stressed that ENVI expected progress to be made on all pending files (starting with HTA and Civil Protection Mechanism) and is ready to work fast on the newly arrived proposals if they are also a priority for the Austrian Presidency. The issue of a separate Health Programme was also raised.

2.3 Civil Protection Mechanism post-2020 proposal

The Chair informed that the MFF proposal in relation to Civil Protection was not adopted as part of the security and defense cluster put forward by the Commission, as it should have been the case. The issue was raised by ENVI during the exchange of views with the President in the CCC and with the Austrian Presidency.

2.4 Relations with WHO

On a proposal from the Chair, it was decided to invite Dr Tedros, Director General of WHO for an exchange of views to an ENVI meeting in the autumn and to launch an informal WHO friendship group of MEPs, not only from ENVI, interested in health topics, which can act together to support initiatives in this area. The inaugural event of the friendship group could take place the same day when the exchange of views with WHO Director is held.

4. DECISIONS ON VERY URGENT MATTERS

4.1 State of play on cooperation between committees

4.1.1 Health Programme

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to insist with the Conference of Presidents with the request for separating the Health Programme and in parallel try to convince Member States/Council to agree with this request.

4.1.2 CAP Strategic Plans

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to insist with the request for Rule 54 with exclusive and shared consequences as follows:
4.1.3 CAP Amending Regulation

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to insist with the request for Rule 54 with the following exclusive and shared competences as follows:

**Exclusive competence:**
- Recital 22
- Article 3 (4) – (5)

**Shared competence:**
- Recital 1
- Recital 20
- Article 1(18) - (20)
- Article 3 (1) – (3), (6) and (7)
4.1.4 Single Market Programme

**Decision taken:** Coordinators approved the proposal for a share of competences under Rule 54 and additional procedural arrangements.

4. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

**Reports**
None

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**Own-initiative reports**
None

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**Legislative opinions to MFF files to be reconsidered by coordinators**

CAP direct payments and EAFRD were merged by the Commission in a single legislative proposal, i.e. CAP Strategic Plans (see item 1 below); the same happened on ERDF and Cohesion Fund (see item 2 below). The points spent by the political groups on these files were given back and the items were reallocated in the new form.

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1. **Establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**

   ENVI/8/13429
   
   ***I 2018/0216(COD) COM(2018)0392 – C8-0248/2018
   
   Responsible AGRI

   **Decision taken:** EPP rapporteur for opinion (2 points)

2. **European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund**

   ENVI/8/13516
   
   
   Responsible REGI

   **Decision taken:** GUE/NGL rapporteur for opinion (0.5 points)

3. **Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument**

   
   Responsible REGI
**Decision taken:** Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)

4. **Establishing the space programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme**
   Responsible ITRE

**Decision taken:** Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)

**Legislative opinions**

5. **Type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users**
   Responsible IMCO

**Decision taken:** Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)

6. **Streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the trans-European transport network**
   Responsible TRAN

**Decision taken:** No opinion

7. **Labelling of tyres with respect to fuel efficiency and other essential parameters**
   Responsible ITRE

**Decision taken:** Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)

8. **Establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment**
   COM(2018)0353

**Decision taken:** EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points). Request application of Rule 54.
9. Disclosures relating to sustainable investments and sustainability risks
   Responsible ECON – (S&D)

10. Low carbon benchmarks and positive carbon impact benchmarks
    Responsible ECON – (S&D)

    **Decision taken (for items 9 and 10):** Opinions in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)**

11. Promotion of the use of SME growth markets
    ENVI/8/13260 - ***I 2018/0165(COD) COM(2018)0331 – C8-0212/2018
    Responsible ECON – (PPE)

    **Decision taken:** No opinion

12. Supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products
    Responsible JURI

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

13. Fisheries control
    ENVI/8/13413
    ***I 2018/0193(COD) COM(2018)0368 – C8-0238/2018
    Responsible PECH

    **Decision taken:** No opinion

14. Financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy
    ENVI/8/13443
    ***I 2018/0217(COD) COM(2018)0393 – C8-0247/2018
    Responsible AGRI

    **Decision taken:** No opinion.

**Decision taken:** Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)

16. Specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments

Responsible REGI

**Decision taken:** No opinion.

17. European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF)
ENVI/8/13466

***I 2018/0202(COD)  COM(2018)0380 – C8-0231/2018

Responsible EMPL – (S&D)

**Decision taken:** No opinion

18. Establishing the Rights and Values programme
ENVI/8/13478

***I 2018/0207(COD)  COM(2018)0383 – C8-0234/2018

Responsible LIBE

**Decision taken:** No opinion

19. Establishment of the Reform Support Programme
ENVI/8/13497

***I 2018/0213(COD)  COM(2018)0391 – C8-0239/2018

Responsible ECON

**Decision taken:** No opinion

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

21. Complementing EU type-approval legislation with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union
   ENVI/8/13527
   Responsible: AGRI

Decision taken: **Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)**

22. Digital Europe programme for the period 2021-2027
   ENVI/8/13597
   Responsible: ITRE

Decision taken: **Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)**

23. Connecting Europe Facility
   ENVI/8/13602
   Responsible: TRAN

Decision taken: **Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)**

24. Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics
   ENVI/8/13609
   Responsible: IMCO

Decision taken: **EPP rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)**
COM(2018)0436

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

Responsible: ITRE

**Decision taken:** No opinion

27. Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other ('Overseas Association Decision')
ENVI/8/13747
* 2018/0244(CNS)  COM(2018)0461
Responsible: DEVE

**Decision taken:** No opinion

ENVI/8/13765
* 2018/0252(NLE)  COM(2018)0467
Responsible: ITRE

**Decision taken:** No opinion

COM(2018)0460

**Decision taken:** Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)

COM(2018)0465
Decision taken: Opinion in the form of amendments (a deadline for amendments will be opened in ENVI. The amendments adopted will be put together in the form of an opinion on behalf of the Chair)

31. BUDG interim report on “MFF 2021-2027 - Parliament’s position in view of an agreement”

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

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Non-legislative opinions

32. AFCO own-initiative report on “State of the debate on the Future of Europe”

Decision taken: No opinion

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Documents received for information

   COM(2018)0257

Decision taken: No action

   COM(2018)0266

Decision taken: No action needed, for information only (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expired on 1 June 2018 at 12.00, as indicated in comitology/DIA newsletter no 676, which included the report).
35. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions A Europe that protects: Clean air for all
COM(2018)0330

**Decision taken:** Coordinators decided to draft an OQ + resolution (deadline for political groups to inform the secretariat of the names of co-sponsors was set for Thursday 5 July at noon)

36. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Union authorisation of biocidal products in accordance with Article 42(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products (Text with EEA relevance)
COM(2018)0342

**Decision taken:** No action.

37. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems regarding the adoption of its Rules of Procedure
COM(2018)0359

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

38. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: EU Pollinators Initiative
COM(2018)0395

**Decision taken:** Coordinators decided to draft an OQ + resolution (deadline for political groups to inform the secretariat of the names of co-sponsors was set for Thursday 5 July at noon)

COM(2018)0399

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

40. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: The first clean air outlook
COM(2018)0446

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


43. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT Accompanying the document Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on minimum requirements for water reuse SWD(2018)0249


55. COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/... of ... on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the International Maritime Organization during the 99th session of the Maritime Safety Committee, on the adoption of amendments to SOLAS Regulations II-1/1 and II-1/8-1, on the approval of associated guidelines on operational information for masters in case of flooding for passenger ships constructed before 1 January 2014 and on the adoption of amendments to the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010 Council(2018)7361

5. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

At 9.45, in the presence of the rapporteur on ETS aviation, Ms Girling

5.1 CORSIA

Decision taken: Coordinators heard the Legal Service and decided that a letter on the matter be sent to the Commission and Council.

5.2 Appointment of EP representative in ECHA Management Board

Decision taken: Postponed to next meeting.

6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

6.1 Possible OQ and resolution on “Spring hunting targeting migratory birds”

Decision taken: Postponed to next meeting.

6.2 Possible OQ on transition timeline for the medical devices (MD) and in-vitro diagnostic medical devices (IVD) regulations

Decision taken: Postponed to next meeting.

6.3 Possible EFSA opinion on bees and pollination
**Decision taken:** Postponed to next meeting.

6.4 Possible OQ and resolution on Biological Diversity (COP14)

**Decision taken:** Postponed to next meeting.

7. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

7.1 Decisions on procedure

7.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133

1. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on adding sugar to wine by Nicola Caputo - B8-0180/2018
2. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on the circular economy: waste reduction and reuse by Ivan Jakovčić - B8-0193/2018
3. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on tackling the illicit trade in tobacco products by bringing Articles 15 and 16 of Directive 2014/40/EU (Tobacco Products Directive) into line with the World Health Organisation Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products by Younous Omarjee - B8-0221/2018
4. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on banning neonicotinoid pesticides by Mireille d’Ornano - B8-0223/2018

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

7.2 Petitions for opinion

- Petition No 1081/2017 by N.U. (German) on regulating sugar content in food.

8. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 On-going INI reports in ENVI

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

8.2 Petitions for information

- Petition No 0078/2007 by Mavroudis Voridis (Greek), on construction of a refuse tip in part of eastern Attica.

- Petition No 0573/2011 by Konstantinos Papadigenopoulos (Greek), bearing 2220 signatures, on serious errors and omissions in the environmental impact assessment for the proposed landfill site at Mavro Vouno Grammatikou in eastern Attica, and the associated infringement of EU environmental legislation.

- Petition No 0614/2017 by Marco Santini (Italian), on behalf of ‘Meet-up of Casciana T. Lari in
Movimento’, against the exploitation of geothermal energy in an area with thermal baths.

- Petition No 0621/2017 by Valentina Rossi (Italian) on a moratorium on geothermal drilling on land. The petitioner describes a drilling project (with four geothermal exploration wells up to 3 000 m deep) located 50 km away from Rome, with a view to exploiting geothermal energy to produce electricity.

- Petition No 0829/2017 by S.P. (Italian), on behalf of ‘meetup arcidosso5stelle’, against geothermal energy production on Monte Amiata, in southern Tuscany.

- Petition No 0845/2017 by R.C. (Italian), on behalf of the Italian Culture and Sports Association, Viterbo Provincial Committee, bearing 70 signatures, on the revision of Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of renewable energy. The petitioner argues that, as it stands, EU law on renewables fails to take into account the criterion of sustainability, and that if applied, geothermal energy could not be financed.

- Petition No 1185/2017 by Lapo Rossi (Italian) on behalf of Monte Amiata environmental committees, bearing seven signatures, against the pollutant emissions of the geothermal power plants on Monte Amiata.

- Petition No 1058/2017 by K.N. (German) on recommendations for reducing CO2 emissions.

- Petition No 1064/2017 by F.R. (Italian) on animal rights in the EU.

- Petition No 1068/2017 by A. B. (Italian) on the transport of live animals by road.

- Petition No 1113/2017 by Victor Diaconu (Romanian) on reduction of motor vehicle emissions by installing hydrogen car generators.

- Petition No 1120/2017 by Belarimino Teixeira (Portuguese) on forbidding non-biodegradable plastics in the food industry.

- Petition No 1139/2017 by Maria Gaetana Greco (Italian), on behalf of the Agira town council (Enna), bearing eight signatures, against a landfill for hazardous waste in Sicily, for which an urban planning amendment has been adopted.

- Petition No 1164/2017 by Luca Nascimbene (Italian) against animal testing in Europe.

- Petition No 1167/2017 by Noël Lucia (French) on access to environmental information.

- Petition No 1168/2017 by Nicola De Gaspari (Italian) on an alleged breach of privacy with respect to sensitive data related to citizens’ health.

- Petition No 1173/2017 by Noël Lucia (French) on a French municipality’s alleged non-compliance with the Directive on public access to environmental information, the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, and the Aarhus Convention.

- Petition No 1174/2017 by Ismael Antonio López Pérez (Spanish) on the open-pit lithium mine in Valdeflores, Cáceres.

- Petition No 1175/2017 by Jens Genzer (German) on banning heavy excavators and bulldozers
8.3 **Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation**

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

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

- **Case C-115/18, Carluer and Others**

A reference for preliminary ruling has been made by the Tribunal correctionnel de Saint-Brieuc (Chambre détachée de Guingamp) (France), raising five questions on validity of Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market. The preliminary reference has arisen in the framework of criminal proceedings initiated in France against Mr Carluer and six other persons as regards an action they had undertaken in three stores targeting containers of an herbicide ('Roundup') that contains the active substance glyphosate. At the hearing before the national court, the defendants raised various issues of validity of the Regulation, on the basis of which glyphosate had been approved as an active substance to be used in PPPs, on grounds of breach of the precautionary principle and requested that the court refer the matter to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling.

As the preliminary reference raises in substance the same questions of validity of the Regulation that have already been submitted to the Court of Justice in the pending Case C-616/17 Blaise and Others, the President of the Court has decided to stay the proceedings until the ruling in Blaise and Others is delivered. Parliament has submitted observations in that latter case with a view to defending the validity of the Regulation.

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

- **Background paper on Cross-border healthcare in the EU (May 2018)**

The European Court of Auditors is carrying out an audit on whether implementation of the Cross-border Healthcare Directive to date has been effective, and whether cross-border healthcare is delivering benefits to patients. The Court will examine the Commission’s monitoring and supervision of this implementation, the results achieved to date in delivering cross-border healthcare access, and the effectiveness of the EU funding framework and the action funded. This briefing paper provides information based on preparatory work undertaken before the start of this audit.

- **Background paper on Consulting the public when preparing EU law (May 2018)**

The European Court of Auditors is carrying out an audit on public participation in EU law-making. This audit will assess the effectiveness, appropriateness, transparency and openness of the public consultations with stakeholders carried out before the Commission proposes new legislative initiatives. This briefing paper provides information based on preparatory work undertaken before the start of this audit.

- **2017 Activity Report (May 2018)**

This report provides a comprehensive account of the European Court of Auditors’ activities in 2017 and key information on its organisation, budget and staff.

8.6 **State of play of annual scrutiny plan**

The updated 2018 scrutiny plan was included in the file.
9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

10. **NEXT COORDINATORS’ MEETING**
Thursday 28 June 2018, 9.00-9.30
Tuesday, 10 July 2018, 9.00-10.00