

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

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

Wednesday, 10 October 2018, 14.30-16.00
Room JAN 2Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

11.10.2018

Ms Válean, 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 Torvalds, Acting Coordinator of the ALDE group
Mr Staes, Acting Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
Ms Konečná, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL group
Ms Reid, Coordinator of the EFDD group
Ms Mélin, Coordinator of the ENF group

For item 2: Ms Ayuso, EFSA contact person
For item 6.6: Ms Borzan, EMA contact person

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes

In the presence of Ms Ayuso, EFSA contact person

2. APPOINTMENT OF EFSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DECISION ON PROCEDURE

The Chair informed that on 10 October EFSA Management Board decided, on a proposal from the Commission, to extend the mandate of the current Executive Director, Dr. Bernhard Url, for a period of 5 years as from 1 June 2019.

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to hold the hearing of Dr Url at the 18 October ENVI meeting in a simplified format, combined with the annual exchange of views on EFSA activities. After the meeting a draft letter to the EP President assessing the candidate will be circulated to coordinators and approved in written procedure.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Main items discussed at last CCC meeting

The Chair informed that last CCC meeting was devoted to the annual meeting between Committee Chairs and the College of Commissioners. Vice-Chair Javor represented the ENVI Committee in the two clusters meetings: the first one on climate, energy and resources, and the second one on cohesion and values - including health.

3.2 EESC exploratory opinion presentation

Coordinators agreed to invite the EESC rapporteur on the exploratory opinion, Mr Schwartz, to present it shortly in the ENVI Committee in one of the January 2019 meetings.

3.3 Commission report on follow-up of EMIS recommendations

Coordinators agreed to invite Commissioner Bienkowska to present the Commission report on follow-up to the EMIS recommendations (for the parts falling into ENVI remit) in one of the November or December ENVI meetings.

4. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

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Own-initiative reports

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Legislative opinions

1. Discontinuing seasonal changes of time

ENVI/8/14578 ***I 2018/0332(COD) COM(2018)0639 – C8-0408/2018

Responsible: TRAN

Decision taken: ECR a rapporteur for opinion (5 points)

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Non-legislative opinions

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Documents received for information

2. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the overall operation of official controls performed in Member States (2014-2016) to ensure the verification of compliance with food and feed law, animal health and welfare rules**
COM(2018)0627

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

3. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste** COM(2018)0656

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

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Other documents received

4. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury with regard to the adoption of guidelines on the environmentally sound interim storage of mercury, other than waste mercury, referred to in its Article 10, paragraphs 2 and 3** COM(2018)0657
5. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council On the overall operation of official controls performed in Member States (2014-2016) to ensure the verification of compliance with food and feed law, animal health and welfare rules** SWD(2018)0402
6. **Commission staff working document The early warning report for Bulgaria 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste** SWD(2018)0413
7. **Commission staff working document The early warning report for Croatia 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste** SWD(2018)0414
8. **Commission staff working document The early warning report for Cyprus 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning**

report for the Member States at risk of meeting the preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0415

- 9. Commission staff working document The early warning report for Estonia 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0416**
- 10. Commission staff working document The early warning report for Finland 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0417**
- 11. Commission staff working document The early warning report for Greece 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for the Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0418**
- 12. Commission staff working document The early warning report for Hungary 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0419**
- 13. Commission staff working document The early warning report for Latvia 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0420**
- 14. Commission staff working document The early warning report for Malta 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling targets on municipal waste SWD(2018)0421**
- 15. Commission staff working document The early warning report for Portugal 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0422**

16. **Commission staff working document The early warning report for Romania 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0423**
17. **Commission staff working document The early warning report for Slovakia 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0424**
18. **Commission staff working document The early warning report for Spain 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the early warning report for Member States at risk of missing the 2020 preparation for re-use/recycling target on municipal waste SWD(2018)0425**
19. **Commission staff working document The Early Warning report for Poland 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 on the implementation of EU waste legislation, including the Early Warning report for compliance with Article 11(2)a of Directive 2008/98/EC SWD(2018)0426**
20. **Council's adoption of a Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation of the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems regarding the adoption of its Rules of Procedure - Council(2018)10971**
21. **Deposit of the Instrument of Ratification, on 29 August 2018, by the Republic of Poland, of the Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of the commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - Council(2018)10971**

5. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

5.1 State of play on cooperation between committees

Framework to facilitate sustainable investment

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to write to the CCC Chair proposing Rule 55 with a view to facilitating an agreement with ECON.*

5.2 Possible re-tabling to Plenary of two budgetary amendments that were rejected by BUDG

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to retable the two amendments.*

5.2 Next exchange of views with VP Katainen on implementation of Circular Economy Action Plan

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided not to hold further exchange of views with VP Katainen on the above before the end of the legislative term.*

5.3 Annual exchange of views with Agencies' Executive Directors in 2019

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to postpone the 2019 exchange of views with the Executive Directors of EEA and ECDC to one of the first ENVI meetings after the elections (possibly July).*

6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

6.1 EP follow-up of Agenda 2030 on SDGs

Decision taken: *Coordinators:*

- *endorsed the proposed framework and the tentative calendar on Sustainable Development Goals, EU and Parliament 2018/2019.*
- *decided to request authorisation for an INI report (Rule 55 with DEVE) to be adopted in plenary in April 2019 and constitute the EP position in view of the 2019 HLPF.*
- *decided to request authorisation - jointly with DEVE - for an ad-hoc EP delegation to the Heads of State segment of the HLPF in September 2019.*

6.2 Format and topic for exchange of views with EYE representatives

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the format of the exchange of views. A deadline for political groups to inform the secretariat about the names of their MEPs taking part in the discussion with the young people was set for Monday, 19 November cob. The secretariat was asked to check whether the date of the event could be moved to Tuesday, 27 November.*

6.3 Request for a study on sampling points for air quality

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to commission a study on the above. The scope of the study (a few well-chosen examples) will be agreed in written procedure.*

6.4 Non-CO2 effects of aviation and CORSIA

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided:

- *to invite the Commission to a next ENVI meeting to report on its plans to address the new obligations it has with regards to non-CO2 effects of aviation;*
- *to address a new letter to Commissioner Bulc on CORSIA and SARP's reservations;*
- *to invite Commissioner Bulc to one of the November ENVI meetings to update on the state of play on CORSIA.*

6.5 Guidelines for ENVI representatives in Agencies Management Boards

Decision taken:

Coordinators endorsed the draft guidelines.

6.6 Appointment of EP representatives in EMA Management Board

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to appoint Tonio Borg and Matthias Groote as EP representatives in EMA Management Board. The Chair was mandated to inform accordingly the EP President.

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 classifying the American lobster as an invasive species by Dominique Bilde - B8-0347/2018**
- 2. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on CAR-T tumour cell therapy by Nicola Caputo - B8-0358/2018**

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 **0154/2018** by Roberto Moncalvo (Italian), on behalf of the national confederation 'Coldiretti' and the 'Campagna Amica' foundation, bearing 120 000 signatures, regarding the European regulation on labels indicating the origin of foodstuffs.

Decision taken:

No opinion. The Chair will reply by letter.

7.3 *Public Hearings in the first semester 2019*

Decision taken: *The Chair was mandated to inform the CCC that authorisation for Public Hearings will be requested, if necessary, on an ad-hoc individual basis.*

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 **0105/2018** by W.S. (German) on an EU regulation against MRSA germs in rivers and bathing waters.
- Petition No **0113/2018** by Maurizio Michele Sapio (Italian) on protecting public health and adopting a traffic plan.
- Petition No **0120/2018** by S. T. (Greek) on the non-enforcement of the anti-smoking law in Greece.
- Petition No **0123/2018** by I.L. (German) on the limits of microplastic particles in food, cosmetics and toothpaste.
- Petition No **0126/2018** by Konstantinos Tasis (Greek) on the extraction of hydrocarbons in Epirus, Greece.
- Petition No **0134/2018** by Kyriakos Gkikas (Greek) on the situation of municipal waste collection and treatment in the region of Kalamata, Greece.
- Petition No **0143/2018** by F. S. (Italian) on behalf of the City of Milan, on the relocation to Amsterdam of the seat of the European Medicines Agency (EMA).
- Petition No **0149/2018** by K. S. (German) on the transport of living animals within the EU and outside.
- Petition No **0161/2018** by Simon Baraldi (Italian) on the obligation to provide medical assistance on boats and planes in the EU.
- Petition No **0162/2018** by Thomas Quade (German) on Europe-wide labelling of caffeinated beverages.
- Petition No **0163/2018** by Roberta Angelilli (Italian) on illegal dumping and burning of toxic waste in Rome.
- Petition No **0167/2018** by Philipp Schmagold (German) on dedicating public spaces to grow wild

flowers and to counter the decline of insect population.

- Petition No **0179/2018** by Harald Bundt (German) on saving wolves in Germany.
- Petition No **0188/2018** by Gabriel García Herbosa (Spanish) on regulating the substitution of solar thermic energy with heat pumps in cold climates.
- Petition No **0191/2018** by O.J. (German) on reducing plastic waste.
- Petition No **0198/2018** by J. M. H. P. (Spanish) on the need to carry out a verification on the plan for monitoring radioactivity of the land in Palomares (Spain).

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

The file included the updated rolling check-list.

8.4 Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee

- **Case T-330/18, Armando Carvalho and others v European Parliament and Council of the European Union**

This case concerns an action for annulment of Directive (EU) 2018/410 (Directive amending the ETS Directive), of regulation (EU) 2018/842 (the ‘Effort Sharing Regulation’) and of regulation (EU) 2018/841 (the ‘LULUCF Regulation’) and for damage. In particular, the applicants seek the annulment of the three acts insofar as: 1) they allow the emission for 2021-2030 of a quantity of greenhouse gases corresponding to 80% of 1990 emissions level in 2021 and decreasing to 60% of the 1990 emissions level in 2030; and 2) they provide for a reduction of greenhouse gases by 2030 by only 40% of 1990 emissions level.

The applicants also seek to establish the non-contractual liability of the Union under Article 340 TFEU based on an alleged breach of its obligations under international law to reduce greenhouse gases emissions, which allegedly contribute to climate change and material loss for the applicants.

8.5 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

- ‘Air pollution: Our health still insufficiently protected’ (Special report No 23/2018)

This report assessed whether EU actions to protect human health from air pollution have been effective. The Court examined whether: the Ambient Air Quality Directive (Directive 2008/50/EC) was well designed to tackle the health impact of air pollution; Member States’ effectively implemented the Directive; the Commission monitored and enforced implementation of the Directive; air quality was adequately reflected in other EU policies and adequately supported by EU funds; and the public has been well informed on air quality matters. The Court concluded that EU action to protect human health from air pollution had not delivered the expected impact, and that the significant human and economic costs have not yet been reflected in adequate action across the EU. The report includes recommendations covering more effective actions, which should be taken by the Commission; the update of the Ambient Air Quality Directive; the prioritisation and mainstreaming of air quality policy into other EU policies; and the improvement of public awareness and information.

- **‘Putting EU law into practice: The European Commission’s oversight responsibilities under Article 17(1) of the Treaty on European Union’, Landscape Review**

The European Commission has an obligation under the Treaty of the European Union to oversee Member States’ application of EU law. A number of factors influence the risk of infringements occurring and make overseeing the application of EU law a challenging activity (size of the body of law to be monitored and the complexity of many legal instruments, the specificities of policy areas, certain features of Member States’ legislative and oversight arrangements). This report looks at the Commission’s oversight activities and identifies challenges and opportunities ahead. It also points to the need for transparency, accountability and audit in applying EU law.

8.6 *State of play of annual scrutiny plan*

The updated scrutiny plan was included in the file.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

On a proposal from the S&D coordinator, it was agreed to invite IPCC representatives (preferably one of the authors of the study) to present the findings of the IPCC Special report "Global warming 1.5C" in an upcoming ENVI meeting.

10. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday, 20 November 2018, 9:00 - 10:00 (tbc)