

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be treated in full committee -

Monday, 21 January 2019, 17.30-18.30

Room JAN 4Q2

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

21.01.2019

Ms Vălean, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Ms Dalli, Coordinator of the S&D group
Mr Gerbrandy, Coordinator of the ALDE group
Mr Staes, Acting Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group

For item 2.1: Ms Borzan, EMA contact person

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

In the presence of Ms Borzan, EMA contact person

2.1 Appointment of representatives of healthcare professionals/patients organisations in the EMA Pharmacovigilance Risks Assessment Committee (PRAC)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decide to recommend the appointment of the following persons:*

- 1. As representatives of healthcare professionals' organisations:***
 - ***Full member: John Raymond ANDERSON*** (PGEU - Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union)
 - ***Substitute: Ylva BOTTINGER*** (EACPT - European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics)
 - ***Reserve list: Roberto Frontini*** (EAPH - European Association of Hospital Pharmacist) and ***Donald Singer*** EACPT - European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics)

2. As representatives of patients' organisations:

- **Full member: Cathalijne VAN DOORNE** (EFNA-European Federation of Neurological Association, and EAASM European Alliance for Access to Safe Medicines)
- **Substitute: Virginie HIVERT** (EURORDIS)
- **Reserve list: Matija Cevc** (EURORDIS), **Rafal Swierewski** (ECPC European Cancer Patient Coalition) and **Declan Noone** (EHC European Haemophilia Consortium)

The Chair was mandated to inform accordingly the EP President in view of a Conference of Presidents' decision in February.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Resolution on the long-term strategy for GHG emissions reduction

The Chair informed about the state of play with ITRE, AGRI and TRAN.

3.2 State of play on Brexit

The Chair informed that two meetings were held on Brexit recently: a CCC meeting with the Brexit negotiator, Mr Barnier, on 10 January and a workshop on preparedness and contingency plans in case of "No deal" held by the Commission SG.

In both occasions the Chair raised the issue of possible shortage of medicines.

As regards contingency legislation, ENVI is concerned by one Delegated Act on the ETS Union Registry. The deadline expired on Friday, and no objections were received.

For what concerns the EP consent, the procedure is currently on hold as the situation is very unclear and the referral of the withdrawal agreement to AFCO will take place in the January II part-session.

3.3 Temporary replacement of VP Sefcovic

The Chair informed that during VP Sefcovic unpaid electoral leave to take part in the elections in Slovakia, the Energy Union portfolio was transferred to Commissioner Arias Canete.

DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS (CONTINUATION)

2.2 Calendar of ENVI meetings from July to December 2019

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the draft calendar in a revised version (the meeting of Thursday, 21 November 2019 will be released). The calendar will be sent for information to ENVI Members. It will then be submitted for confirmation to the newly constituted ENVI Committee in July.*

2.3 ENVI priorities for the 2020 work programme of the European Court of Auditors

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed on the priorities below and mandated the Chair to write accordingly to the CCC Chair:*

- *Assessment of the implementation of the Falsified Medicines Directive (Directive 2011/62/EU) and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/161*
- *Assessment of the implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy*

2.4 Temporary substitution of one EP representative in EEA Management Board and EEA Bureau

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided that the replacement order for prof. Zlinsky would be the following: Dr. Klaus Jacob and Dr. Ljubomir Majdandžić.*

Coordinators also confirmed that Prof. Lena Neij will represent the EP at the EEA Bureau meeting during Prof. Zlinsky absence.

2.5 Planning until end of legislature

A. Files on which interinstitutional negotiations started but negotiations were suspended:

- **Persistent organic pollutants** (Girling, EPP)

Decision taken: *No action at this stage. Reassess the situation in the week 4-8 February (deadline for sending final consolidated text to translation: 10 February).*

B. Files on which interinstitutional negotiations are ongoing:

- **New heavy-duty vehicles: CO2 emission performance standards** (Eickhout, Greens/EFA)

Decision taken: *No action at this stage. Reassess the situation after the 3rd trilogue, if no agreement is reached.*

- **Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE) 2021–2027** (Gerbrandy, ALDE) *

Decision taken: *No action at this stage. Reassess the situation after the 3rd trilogue, if no agreement is reached.*

- **Transparency and sustainability of the EU risk assessment in the food chain** (Ayuso, EPP)

Decision taken: *No action at this stage. Reassess the situation after the 3rd trilogue, if no agreement is reached.*

* Subject to CoP horizontal decisions on MFF-related programmes

C. Files on which interinstitutional negotiations might start in January

- **Quality of water intended for human consumption** (Dantin, EPP)

Decision taken: *No action at this stage. Reassess the situation once Council has a mandate and possible trilogue dates have been identified.*

- **Promotion of clean road transport vehicles in support of low-emission mobility** (Grzyb, EPP)

Decision taken: *No action at this stage. Reassess the situation once Council has a mandate and negotiations have started.*

D. Files on which Council is not expected to have a negotiating mandate by the first week of February 2019

- **Health technology assessment** (Cabezón Ruiz, S&D)

Decision taken: *Conclude EP first reading (report back to plenary and procedural vote in February part-session)*

F. Files on which the Commission proposal is still awaited

- **Civil Protection Mechanism (RescUE) 2021-2027** (Zorrinho, S&D) *

Decision taken: *In the light of the envisaged date of adoption of the Commission proposal, work on the proposal will have to be postponed to next legislature.*

4. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

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Own-initiative reports

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Legislative opinions

* Subject to CoP horizontal decisions on MFF-related programmes

1. Rules on direct payments and support for rural development in respect of the years 2019 and 2020 ENVI/8/15180

***I 2018/0414(COD) COM(2018)0817 – C8-0506/2018

Responsible:

AGRI

Decision taken: *No opinion possible as AGRI decided application of simplified procedure.*

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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 implementation of the EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change
COM(2018)0738

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to reconsider the matter after the elections.*

3. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention regarding compliance procedures COM(2018)0753

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

4. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 on shipments of waste generation, treatment and transboundary shipment of hazardous waste and other waste in the Member States of the European Union, 2013-2015; exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts COM(2018)0762

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expired on 7 December 2018, as indicated in the Comitology/DIA newsletter no 771, which included the report).*

5. 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 Council Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 of 20 December 2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community (FLEGT Regulation) COM(2018)0778

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only, (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expired on 12 December 2018, as indicated in the Comitology/DIA newsletter no 773, which included the report).*

6. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Progress in the implementation of the EU Forest Strategy 'A new EU Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest sector'** COM(2018)0811

Decision taken: *No action needed – this report was discussed during the exchange of views on the implementation of the EU Forest Strategy, in the presence of Commissioner Phil Hogan at the joint AGRI-ENVI-ITRE meeting on 14 January*

7. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Implementation of the third Programme of the Union's action in the field of health in 2015** COM(2018)0818

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

8. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Report on the functioning of the European carbon market** COM(2018)0842

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

9. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: 2nd Action Plan to fight the illicit tobacco trade 2018-2022** COM(2018)0846

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to reconsider the matter after the elections.*

10. **Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Directive 2008/105/EC on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy** COM(2018)0847

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only, (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expired on 16 January 2019, as indicated in the Comitology/DIA newsletter no 781, which included the report).*

11. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions On the review and update of the second European Union Implementation Plan in accordance with Article 8(4) of Regulation No 850/2004 on persistent organic pollutants** COM(2018)0848

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

Other documents received

12. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and first results on the performance of the Common Agricultural Policy** COM(2018)0790
13. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL Towards a swift agreement on a long-term budget for Europe's priorities The European Commission's contribution to the European Council meeting on 13-14 December 2018**
COM(2018)0814
14. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS AND THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 30 March 2019: a Contingency Action Plan** COM(2018)0880
15. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank: Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 30 March 2019: Implementing the Commission's Contingency Action Plan**
COM(2018)0890
16. **Commission staff working document Adaptation preparedness scoreboard Country fiches Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change** SWD(2018)0460
17. **Commission staff working document Evaluation of the EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change**
SWD(2018)0461
18. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the evaluation and implementation of the EU nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes in Bulgaria, Slovakia and Lithuania** COM(2018)0468
19. **Commission staff working document Guidance on cascading use of biomass with selected good practice examples on woody biomass** SWD(2018)0469
20. **Commission staff working document Evaluation of the European Environment Agency (EEA) and its European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET)** SWD(2018)0470
21. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary - Evaluation of the European Environment Agency (EEA) and its European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET)** SWD(2018)0471
22. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Implementation of the third Programme of Community action in the field of health in 2015** SWD(2018)0489
23. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF REGIONS On the review and update of the second European Community Implementation Plan in accordance with Article 8(4) of Regulation No 850/2004 on persistent organic pollutants** SWD(2018)0495

24. **Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 7th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds with regard to certain amendments to Annex 3 to the Agreement Council(2018)14175**

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 EP ad-hoc delegation to COP25 on Climate Change, Chile

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to request the Conference of Presidents to authorise on an exceptional basis, the sending of a 15-Member ad-hoc delegation to the high-level segment of the COP25 Climate Change Conference in Chile. The 15 Members are to be nominated by the political groups in accordance with the rolling d'Hondt system, which shall also apply to the non-attached Members.*

5.2 Joint Public Hearing with PETI on Climate Denial - Selection of speakers

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the following speakers:*

- *Darren Woods, Exxon Mobil Corporation*
- *Stella Schaller, Adelphi*
- *Christian Egenhofer, CEPS*

5.3 Monitoring and follow-up of Commission REFIT initiatives

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the Commission's planned activities in the context of REFIT and decided to consider holding exchange of views at the beginning of next legislature on one or more of the upcoming topical REFIT/Evaluation activities foreseen for the months ahead. In this context, the following Fitness Check/Evaluations were considered: Chemicals legislation (excluding REACH), PPP and MRL, Water Framework Directive and Floods Directive, and Ambient Air Quality Directives.*

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 the broader use of biodegradable plastics in farming by Ivan Jakovčić, Jozo Radoš - B8-0357/2018**
- 2. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on an 'arctic fox' label by Dominique Martin - B8-0550/2018**
- 3. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on combating food waste in the European Union by Mara Bizzotto - B8-0590/2018**
- 4. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on producing reliable statistics on suicide rates by socio-professional category by Philippe Loiseau - B8-0592/2018**

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

6.2 *Petitions for opinion*

- Petition No **1018/2017** by László Szigeti (Slovakian) on a planned pyrolysis-based waste processing plant in the green park of Sturovo in Slovakia.
- Petition No **0900/2016** by Frida Kieninger (Austrian) on behalf of Food & Water Europe, bearing 732 signatures, on taking action against a multinational oil company for climate change denial.
- Petition No **0947/2017** by Julia Baines (British), on behalf of PETA, bearing 109802 signatures, on the REACH refit and the ban of animal testing for REACH.

Decision taken: *No opinion. The Chair will reply accordingly to the PETI Chair.*

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 **1337/2008** by Nayden Chakarov (Bulgarian), bearing 12 signatures, on the Martiza-Iztock power plant and pollution of the area around the Bulgarian town of Stara Zagora.
- Petition **1865/2009** by I.P. (Bulgarian), on air pollution in the town of Stara Zagora in central Bulgaria.
- Petition **0257/2011** by Tsveta Hristova (Bulgarian), on behalf of the citizens' initiative 'Clean air over Stara Zagora', bearing approximately 30 000 signatures, on air pollution in the town of Stara Zagora in central Bulgaria. (same topic as petition 1865/2009).
- Petition **1279/2011** by Leona Maes (Belgian), on air pollution in Antwerp.
- Petition **0193/2012** by Erick Labrousse (French), on behalf of 'Groupement pour le Respect des Fuseaux en Europe', on the threshold values in Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe and, in this connection, the insufficient protection of public health and the environment.
- Petition **0204/2012** by Adriana Palleni (Italian), on behalf of Comitati Cittadini Indipendenti, on atmospheric pollution in the Po plain (Italy).
- Petition **1083/2013** by Wolfdietrich Burde (German) concerning inadequate Commission monitoring of environmental infringements in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany. The petitioner indicates that he has received no answer to either of his online complaints to the Commission in 2013 regarding infringements of Union air quality legislation and the failure of the German authorities to reduce nitrous oxide emissions by 2015 as required.
- Petition **1253/2013** by Anna Gerometta (Italian), on behalf of Genitori antismog, on Air quality directive 2008/50 EC.
- Petition **1353/2013** by Raffaele Bellezza (Italian), on behalf of Parents Against Smog

(*Genitori AntiSmog*), bearing 1504 signatures, on air pollution in Lombardy (Italy).

- Petition No **1363/2015** by Michael Uhlig (German) on building in nature reserves by the City of Hamburg.
- Petition No **0697/2017** by Samuel Martin Sosa (Spanish) on the lack of ozone contamination plans in Spain.
- Petition No **1100/2017** by R. P. (Polish) on the improvement of air quality in Poland. The petitioner asked the PETI Committee to pressurise the Polish government, which, in his opinion, does not implement properly the EU programme Clean Air For Europe (CAFE) and Directive 2002/91/EC on the energy performance in buildings.
- Petition No **0412/2018** by I.B. (German) on animal transport and animal trade in the EU.
- Petition No **0420/2018** by J.C.V. (Spanish), on behalf of the Alcantarilla (Murcia) Clean Air Platform, on pollution generated by emissions from the town's chemical plant of Alcantarilla, specifically by the company Derivados Químicos.
- Petition No **0425/2018** by V.D. (Romanian) on a new type of smoke filter for cars.
- Petition No **0453/2018** by G.D.L.R. (Italian) on the discriminatory effects of EU rules on food safety.
- Petition No **0462/2018** by Marco Bava (Italian) on the possibility of using alternative techniques to treat olive trees affected by *Xylella fastidiosa* in the Puglia region.
- Petition No **0463/2018** by Maria Anna Avouri (Greek) on excessive noise levels on the PATHE (Patras-Athens-Thessaloniki-Euzonon) motorway in Greece.
- Petition No **0465/2018** by Peter Tot-đerđ (Croatian), on behalf of Eko-Integral za zaštitu okoliša i prirode, on the pollution caused by a destroyed oil refinery in Bosnia and Herzegovina endangering the health and lives of inhabitants of the affected area.
- Petition No **0468/2018** by Colin Evers (German) on food packaging waste.
- Petition No **0474/2018** by B.C.F. (Spanish) on the construction of the 'bancal' motorway in Murcia.
- Petition No **0479/2018** by Efstathios Kouteris (Greek) on the small hydroelectric project (MYHE) Dafnozouaras.
- Petition No **0480/2018** by Diego Profili (Italian), on behalf of the Piazza d'Armi Citizens' Committee, accompanied by 86 signatures, to prohibit construction within an urban green space.
- Petition No **0496/2018** by G.P. (Italian) on the proposal for a directive on the quality of water intended for human consumption.
- Petition No **0501/2018** by Marcus Davidsson (Swedish) on a single EU licence for medical

doctors and a single EU digital prescriptions system for pharmaceuticals.

- Petition No **0518/2018** by Sabrina Monforte (Italian) on marine litter.
- Petition No **0532/2018** by D.B. (Belgian) on the waste management of coastal towns in Belgium.
- Petition No **0533/2018** by J.F. (Maltese) on an alleged non-compliance of EU law in Malta concerning the sound level of motor vehicles.
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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 Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee

- **Judgement of 22 November 2018 in Case C-151/17, *Swedish Match AB v Secretary of State for Health***

The file included an information note from the EP Legal Service on the judgment of the Court of Justice on a request for preliminary ruling on the validity of the prohibition of placing on the market of tobacco products for oral use, contained in the Tobacco Products Directive 2014 (Directive 2014/40/EU). The Court of Justice upheld the validity of the prohibition by relying on the objective of ensuring a high level of protection of human health (as already done in cases C-434/02, *Arnold Andre'* and C-210/03, *Swedish Match*).

7.5 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

Special report on “Combating desertification in the EU: a growing threat in need of more action” (No 33/2018)

Thirteen EU Member States have self-declared under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification that they are affected by desertification. Projections of climate change in Europe show that the risk of desertification is increasing. In 2015, the EU and Member States committed to strive to achieve land degradation neutrality in the EU by 2030. The Court found that, while desertification and land degradation are current and growing threats in the EU, the Commission does not have a clear picture of the challenges, and the steps taken to combat desertification have limited coherence.

Special report on “Floods Directive: progress in assessing risks, while planning and implementation need to improve” (No 25/2018)

The consequences of fluvial, pluvial and coastal floods in Europe will overall worsen as a result of local and regional increases in the intensity and frequency of flooding. The Court found that Directive 2007/60/EC led to progress in assessing the risks of floods, but that the planning and implementation of flood protection should be improved. The Court also warns that major challenges remain in the much fuller integration of climate change, flood insurance and spatial planning into flood risk management, and is critical of weaknesses in allocating funding.

Landscape Review “Towards a successful transport sector in the EU: challenges to be addressed”

The report explains that the EU had made progress in infrastructure development and the opening of the internal transport market, but that it needs to address six key challenges on the road towards improved mobility within the Union: matching objectives and priorities with resources, better planning, infrastructure maintenance, effective enforcement, shifting goods traffic off roads and ensuring EU added value. The review also provides an overview of and key facts on the transport sector in the EU, investment needs and availability of funds, as well as the state of play for the five main transport modes: road, rail, air, inland waterways and maritime.

Summary of results from the ECA’s 2017 annual audit of the European research Joint Undertakings (F4E (ITER) – Development of Fusion Energy; BBI – Bio-Based Industries; Clean Sky – Clean Air Transport Technologies; IMI – Innovative Medicines Initiative; FCH – Fuel Cells and Hydrogen; SESAR – Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research; ECSEL – Electronic components and Systems; S2R - Shift2Rail Innovative Rail Product Solutions).

The Court’s audit for 2017 confirmed the positive results reported in previous years, but highlights some matters requiring further attention and indicates areas for improvement, related to budgetary and financial management, internal controls, leverage of industry and research partners’ contributions, as well as the European Commission’s evaluations.

Special report “Animal welfare in the EU: closing the gap between ambitious goals and practical implementation” (No 31/2018)

This report examines how the welfare of farm animals is checked, and the overall implementation of the EU animal welfare strategy. The Court concludes that EU action is successful in some areas, but that there are still weaknesses in compliance with minimum standards. There is room to improve coordination with cross-compliance checks, and better use could be made of the CAP to promote higher animal welfare standards.

7.6 State of play of annual scrutiny plan

The updated scrutiny plan was included in the file.

7.7 Programme of Public Hearings

7.7.1 Long-Term Strategy for GHG emissions reduction

The programme of the public hearing on the long term strategy for greenhouse gas emissions reduction, taking place on 29 January was included in the file.

7.7.2 Sustainable Development Goals - jointly with DEVE

The programme of the public hearing on “The remaining 12 years: EU action towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, taking place on 7 February was included in the file.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 OQ on the Monitoring Framework for the Circular Economy

Decision taken: On a proposal by the EPP coordinator, coordinators decided to retable in plenary the OQ on the Monitoring Framework for the Circular Economy, adopted in ENVI in the autumn, which was not put on plenary agenda and had expired.

8.2 Conference on Oceans (to be organised jointly with the European Commission)

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to write to the President supporting the initiative.*

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, 20 February 2019 (14.30 - 15.30 (tbc))