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

2. APPOINTMENTS IN EMA
In the presence of Ms Borzan, EMA contact person

3.1 Appointments in EMA
3.1.1 Appointment of representatives of patients’ associations/clinicians’ associations in the Committee for Advanced Therapies (CAT)

Decision taken: Coordinators recommended the following:
Patients’ organisations:
Full members: Ms Sollerbrant and Mr Breen
Substitutes: Ms Meheus and Mr Pochet
Reserve list: Mr Ricciardi and Mr Breier
Clinicians’ organisations:  
Full members: Mr Aiuti and Ms Poulsen  
Substitutes: Mr Gaensbacher and Ms Renieri  
Reserve list: Mr Bernard and Mr Abou-El-Enein

Following a final decision by the Conference of Presidents the President would forward the position of the European Parliament to the Commission.

3.1.2 Appointment of civil society representatives in the Management Board

Decision taken: Coordinators recommended the following:

- Mr Ludwig (doctors’ organisations)
- Ms de Briyne (veterinarians’ organisations)
- Mr Greco and Ms Sundseth (patients’ organisations)

The ENVI Committee recommendation for the appointment of the four members of the Management Board will be forwarded to the Conference of Presidents, who will adopt a formal recommendation and inform the Council.

3. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Main issues discussed at last CCC meeting

3.1.1 Brexit opinion
The Chair informed about the latest Conference of Presidents decisions on Brexit, namely that the opinions could only be adopted after a meaningful vote in the House of Commons.

3.2 Issues with other committees on resolutions addressing topics under ENVI competence
The Chair informed that two committees (AGRI and PETI) are envisaging adopting resolutions on topics under ENVI exclusive competence, contradicting recent ENVI (and EP) positions on the same topics.

Decision taken: On the AGRI resolution on large predators, the Chair was mandated to raise the issue with the President asking that the resolution be removed from the agenda and that the proper procedure be followed in the competent committee.

On the PETI resolution the Chair will informally address the PETI Chair to raise the ENVI concerns.

3.3 Electoral leave for Commissioner Andriukaitis
The Chair informed that the Commission President had granted Commissioner Andriukaitis unpaid electoral leave to be candidate in the Presidential elections in Lithuania. During his absence his portfolio will be transferred to VP Katainen.

3.4 Cancellation of mission to ECDC
The Chair informed that the planned mission to ECDC in Stockholm (to take place on 28 February-1 March) had to be cancelled due to lack of participants.
4. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

1. Global data collection system for ship fuel oil consumption data
Responsible: ENVI - Opinions: ITRE, TRAN

Decision taken: Invite the Commission to present this proposal in one of the future ENVI meetings (in next legislature) and postpone the decision to appoint a rapporteur until after the elections.

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Own-initiative reports

2. PROPOSAL FOR A UNION ACT under Rule 46(2) of the Rules of Procedure on enhancing plasma collection in the European Union, submitted by Nicola Caputo (S&D), Annie Schreijer-Pierik (PPE), Frédérique Ries (ALDE), Biljana Borzan (S&D), Miroslav Mikolášik (PPE), José Inácio Faria (PPE), Margrete Auken (Verts/ALE), Rory Palmer (S&D), Kateřina Konečná (GUE/NGL), Guillaume Balas (S&D)
B8-0591/2018

Decision taken: No action, in view of lack of time before end of legislature. The Chair will inform the proposers accordingly.

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Legislative opinions

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Non-legislative opinions

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Documents received for information


Decision taken: No action needed, for information only

COM(2019)0013

Decision taken: Reconsider the issue after elections in view of possibly organising an exchange of views with the Commission

*Decision taken:* No action needed, the reflection paper is addressed in the ongoing annual strategic report on the implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals


*Decision taken:* No action needed, for information only, (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expires on 27 February 2019, as indicated in the Comitology/DIA newsletter no 805, which included the report).


*Decision taken:* No action needed, for information only (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expires on 1 March 2019, as indicated in the Comitology/DIA newsletter no 809, which included the report).


*Decision taken:* No action needed, for information only (the internal deadline for proposing revocation expires on 1 March 2019, as indicated in the Comitology/DIA newsletter no 809, which included the report).

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**Other documents received**


COM(2019)0017

10. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposals for amendments of Annexes A and B** - COM(2019)0052


5. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

5.1 Planning until end of legislature

A. Files on which interinstitutional negotiations are ongoing:

- **Persistent organic pollutants** (Girling, EPP)
  
  **Decision taken:** No action at this stage. Reassess the situation in the next days. If needed, a decision will have to be taken by coordinators in written procedure.

- **Programme for the environment and climate action (LIFE) 2021–2027** (Gerbrandy, ALDE) *
  
  **Decision taken:** No action at this stage. Reassess the situation after the second trilogue, if no agreement is reached. If needed, a decision will have to be taken by coordinators in written procedure.

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B. Files on which Council is not expected to have a negotiating mandate by the end of legislature

- **Quality of water intended for human consumption** (Dantin, EPP)
  
  **Decision taken:** Conclude EP first reading (report back to plenary and procedural vote in March part-session)

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5.2 Delegated act on article 26(2) of Renewables Directive

**Decision taken:**

- Coordinators:
  - endorsed the timetable for a possible objection;
  - mandated the Chair to table the possible ENVI objection in plenary;
  - authorised ENVI secretariat to attend the experts’ meeting on 5 March.

5.3 Draft programme of the PETI/ENVI Public Hearing on Climate Change Denial

**Decision taken:** The list of experts invited and format of the hearing were finalised as follows:

- Mr van Ypersele to replace Mr Egenhofer
- The hearing to be divided in two panels: the first one of general nature and the second one focusing on the Exxon case. The petitioner would be given the floor at the beginning of the second panel.

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* Subject to CoP horizontal decisions on MFF-related programmes
6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

6.1 Budgetary procedure in the election year

Decision taken: Coordinators endorsed the proposed approach and timetable.

6.2 Possible Oral Question on sanitary products

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to come back to the above proposal in next legislature.

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 establishing a European Mediterranean Diet Day by Aldo Patriciello; Paolo De Castro; Alessandra Mussolini; Massimiliano Salini; Raffaele Fitto; Remo Sernagiotto; Innocenzo Leontini; Elisabetta Gardini; Andrea Cozzolino; Lorenzo Cesa; Alberto Cirio Stefano Maullu; Salvatore Cicc; Luigi Morgano; Andrea Cozzolino; Enrico Gasbarra; Barbara Matera; Giovanni La Via; Lara Comi - B8-0595/2018

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

None

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 0457/2018 by M. F. (Polish), bearing 11 signatures, on need to protect the environment.
- Petition No 0458/2018 by M.F. (French) on banning all fur farming in Europe and fur imports coming from third countries.
- Petition No 0527/2018 by Dimitar Vasiliev (Bulgarian) on the impact of Struma motorway on Kresna Gorge and the region, Bulgaria.
- Petition No 0556/2018 by Philippe Garcia (French) on the ban on trawling within three miles
of the north-east Atlantic coast without the possibility of derogations.

- Petition No 0557/2018 by Francesc Josep Casellas Van Brouwershaven (Spanish) concerning the operation of a restaurant in a Natura 2000 area belonging to the Serra Gelada natural park.
- Petition No 0559/2018 by T. W. (French) on the EFSA.
- Petition No 0560/2018 by Alberto Cirio (Italian) against the establishment of a landfill for special non-hazardous waste.
- Petition No 0581/2018 by S. A. (Greek) on an alien insect Cydalima perspectalis destroying plants of the buxus family.
- Petition No 0584/2018 by David Cavaleiro de Aguiar Estêvão (Portuguese), on behalf of JSD Distrital de Santarém, on pollution of the river Tejo in Portugal.
- Petition No 0596/2018 by M.A.R.A. (Spanish), on behalf of “Asociación Española de Protección Civil para el Clima Espacial y el EMP” (AEPCE), on the definition of an EU strategy on space weather and the electro-magnetic Pulses (EMP).
- Petition No 0608/2018 by F.M.R. (Spanish), on behalf of Plataforma Ciudadana “Salvemos Meca y Sus Comarcas”, on the construction of a huge pig-farm and a biomethanization plant in the Spanish municipality of Ayora (Valencia) and its surroundings.
- Petition No 0612/2018 by H.H. (German) on abolishing the seasonal time change.
- Petition No 0620/2018 by T. K. (Greek), bearing 43 signatures, on the environmental protection of the Chalkidiki mining area in Greece.
- Petition No 0622/2018 by M.L. (Hungarian) on noise pollution in the vicinity of airports.
- Petition No 0623/2018 by A. N. (Polish), on behalf of Residents of the Białowieża Region, bearing 44 signatures, on improvement of the road infrastructure versus protection of forest environment.
- Petition No 0625/2018 by T.T. (Bulgarian) on an alleged uncontrolled deforestation in the town of Shumen, Bulgaria.
- Petition No 0629/2018 by H. M. (German) on the diesel emissions scandal.
- Petition No 0634/2018 by K. M. (French) on ending animal abuse in slaughterhouses in France and in the EU.
- Petition No 0635/2018 by G.T. (German) on the use of eBikes and on import taxes on eBikes.
- Petition No 0641/2018 by M. P. (French) on the environmental impact of a new highway in Alsace (France).
- Petition No 0659/2018 by Samuel Martín-Sosa (Spanish), on behalf of Ecologists in Action, on the construction of a high-speed line between Marchena and Osuna in the province of Seville (Spain).
- Petition No 0661/2018 by Matias Eduardo Diaz Crescitelli (Italian) on the alleged violation of environmental EU law by an unhealthy industry in Borgo Val di Taro (PR), Italy.
- Petition No 0663/2018 by Francoise Côte (French) on mammary prosthetics and effects on the health of women.
- Petition No 0672/2018 by Dan Chitu (Romanian) on air pollution from the Rudeni landfill in Bucharest, Romania.
- Petition No 0673/2018 by Catalin Mateescu (Romanian), on behalf of the association STOP Poluarii Provenite De La Groapa De Gunoi Iridex - Chiajna – Rudeni, on air pollution from the Rudeni landfill in Bucharest, Romania.
- Petition No 0674/2018 by A.P. (Romanian) on air pollution from the Rudeni landfill in
Bucharest, Romania.

- Petition No 0687/2018 by Manuel Lubary Martínez (Spanish), on behalf of the Confederación de Asociaciones Vecinales y de Consumidores de la Comunidad Valenciana, on an environmental problem in La Albufera Natural Park in Valencia (Spain).

- Petition No 0689/2018 by H.S. (German) on corrections to EU climate policy.

- Petition No 0690/2018 by Lucian Saulenu (Romanian), on behalf of the Association for the Renaissance of Craiova (ARC), on the planned extension of the operation of the Kozloduy nuclear power plant in Bulgaria.

- Petition No 0695/2018 by U.K. (German) on microplastics in biosolids used in agricultural fertilisers and sewage sludge.

- Petition No 0722/2018 by Libor Fleischans (Czech) on damage to the environment as a result of the amendments to Act No 56/2001 and Decree 302/2001.

- Petition No 0725/2018 by Konstantinos Stragkas (Greek) on a proposal for a solution to the fire problem in the EU.

- Petition No 0730/2018 by Salvatore Alice (Italian), on behalf of the Parco Montemarcello Magra Vara Committee, bearing 108 signatures, on the abolition of a regional nature reserve part of the Natura 2000 network.

- Petition No 0733/2018 by J.B. (Spanish) on improving the protection of genetic data related to European Union citizens.

- Petition No 0741/2018 by Marcel Van Duijvendijk (Dutch) on setting a minimum fill rate to packaging.

- Petition No 0742/2018 by Jürgen Kirchner (German) on the European Medicines Agency’s (EMA) alleged infringement of rules against conflicts of interest for consulted experts.

- Petition No 0750/2018 by Katherine Dolan (Irish), on behalf of ‘Arche Noah’, on the discrimination existing in the European Union against direct producers of varieties of wine-making grapes with less use of pesticides.

- Petition No 0751/2018 by Philippe Bravo (French) on the free air transport for respiratory devices of patients with respiratory insufficiency.

- Petition No 0759/2018 by Marco Bava (Italian) on the possible establishment of a European civil protection mechanism.

- Petition No 0772/2018 by R.G. (French) on the prohibition of the corrida.

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

- 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 preliminary reference from the Verwaltungsgericht Berlin (Administrative Court, Berlin, Germany) concerning the interpretation and validity of various provisions of the Tobacco Products Directive 2014/40/EU, mainly relating to the prohibition of flavourings and the prohibition of
advertising of flavourings in cigarettes and roll-your-own (‘RYO’) tobacco. In its judgement the Court analyses in particular the differentiated time-frame for applying the prohibition on flavoured products, the time-frame for applying labelling and packaging requirements and the prohibition on the use of trademarks referring to specific flavours and upholds the validity of all the contested provisions of the Directive.

8.5 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

Briefing paper on “The EU’s response to the “dieselgate” scandal”
This briefing paper sets out the actions taken, at the level of the European Union and Member States, and describes changes made to the system for measuring vehicle emissions after September 2015. The paper does not seek to assess whether the actions taken and proposed have solved the problem.

Special report “European Fund for Strategic Investments: Action needed to make EFSI a full success” (No 03/2019)
This report stresses that EFSI was effective in raising finance to support additional investment within the EU from its launch in 2015, until July 2018. It found that by mid-July 2018, the EIB had approved EUR 65.5 billion of financing, more than the indicative volume of finance to be raised of EUR 61 billion. In particular, EFSI support enabled the EIB to achieve a four-fold increase in its higher-risk financing operations compared to 2014. However, the Court showed that some EFSI projects could have been financed by private and other public sources or by the EIB itself, although on different terms. Project promoters preferred EFSI financing because it was either cheaper or offered a longer payback period. The Court also questioned the reported estimate of additional investment mobilised of EUR 355 billion. In some cases, the methodology used overstated the extent to which EFSI support actually induced additional investment in the real economy. In addition, the reported amounts do not take account of the fact that some EFSI operations replaced other EIB operations and EU financial instruments. The lack of comparable performance and monitoring indicators for all EU financial instruments and budgetary guarantees diminishes transparency and the ability to assess results.

Special report on “Chemical hazards in our food: EU food safety policy protects us but faces challenges” (No 02/2019)
The Court found that although the EU’s system for protecting consumers from chemical hazards in food is soundly based and respected worldwide, it is currently overstretched. The European Commission and the Member States do not have the capacity to implement the system fully. For the Court, the legal framework governing chemicals in food, feed, and plants and live animals remains a work in progress and has not yet been implemented to the level envisaged in EU laws governing food production. In addition, the European Food Safety Authority, which provides scientific advice to inform European policymaking, suffers backlogs in its work in connection with chemicals. This affects the proper functioning of parts of the system and the sustainability of the model as a whole.

New online portal on Public audit in the European Union
The Court launched on 24 January the first edition of Public Audit in the European Union, an online portal containing information on the work and role of the 29 supreme audit institutions (SAIs) in the EU and its Member States. The portal illustrates the SAIs’ contribution to the effective functioning of democracy and provides an overview of their mandate, status, organisation, work and output, as well as identifying the differences and similarities between them.
8.6 State of play of annual scrutiny plan

The updated scrutiny plan was included in the file.

8.7 ENVI expertise budget use in 2018

The ENVI expertise budget is dedicated to the funding of expertise services (workshops, briefing notes and studies) provided by the Policy Department A. Annually the Policy Department A, that is also in charge of the expertise budget management, provides a summary of the level of expenditure and the amount and the type of services provided.

8.8 Implementing and Delegated Acts - General Early Warning in view of elections recess

1. Background

Based on the Inter-institutional Agreement on the European election recess period in 2019 for the transmission of delegated acts and draft RPS measures (“the Recess Agreement”), the Commission will not formally transmit any delegated acts or final draft RPS measures to the European Parliament and the Council from Friday 15 March 2019, except if certain special cases require this (see below).

Transmission may re-start:
   o for final draft RPS measures, from Wednesday 10 July 2019;
   o for delegated acts, from Thursday 18 July 2019;

The recess period does not apply to implementing acts. The Commission will continue to send to the Parliament all draft and final implementing acts

Special cases - during the recess period, the Commission may still adopt (thus, the recess period does not apply):
   a. delegated acts under the urgency procedure, or
   b. RPS measures falling under the urgency procedure or curtailment of deadlines;
   c. delegated acts or RPS measures, the adoption and entry into force of which are needed in order to comply by a specific deadline fixed by a legal act of the EU or by international law, or in case there is an urgent need to address situations resulting from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU.

List of RPS measures, delegated acts, as well as implementing acts under preparation

As required under the Recess Agreement, the Commission has sent to the Parliament and to the Council, the list of acts planned to be adopted in the coming months (please see the table annexed to these notes). In part 3 of that table, the acts for which the recess period does not apply are listed. Please note that the letter from the Commission accompanying the information described above includes a disclaimer stressing that the list described above is purely indicative, drawn up for planning purposes only, without committing the Commission in no way.
2. **Scrutiny planning of comitology measures before recess period:**

As of the 1st of March, until the start of the recess period (15 March), ENVI Secretariat will send three sets of comitology newsletters/week (instead of two, as it does currently). The internal deadlines for objections will be of one week, or shorter than that, as well as the internal procedure, to allow the committee to deal with possible objections as soon as possible, preferably in March.

3. **Scrutiny planning of comitology measures after recess period:**

A. Measures raising no special issue as regards EP scrutiny

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<td><strong>Final draft RPS measures</strong></td>
<td>The Commission will not formally transmit/adopt such acts from Friday 15 March 2019; transmission may re-start from Wednesday 10 July 2019.</td>
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<td>(EP has veto right, deadline usually 3 months)</td>
<td><strong>ENVI Members will be informed of these measures, and be given a deadline to object</strong> to the measures concerned, when the ENVI Secretariat resumes the comitology newsletters, in principle, at the end of August 2019. The internal deadline for objections to these measures will be set for the beginning of September 2019.</td>
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<td><strong>Delegated acts</strong></td>
<td>The Commission will not formally transmit/adopt such acts from Friday 15 March 2019; transmission may re-start from Thursday 18 July 2019.</td>
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<td>(EP has veto right, deadline usually 2 months with the possibility to ask for an extension of another 2 months)</td>
<td><strong>ENVI Members will be informed of these measures, and be given a deadline to object to the measures concerned</strong>, when the ENVI Secretariat resumes the comitology newsletters, in principle, at the end of August 2019. The internal deadline for objections to these measures will be set for the beginning of September 2019.</td>
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<td><strong>Implementing acts</strong></td>
<td>The Commission will continue to prepare, adopt and send to the Parliament all draft and final implementing acts.</td>
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<td>(EP has no power of veto - thus, no formal deadline)</td>
<td><strong>ENVI Members will be informed of these measures, and be given a deadline to object to the measures concerned</strong>, when the ENVI Secretariat resumes the comitology newsletters, in principle, at the end of August 2019. The internal deadline for objections to these measures will be set for the beginning of September 2019.</td>
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<td><strong>Delegated acts under the urgency procedure</strong></td>
<td>The Commission may adopt delegated acts under the urgency procedure, during the recess. However, the time limit for Parliament to object to such measures will start to run only on 18 July 2019.</td>
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<td>(EP has veto right, deadline usually 2 months)</td>
<td><strong>If the Secretariat receives such measures, ENVI Members will be informed thereof, and be given a deadline to object</strong> to the measures concerned, by a comitology newsletter sent in July to allow for the possibility to adopt an objection in plenary within the deadline.</td>
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B. Measures on which EP scrutiny will be limited

| **RPS measures falling under the urgency procedure or curtailment of deadlines**  
(EP has veto right, deadline usually 2 months) | The Commission has listed these measures in the part 3 of the indicative list (see table annexed to these notes).  
**Parliament will not be able to object to these measures.**  
ENVI Members will be informed of these measures as soon as the ENVI Secretariat resumes the comitology newsletters. |
| **Delegated acts or RPS measures, the adoption and entry into force of which are needed in order to comply by a specific deadline fixed by a legal act of the EU or by international law, or in case there is an urgent need to address situations resulting from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU.** | The Commission has listed these measures in the part 3 of the indicative list (see table annexed to these notes).  
**Parliament will, in principle, not be able to object to these measures;** during the recess, the Commission may transmit these measures to the Parliament and thus trigger the start of the objection period.  
ENVI Members will be informed of these measures as soon as the ENVI Secretariat resumes the comitology newsletters. |

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The ALDE coordinator raised the issue of the AGRI decision to postpone their vote on the CAP strategic Plans to a date that makes it very unlikely to hold a plenary vote, as well as the lack of involvement of the ENVI Committee in this decision.

**Decision taken:** The Chair was mandated to raise the issue with the Conference of Presidents.

10. NEXT COORDINATORS’ MEETING

No coordinators’ meeting is currently planned for March. Next coordinators’ meeting is planned to take place in July.