**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

**RESULTS**

Thursday 1st March 2012, 9.00 - 10.00

**József Antall (JAN) 2Q2**

**Brussels**

Present

Mr Groote, Chairman

Mr Liese, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group

Mr Seeber, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group

Ms McAvan, Coordinator of the S&D Group

Mr Davies, Coordinator of the ALDE Group

Ms Hassi, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA Group

Ms Rosbach, Coordinator of the ECR Group

Ms Liotard, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL Group

Also present:

Mr Gerbrandy, 1st Vice-Chair

*1.3.2012*

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| **A.** | **Appointment of rapporteurs and draftspersons**  **decision on procedures** |

***Reports***

**A.1.** **Classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations**

ENVI/7/08689 *[MF]*

\*\*\*I 2012/0007(COD) COM(2012)0008 – C7-0021/2012

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| Responsible: | ENVI – | |
| Opinion: | JURI – |  |

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| **Decision:** | **Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group** |

**A.2.** **Priority substances in the field of water policy**

ENVI/7/08744 *[EI]*

\*\*\*I 2011/0429(COD) COM(2011)0876 – C7-0026/2012

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| Responsible: | ENVI – | |
| Opinions: | ITRE – |  |
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| **Decision:** | **Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group** |

**A.3.** **Amendment of Directive 2001/83/EC as regards pharmacovigilance**

ENVI/7/08830 *[TO, ZL]*

\*\*\*I 2012/0025(COD) COM(2012)0052 – C7-0033/2012

and

**A.4.** **Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 as regards pharmacovigilance**

ENVI/7/08833 *[TO, ZL]*

\*\*\*I 2012/0023(COD) COM(2012)0051 – C7-0034/2012

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| Responsible: | ENVI – | |
| Opinions: | ITRE – |  |
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| **Decision:** | **Coordinators confirmed their decision of 20 December 2011 according to which Ms McAvan was confirmed as raporteur on pharmacovigilance. The other political groups were invited to confirm their shadow rapporteurs.** |

**A.5.** **Information on medicinal products subject to medical prescription (amendment of Directive 2001/83/EC)**

ENVI/7/08859 *[TO, ZL]*

\*\*\*I 2008/0256(COD) COM(2012)0048 – C7-0038/2012

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| Responsible: | ENVI – | |
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**Information on medicinal products subject to medical prescription (amendment of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004)**

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\*\*\*I 2008/0255(COD) COM(2012)0049 – C7-xxxx/2012

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| **Decision:** | **Coordinators took note of the arrival of the amended proposals on which Mr Fjellner would continue to work as the rapporteur.** |

**A.6.** **The Microbial Challenge - Rising Threats from Antimicrobial Resistance**

ENVI/7/08364 *[NK]*

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| **Decision:** | **Rapporteur to be nominated by the ECR Group** |

***Opinions***

**A.7.** **Amendment of Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 of 18 December 2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks**

ENVI/7/08868 *[NK]*

\*\*\*I 2012/0013(COD) COM(2012)0021 – C7-0042/2012

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| Responsible: | PECH – |  |  |

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| **Decision::** | **No opinion** |

**A.8.** **Engaging in energy policy cooperation with partners beyond our borders: A strategic approach to secure, sustainable and competitive energy supply**

ENVI/7/08896 *[MF]*

2012/2029(INI) COM(2011)0539

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| Responsible: | ITRE – | Edit Herczog (S&D) | PR – PE474.010v01-00 |

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| **Decision:** | **No opinion** |

**A.9.** **Completing the Digital Single Market**

ENVI/7/08899 *[EI]*

2012/2030(INI) COM(2011)0942

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| Responsible: | IMCO – | Pablo Arias Echeverría (PPE) |  |

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| **Decision:** | **No opinion** |

**A.10.** **The protection of animals during transport**

ENVI/7/08905 *[IF]*

2012/2031(INI) COM(2011)0700

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| Responsible: | AGRI – | Janusz Wojciechowski (ECR) |  |

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| **Decision:** | **Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the GUE/NGL Group** |

**A.11.** **Statute for a European Foundation (FE)**

ENVI/7/08910 *[JD]*

2012/0022(APP) COM(2012)0035

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| Responsible: | JURI – |  |  |

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| **Decision:** | **No opinion** |

***Documents received for information***

**A.12.** **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the outcome of the review of Annex X to Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on priority substances in the field of water policy**

COM(2011)0875 *[EI]*

**Decision: No action.**

**A.13.** **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation for the year 2009**

COM(2012)0016 *[JD]*

**Decision: No action.**

**A.14.** **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation for the year 2010**

COM(2012)0017 *[JD]*

**Decision: No action.**

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**B. INFORMATION ON NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

***B.1. Ongoing own-initiative reports (no more than 6 at any given time):[[1]](#footnote-1)***

***Six INIs are progressing:***

* On 17 February 2011, the coordinators decided to request the authorisation of an own-initiative report with the title "**Resource Efficient Europe**" - ***authorised*** by CCC on 5 April 2011 as a 'strategic report' - rapporteur Mr GERBRANDY, ALDE - adoption scheduled for ***25 April 2012***
* On 13 July 2011 the coordinators decided to seek authorisation for an own-initiative report with the title "Our life insurance, our natural capital: an **EU biodiversity strategy** to 2020" (COM(2011)0244) - approved by the CCC on 16 November 2011 (AGRI withdrew request for Rule 50) authorisation by CoP not before December 2011 - rapporteur: Mr Gerbrandy, ALDE Group- adoption scheduled for ***21 March 2012***
* On 13 July 2011 the coordinators decided to seek authorisation for an own-initiative report with the title "Voluntary and unpaid **donation of tissues and cells**" (COM(2011)0352) - approved by CCC on 13 September 2011 ***authorised*** by CoP on 22 September 2011 - rapporteur: Ms Yannakoudakis, ECR Group - adoption scheduled for ***30 May 2012***
* On 5 October 2011, the coordinators decided to seek authorisation for an own-initiative report with the title **"The environmental impacts of shale gas and shale oil extraction activities"** - approved by the CCC on 16 November 2011 (ITRE will do a parallel report on the energy aspects of shale gas and shale oil); authorisation by CoP ***8*** December 2011 - rapporteur: Mr Sonik, EPP Group - adoption in ENVI scheduled for ***10 July 2012***
* Coordinators decided on 31 January 2012 to draw up an own-initiative report with the title: **'The Microbial Challenge – Rising threats from Antimicrobial Resistance'**, authorised by CoP on 16 February 2012 - rapporteur to be appointed b the ECR Group
* ***On 1 March 2012, the coordinators decided to seek authorisation for the following new own-initiative report: "The protection of public health from endocrine disrupters".***

***B.2. Ongoing implementation report (only one per year)([[2]](#footnote-2)) ([[3]](#footnote-3))***

***One implementation report is progressing:***

***"The implementation of EU water legislation, ahead of a necessary overall approach to European water challenges"*** - coordinators' decision of 5 October 2011 - approved by CCC on 16 November 2011 - rapporteur: Mr Seeber, EPP Group; adoption scheduled 30 May 2012

***B.3. Short-list of candidates for own-initiative reports***

**On 1 March 2012, the coordinators decided to seek authorisation for the following new own-initiative report: *"The protection of public health from endocrine disrupters".* Rapporteur to be appointed at the next *coordinators'* meeting**

***B.4. Information table on 1st and 2nd reading agreements - possible application of Rule 70***

[see separate table circulated by email]

***B.5. List of ENVI delegations and hearings***

[see separate note]

***B.6. List of petitions received for information***

Petition N° 0961/2011 by Maria Coelho Torneiro (Portuguese), on non-use of animal flesh in food

Petition N° 0971/2009 by Angela and William Flanagan (British), on health hazards arising from a defective sewerage system and the refusal of the authorities to take action

Petition N° 0771/2010 by Hannes Heikkilä (Finnish), on alleged breach of the Water Framework Directive 2006/118/EC

Petition N° 0042/2009 by Anne Bland (Finnish), on the detrimental environmental impact of the artificial ground water project of Turun Seudun Vesi Oy (Turku region, Finland)

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| **C. DECISIONS ON OTHER ISSUES** |

***C.1. Time limit for submission of requests for additional items***

**Decision**

**Coordinators agreed that requests for issues to be put on the agenda of a coordinators' meeting should as a general rule be tabled on the Thursday of the week preceding the coordinators' meeting ("Thursday -1 principle") on the understanding that intrinsically urgent matters could also be raised after that deadline.**

***C.2. Confirmation of additional ENVI meeting 7 May pm (1 half day)***

**Decision**

**Coordinators confirmed the additional half-day on 7 May p.m.**

***C.3. Croatia delegation 29-31 October 2012***

*[MF]*

**Decision**

**The coordinators agreed to the above dates and mandated the chairman to request authorisation of this delegation to Croatia, composed of 11 Members plus the Chair, through a letter to the President of the European Parliament.**

***C.4. Relations with EU Agencies - Appointment of contact persons***

**Decision**

**The coordinators decided that the following groups should appoint, for the second half of the parliamentary term, contact persons in charge of relations with those EU Agencies for which ENVI is the responsible committee:**

* ***EPP: the contact person for relations with the European Food Safety Authority EFSA in Parma [name to be put forward by the EPP]***
* ***S&D: the contact person for relations with the European Medicines Agency EMA in London [ROTH-BEHRENDT]***
* ***ALDE: the contact person for relations with the European Environment Agency EEA in Copenhagen [GERBRANDY]***
* ***Greens/EFA: the contact person for relations with the European Chemicals Agency ECHA in Helsinki [HASSI]***
* ***ECR: the contact person for relations with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC in Stockholm [YANNAKOUDAKIS]***
* ***GUE/NGL: the contact person for relations with the Food and Veterinary Office FVO (a Commission Directorate with a special mission) in Grange, Ireland. [name to be put forward by GUE/NGL Group]"***

***C.5. EFSA Management Board - EP opinion on the appointment of 7 new Members***

**Decision**

**The coordinators**

* **took note of a letter dated 27 February 2012 from the Council to the President of the European Parliament whereby the CVs of 14 short-listed candidates whom the Commission proposed as to serve as Members of EFSA's Management Board**
* **noted that those documents were given "LIMITE" status by the Council**
* **noted in particular that Council attached the following condition to the transfer of those CVs: *"L'attention du Parlement européen est attiré sur le fait que le document précité et ses addenda contiennent des données personnelles dont le traitement est soumis aux dispositions du règlement (CE) 45/2001 du 18 décembre 2001. En conséquence, il vous seront transmis en version papier uniquement et dans la langue disponible et ils ne devront pas être rendus publics."***
* **instructed the Chairman to write to the President of the European Parliament in order to draw his attention to this unusually restrictive approach**
* **agreed to arrange for an extraordinary CV-based evaluation meeting of the 14 candidates by the coordinators and the new contact person (to be nominated by the EPP) during the March plenary session in Strasbourg.**

***C.6. Appointment of Member in charge of implementing gender mainstreaming in the work of the committee***

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**Decision**

**The coordinators decided that the Chairman and the Vice-chairs should determine who of them would serve as the person responsible for implementing gender mainstreaming in the work of the committee during second half of the parliamentary term.**

***C.7. Rio+20 - Request for accreditation of out of quota Members and assistants***

*[NK, YG]*

The papers for the meeting included:

* *Decision Conference of Presidents, 9th February 2012 - p26*
* *Minutes Bureau Meeting, 14th November 2011 - p16-17*
* *Implementing measures for Title VII of the conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities - p10, footnote Art 21*

**Decision:**

**The coordinators**

* **instructed the chairman to inform the members of the delegation, group staff and coordinators of the financial arrangements applicable to additional Members and to parliamentary assistants**
* **invited the chairman to seek an informal arrangement with the responsible Commissioner in order to secure the accreditation of additional Members.**

***C.8. Legal opinion on the Directive on Professional Qualifications, request by Mr Liese***

**Decision**

**Coordinators decided to seek a Legal Opinion from the Legal Service on the following question:**

***"The Commission’s proposal for the revision of the directive on professional qualifications includes an upgrade from 10 to 12 years of school education for nurses and midwifes (Point 22 concerning Article 31).***

***Does this upgrade concern solely the mobility aspect, i.e. the nurses and midwifes that want to work in another member state or does this provision concern all the nurses and midwifes, even those that want to stay in their home Member State?"***

***C.9. Workshop on Sound level of motor vehicles, request by Mr Ouzký***

**Decision:**

**Coordinators decided to request a workshop on the sound level of motor vehicles.**

***C.10. Invitation to Member of European Court of Auditors on conflicts of interest in EFSA and EMA, request by Mr Davies***

**Decision:**

**The coordinators decided to seek further clarifications through the contact persons responsible for EFSA and EMA before taking a final decision on the request.**

***C.11. Oral question in Plenary (Rule 115) and resolution on defective silicone gel breast implants made by French company PIP***

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**Decision**

**The coordinators agreed that exceptionally two co-sponsor may be appointed by each group, on the understanding that only one person per group remained the main contact.**

***C.12. Request to invite the representatives of EFSA and Commission for a presentation of the EFSA technical report on "Schmallenberg" virus***

**Decision**

**The coordinators agreed that the opinions of the contact persons responsible for EFSA and ECDC should be sought before inviting representatives of the Commission and of EFSA to the committee (possible options: 21 March pm, 26 April pm). Moreover, pending the decision on a final scientific denomination of the virus, reference to particular towns or regions should be avoided.**

***C.13. Draft Commission Regulation of XXX on implementing rules concerning applications for authorisation of genetically modified food and feed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations No (EC) 641/2004 and (EC) No 1981/2006***

**Decision**

**The coordinators took note of the Draft Commission Regulation and of the letter signed by 16 Members and agreed that the answer from the Commission should be awaited before deciding on possible further steps.**

***C.14.******Invitation for Commission to present to the Committee how the transitional free allocation to the power sector provided under Article 10c of the ETS directive (2003/87/EC) is being implemented***

**Decision**

**The Coordinators decided to invite the Commission to present the status of the implementation of the provision.**

***C.15. Appointment of an EP representative on the ECHA Management Board following the resignation of Hartmut Nassauer***

**Decision:**

**The coordinators**

        **noted that the successor of Mr Nassauer should be appointed for the remainder of Mr Nassauer's term of office (that is until 1 December 2013);**

        **invited the political groups to nominate candidates by 7 March 2012, end of business;**

        **took note of the nomination of Ms Rudén by the Greens/EFA Group.**

**D. Documents for information**

1) Letter of 26 January 2012 from Mr Rübig, Chair of STOA, to Mr Groote on the benefits of STOAs work to the ENVI committee

2) Letter of 30 January 2012 from Mr Groote to President Schulz concerning cancellation of 3 half-days of ENVI committee meetings

3) Letter of 7 February 2012 from President Schulz to Mr Wammen, Danish Minister for European Affairs, on Ms Laperrouze' appointment on ECHA Management Board

4) Letter of 9 February 2012 from Ms Ratti, Dep Secretary General, to Mr Groote on storage of documents in Classified Information Unit

5) List of ENVI hearings and delegations

1. The following INIs were adopted recently:

   * On 13 July 2011 the coordinators decided to seek authorisation for an own-initiative report with the title 'the review of the 6th EAP and the setting of priorities for the 7th EAP' - approved by CCC on 13 September 2011 - authorised by CoP on 22 September 2011 - rapporteur: Mr Leinen S&D Group - ***adopted in ENVI on 29 February 2012***

   [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The implementation report for 2009 was adopted in ENVI on 14 July 2010: The DE LANGE report on the Implementation of EU legislation aiming at the conservation of biodiversity [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The implementation report for 2010 was adopted in ENVI on 24 May 2011: "EU legislation on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) and on related feed and food controls - rapporteur: Ms ROTH-BEHRENDT, S&D. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)