

### WELCOME

Dear All,

Welcome to an exceptional edition of ENVI News: the first of the 9th parliamentary term!

During the European elections that took place from 23 to 26 May this year, voters in the EU elected the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to represent them until 2024. More than 50% of EU citizens eligible to vote took part in the elections, the highest turnout in 20 years. There is also a higher percentage turnover than ever before (61% new MEPs).

In this legislature, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI Committee) will be the largest one, with 76 MEPs who will work on topics of major concern for the citizens. The numerical strength and composition of parliament's committees was determined last week during the constituent sitting in Strasbourg. You may consult the list of ENVI Members [here](#).

The ENVI Committee is responsible, among others, for environmental policy and environmental protection measures, including climate change, air, soil and water pollution, waste management and recycling, the protection of biodiversity, public health programmes, pharmaceutical and cosmetic products, as well as food safety issues. ENVI issues have featured prominently during the election campaign and remain high on citizens' concerns - as reflected also in successive eurobarometers.

The new ENVI Committee will convene this afternoon in Brussels for its constitutive meeting. On this occasion, ENVI Members will elect their Chair and up to four Vice-Chairs, for a two and a half year mandate.

The first ordinary ENVI committee meeting of the new legislative term will take place on 22-23 July 2019.

You can follow the ENVI Committee constitutive meeting live at: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/envi/home.html>

You can also follow the activities of the ENVI Committee on its official Twitter account @EP\_Environment

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### CONSTITUTIVE MEETING

10 July 2019



The new Members of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety will convene to hold their constitutive meeting today. Wednesday 10 July at 15:15 in the József Antall building (Room 4Q2). On this occasion they will elect ENVI's Chair and up to four Vice-Chairs.

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### MEETING ITEMS

#### Votes:

- Election of the Chair
- Election of four Vice-Chairs

### NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

#### Recent Publications:

- Workshop proceedings on [Robots in Healthcare: A Solution or a Problem?](#)
- Study on [Sampling points for air quality](#) – Representativeness and comparability of measurement in accordance with Directive 2008/50/EC ([Study in focus](#))
- Study on [The benefit of EU action in health policy: The record to date](#) (in cooperation with EPRS)
- Briefing on [European energy and climate policies towards 2020, 2030 and 2050](#).

#### Upcoming Publications:

- Briefing for the EP Delegation to the United Nations High Level Political Forum, New York, 23-25 September 2019
- In-depth analysis on international climate negotiations in view of the COP 25 UN Climate Change Conference in Santiago

## NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES



### European Environment Agency (EEA)

#### EEA turns 25: Building on experience to achieve sustainability in Europe

What will Europe's environment look like in 25 years? Will we achieve our common vision of 'living well, within the limits of our planet'? Will we be able to limit global warming and build climate-resilient cities surrounded by healthy nature? Europeans are increasingly concerned as recent European Parliament elections showed. Europe's next generation is also calling for urgent action, but how will their demands for a sustainable future shape Europe's environment and socio-economic policies? On our 25th anniversary, we are reflecting on how Europe's environmental knowledge and policy have developed in the last 25 years and how we, the EEA together with its networks, can support efforts towards sustainability in the next 25 years. [More info.](#)

#### European Bathing Water Quality in 2018

The report assesses bathing water quality in 2018, indicating where the quality of bathing water is expected to be good in 2019. The report was compiled using information from more than 21 000 bathing waters in the 28 EU Member States. It also covers bathing waters in Albania and Switzerland. [More info.](#)

### European Medicines Agency (EMA)



#### EMA facilitates early engagement with medicine developers to combat antimicrobial resistance

EMA has opened up the early dialogue available through its Innovation Task Force (ITF) to all medicine developers who work on therapeutic approaches for the treatment or prevention of bacterial and fungal infections. ITF is a forum for dialogue between regulators and developers of innovative emerging therapies, methods and technologies, in the early stages of research and development. ITF is usually reserved for innovative medicines. Given the growing threat to public health caused by antimicrobial resistance and the need for new treatments, EMA is inviting all developers working on medicines for the treatment or prevention of life-threatening microbial infections to enter into early dialogue with the Agency to help strengthen the drug development pipeline for new antimicrobials. [More info.](#)

EMA sublets its London former headquarters and settles its court case with landlord [More info.](#)



### European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

#### Chronic hepatitis B infections on the rise since 2008

In 2017, the majority (58%) of the almost 27 000 newly reported hepatitis B cases in the European Union and European Economic Area were classified as chronic infections. This follows a consistent upward trend in reported chronic hepatitis B cases since 2008.

The relatively high number of 26 907 reported hepatitis B infections in 2017 and especially chronic cases, in combination with the diversity in reported transmission routes across Europe suggest that countries need to maintain and strengthen local hepatitis prevention and control programmes. ECDC rolled out a monitoring framework to support EU/EEA countries in their efforts to implement hepatitis B and C control programmes. This system will provide a comprehensive and much needed overview of the progress in tackling these infections and allows for a clearer picture of the actual burden of disease. [More info.](#)



### European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

#### ECHA will scrutinise all REACH registrations by 2027

ECHA and the Commission have put in place a joint action plan to address the lack of compliance in registration dossiers and encourage industry to improve their safety data on chemicals. As part of this plan, ECHA will screen all registration dossiers submitted by the 2018 deadline and the current 5 % minimum target for compliance checks will rise to 20 % of registration dossiers in each tonnage band. [More info](#)

### European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



#### Whole genome sequencing shows promise in fight against AMR

The use of whole genome sequencing can improve the way antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is monitored in food and animals, EFSA said in a new report published on 5 June. Ahead of the revised legislation on AMR monitoring that is due to come into force in 2021, EFSA suggests that these methods could gradually be introduced into Member State monitoring activities. [More info.](#)

Next meetings of the ENVI Committee : 22-23 July (Brussels)

Watch online the Committee meeting on the [EP web site](#) or on [Europarl TV](#). Past meetings are available: [EP Live multimedia library](#) and you can also download the extracts of speeches.

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