REVISED CO-ORDINATORS' RESULTS

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Monday, 25 November 2019, 19:00 - 20:30

Room LOW N3.2 (STRASBOURG)

- Mr Canfin, Chair
- Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
- Ms Guteland, Coordinator of the S&D group
- Mr Torvalds, Coordinator of the Renew group
- Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
- Ms Sardone, Coordinator of the ID Group
- Mr Vondra, Coordinator of the ECR group
- Ms Modig, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL group

29.11.2019

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Exchange of views with Thierry Breton, Commissioner-designate for Internal Market

- Extraordinary ENVI meeting on 16 December in Strasbourg with Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency - exchange of views and presentation of report "European environment — state and outlook 2020 (SOER2020)"

- Forthcoming publication of the Green Deal Communication - Invitation of Executive Vice-President Timmermans to an extraordinary ENVI meeting on 16 December after presentation in extraordinary plenary

3. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

3.1 Mission to COP15 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Kunming (China) - October 2020 (ES)
Decision taken: Coordinators had an exchange of views on the issue and postponed the final decision to the next meeting.

3.2 Speakers for the public hearing on “Decarbonising Maritime Transport: challenges and prospects for EU action” (SD/IP)

Decision taken: Coordinators endorsed a revised version of the draft programme for the public hearing “Reducing GHG emissions from EU-related maritime transport: what's next after the EU MRV?” and decided to revert to the decision on the speakers at the next meeting. They also agreed to reopen the deadline for possible speakers until Tuesday 26 November cob.

3.3 Exchange of views with Dr. Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank on the transformation of part of the bank into a Climate Bank (MM)

Decision taken: Coordinators agreed to invite the President of the EIB for an exchange of views on this matter on 3 December 2019.

3.4 State of play with other committees

A. Proposals for own-initiative reports on the CCC-agenda of 26 November 2019

- INTA request to draw-up an own initiative report on “Trade-related aspects of carbon border adjustment mechanisms”.

Decision taken: In view of the importance of the issue, coordinators decided to mandate the Chair to withhold the authorisation of the INI until the publication of the European Green Deal Communication (expected for mid-December) and to find an agreement with INTA afterwards.

- DEVE request to draw up an own-initiative report on “The impact of climate change on vulnerable populations in developing countries”

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to mandate the Chair to further clarify the scope of the report and to request an opinion on this report with areas of ENVI exclusive competence.

- INTA request to draw up an own-initiative report on “The importance of food and agriculture in trade agreements”

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to mandate the Chair to request an opinion on this report with areas of shared and exclusive competence.

B. State of play on the different forest and deforestation-related initiatives

Decision taken: Coordinators mandated the secretariat to work on a draft joint programme with the DEVE secretariat with a view to a decision by the coordinators afterwards.
4. DECISIONS RELATED TO PENDING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

4.1 Update on the EP work on the CAP reform proposals (in the presence of the ENVI rapporteur for the CAP Strategic Plans file) (NH/NP)

Decision taken: Coordinators had an exchange of views on the state of play of this file and decided to come back to the issue at the next coordinators meeting.

5. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE (see list of points in Annex II and Annex IIa)

Reports

None

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Own-initiative reports

1. INI report on the Communication on “Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World’s Forests” (GF)
   (COM(2019)0352)

Decision taken: - Attributed to the EPP group (1 point).
   - Coordinators mandated the Chair to reach an agreement with INTA and agreed on the suggested amendment to the title to be requested once authorisation has been granted by the CoP (suggested title: “The EU’s role in protecting and restoring the world’s forests”)

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Legislative opinions

   ENVI/9/00338
   ***I 2018/0218(COD) COM(2018)0394 – C8-0246/2018

   Responsible:
   AGRI – Eric Andrieu (S&D)

Decision taken: Coordinators confirmed the existing ENVI opinion on this file.

The secretariat was asked to outline possible procedural options on how to deal with amendments going beyond the scope of the lead committee.
3. Financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (NH/NP)

ENVI/9/00348

Responsible:
AGRI – Ulrike Müller (Renew)

**Decision taken:** Coordinators confirmed the original position not to do an opinion.

4. Establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) (NH/NP)

ENVI/9/00351

Responsible:
AGRI* – Peter Jahr (PPE)

**Decision taken:** See decision taken under point 4.1 above

5. Protocol to amend the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (GF)

ENVI/9/01621

Responsible:
PECH

**Decision taken:** No action needed

6. Amending letter no 1 to the Draft General Budget 2020 Updated estimated needs for agricultural expenditure Adjustments related to the legislative proposals included in the Brexit preparedness package of 4 September 2019 Reinforcements of administrative budgets and other updates based on recent developments Adjustment to the structure of the budget and a technical correction

ENVI/9/01655 (GR)

2019/2124(BUD)

Responsible:
BUDG

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

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Non-legislative opinions

7. AGRI own-initiative report on “The European Forest Strategy - The Way Forward”

(GF)

**Decision taken:** Attributed to the EPP group (2 points)
**Documents received for information**

8. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emission trading systems to amend Annex I and II to the Agreement
   COM(2019)0427 (SC)

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

   COM(2019)0428 (NH)

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

   COM(2019)0434 (CM/IP)

   **Decision taken:** No action needed, for information only, (the deadline for revocation expired on 27 December 2018). The ENVI secretariat will take contact with the Commission services and raise the issue of the unacceptable delay of this report.

   COM(2019)0435 (CM/IP)

   **Decision taken:** No action needed, for information only, (the deadlines for revocation expired in 2018 or early 2019). The ENVI secretariat will take contact with the Commission services and raise the issue of the unacceptable delay of this report.

to the European Medicines Agency for the conduct of pharmacovigilance activities in respect of medicinal products for human use
COM(2019)0439 (CM/IP)

**Decision taken:** No action needed, for information only, (the deadline for revocation expired on 17 April 2019). The ENVI secretariat will take contact with the Commission services and raise the issue of the unacceptable delay of this report.

13. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [Extended Climate Cooperation EU - Iceland - Norway]
COM(2019)0438 (SC/ES)

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

14. Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Mediterranean and Black Seas
COM(2019)0453 (GF)

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

15. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Implementation of Free Trade Agreements 1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018 (ES)
COM(2019)0455

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

COM(2019)0479

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

17. Commission staff working document Evaluation of the Union legislation on blood, tissues and cells (BM/IP)
SWD(2019)0375

**Decision taken:** Coordinators decided to invite the Commission first for an exchange of views on the evaluation of the Union legislation on blood, tissues and cells.

**Other documents received**

COM(2019)0454


COM(2019)0460

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COM(2019)0458

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25. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT: EVALUATION of the European Medicines Agency’s fee system**  
   SWD(2019)0335

   SWD(2019)0336

27. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EU green public procurement criteria for food, catering services and vending machines**  
   SWD(2019)0366

28. Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation of Regulation (EC) 2679/98 on the functioning of the internal market in relation to the free movement of goods among the Member States  
   SWD(2019)0372

29. Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation of the Union legislation on blood, tissues and cells  
   SWD(2019)0376

30. Commission staff working document Report on European Union implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the area of access to justice in environmental matters  
   SWD(2019)0378

   SWD(2019)0389

32. Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Trade and Sustainable Development established by the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, as regards the panel of experts referred to in article 13.15 of the agreement  
   (Council(2019)1774)

33. Adoption of a Council Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union at the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Bonn Agreement with regard to the Ministerial Declaration and the Bonn Agreement Strategic Action Plan  
   (12188/20919)

34. Adoption of a Council Decision on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on appellations of origin and geographical indications, following the consent given by the European Parliament at its plenary session on 16/04/2019  
   (7569/2019)

35. Adoption of a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union at the thirty-first meeting of the contracting parties on the amendments
to the Agreement for Co-operation in dealing with pollution of the North Sea by oil and other harmful substances (Bonn Agreement) with regard to the extension of the scope of application of the Bonn Agreement and with regard to the accession of the kingdom of Spain to the Bonn Agreement (12187/2019)

6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

6.1 Preparation of the scrutiny plan for 2020 - deadline for proposals (ES/CМ)

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to set a deadline for 5 December 2019 close of business for political groups to submit to the secretariat their proposals for scrutiny-related activities to be carried out in 2020. They also instructed the secretariat to prepare, in liaison with the political group advisors, a working draft table of the annual scrutiny plan 2020 listing the suggestions received, in time for consideration and endorsement at a January meeting.

6.2 Possible exchange of views with the Commission on the topic of e-cigarettes (BM/IP)

Decision taken: Coordinators had an exchange of views on the issue and postponed the final decision to the next meeting.

6.3 Possible Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) study in order to ascertain the full extent of the environmental costs of the two-seat operation in 2019 (CM)

Decision taken: Coordinators had an exchange of views on the issue and postponed the final decision to the next meeting.

6.4 Possible oral question to Commission on Food safety risks and animal welfare issues related to horse meat from Uruguay and Argentina (CM)

Decision taken: Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views with the Commission on Food safety risks related to imports of horse meat at one of the next committee meeting.

6.5 Possible exchange of views with the Commission on the issue of official food controls (IP)

Decision taken: The item was postponed to the next meeting.

7. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Update on upcoming public hearings

• Speaker for the public hearing by AGRI on the CAP reform (NH, NP)

According to the agreement reached between the AGRI and ENVI Chairs and confirmed by the coordinators in both Committees, ENVI will have associated status regarding the organisation of the AGRI Public Hearing on the reform of the CAP, which is to take place on the afternoon of 4
December 2019. ENVI will also be allowed to co-chair the panel of the CAP Strategic Plans file and propose one speaker in that panel. For the panel on Strategic Plans, AGRI has nominated Prof. Harald Grethe (Humboldt University Berlin). By written procedure, ENVI coordinators decided to appoint Ms. Saara Kankaanrinta, founder of Baltic Sea Action Group Foundation and farm owner with several innovative environmental pilot projects.

The draft programme is attached. (Annex IV)

- **Speakers for the public hearing (jointly with PETI) on wolf populations in the EU (LV)**

Following the decision taken at the last coordinators meeting of the 16th October, a joint letter from the Chairs of ENVI and PETI has been sent the 23rd October to the CCC in order to request authorisation for the joint public hearing on the wolf population on the revaluation on the wolf population in the EU. The public hearing will take place in the morning of 5 December 2019 with the AGRI committee associated. Each of the three committees involved (ENVI, PETI and AGRI) has select two experts.

The two names endorsed by ENVI coordinators through written procedure, Professor Luigi Boitani and Dr Geneviève Carbone, confirmed their attendance to the public hearing.

A draft programme of the public Hearing is attached (see Annex V).

### 7.2 Document recently published by the European Court of Auditors (GR)

The following document was recently published:

- **SPECIAL REPORT**

**Special report No 16/2019 on European Environmental Accounts (EEEA): usefulness for policy makers can be improved (10 October 2019)**

The EEEA are a statistical framework consisting of a comprehensive set of tables and accounts describing the relationship between the environment and the EU economy. The Court audited whether the Commission set up, managed and used the EEEA well. The report shows that the Commission did not set out a long-term perspective for EEEA data needs for environmental policymaking. The Commission did not compile EEEA needs, nor detailed which indicators are needed. While there is a strategy for the EEEA, a comprehensive action plan to implement the objectives is missing. The Court also found that the Commission implemented EEEA modules without a full cost-benefit analysis and that the EEEA modules were not used to their full potential for monitoring key environmental policies. Although the Commission published some data earlier than required, it did not exploit all means of providing data more quickly. There is no release calendar to indicate when data becomes available. The Court recommends that the Commission should improve the strategic framework for EEEA data, the relevance of EEEA modules for environmental policy making and the timeliness of EEEA data.

**Decision taken:** The item was postponed to the next meeting.

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**European Court of Auditors’ portfolio of publications**

**Special reports** present the results of selected audits (performance audits) on specific policy or spending areas, or on budgetary or management issues.
Annual reports mainly contain the results of financial and compliance audit work on the EU budget and the European Development Funds, but also budgetary management and performance aspects.

Specific annual reports, published separately on the EU’s agencies, decentralised bodies and joint undertakings. Opinions on new or updated laws with a significant impact on financial management, either mandatory under the TFEU, at the request of another institution or on our own initiative.

Briefing papers describe and analyse policy or management, focusing on specific topics.

Landscape reviews, similar to briefing papers, but focused on complex, large-scale policy areas or management issues, often from a cross-cutting perspective.

Rapid case reviews establish facts surrounding very focused specific issues or problems.

Audit previews present background information on a forthcoming or ongoing audit.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. NEXT COORDINATORS’ MEETING

2-3 December 2019 (time tbc)