

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -
IN CAMERA

Wednesday 3 September 2014, 9.00-10.30

Room József Antall (4Q2)

RESULTS

2.09.2014

Present:

Mr La Via, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP Group
Ms Groote, Coordinator of the S&D Group
Mr Demesmaeker, acting Coordinator of the ECR Group
Mr Gerbrandy, Coordinator of the ALDE Group
Ms Kone n, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG Group
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA Group
Mr Pedicini, Coordinator of the EFDD Group

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted with the addition of a new item 4.5a.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair informed on the outcome of the meeting with the Italian Deputy Permanent Representative held to discuss, at it is traditional at the beginning of the Presidency, the state of play on the pending legislative files:

- Novel Food: Presidency aims at a 1st reading agreement. Negotiations could start after the ENVI vote at the beginning of November
- ILUC: in view of the fact that it will not be possible to conclude the negotiations by the end of the year, the IT Presidency will transmit the Council position in the November plenary
- In vitro diagnostic medical devices and medical devices: Presidency aims at an early second reading agreement and envisages to have a negotiating mandate in late October
- Official controls: Presidency aims at an early second reading agreement; they could however not give indications as for when they will have a negotiating mandate

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPORTEURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS - DECISION ON PROCEDURES

REPORTS

None

OPINIONS

None

Documents received for information

- 3.1 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Tackling unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food supply chain**
COM(2014)0472

Responsible: IMCO Opinions: ENVI, AGRI, JURI

Decision taken: *No action needed*

- 3.2 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors - Annual accounts of the European Commission 2013**
COM(2014)0486

Responsible: CONT Opinions: All

Decision taken: *No action needed*

- 3.3 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: the urban dimension of EU policies – key features of an EU urban agenda**
COM(2014)0490

Responsible: REGI Opinions: ENVI, EMPL, LIBE, DEVE

Decision taken: *No action needed*

- 3.4 Green Paper on the safety of tourism accommodation services**
COM(2014)0464

Responsible: TRAN Opinions: ENVI, EMPL, IMCO, ITRE, CULT, REGI

Decision taken: *No action needed*

3.5 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Energy Efficiency and its contribution to energy security and the 2030 Framework for climate and energy policy
COM(2014)0520

Responsible: ITRE Opinions: ENVI, IMCO, EMPL

Decision taken: *Await the outcome of discussions in the ITRE Committee. If an own-initiative report is requested by ITRE, ENVI will prepare an opinion. The ENVI Chair was mandated to discuss with ITRE the modalities of a close cooperation (which should ensure reciprocity) on the related subjects of climate and energy.*

3.6 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Sixth report on economic, social and territorial cohesion: investment for jobs and growth
COM(2014)0473

Responsible: REGI Opinions: EMPL, ECON, ITRE, ENVI, CULT

Decision taken: *No action needed*

3.7 Proposal for a Council implementing decision authorising Sweden to apply a reduced rate of taxation on electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC
COM(2014)0497

Responsible: ECON Opinions: ENVI, ITRE, TRAN, REGI

Decision taken: *No action needed*

3.8 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: The annual Union work programme for European standardisation for 2015
COM(2014)0500

Responsible: IMCO Opinions: INTA, ENVI, ITRE

Decision taken: *No action needed*

3.9 Report from the Commission: Annual report 2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality
COM(2014)0506

Responsible: JURI Opinions: All

Decision taken: *If JURI draws-up an INI report, appoint a draftsman*

3.10 Report from the Commission: Annual report 2013 on relations between the European Commission and national parliaments
COM(2014)0507

Responsible: JURI Opinions: All

Decision taken: *If JURI draws-up an INI report, appoint a draftsman*

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B. DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL REPORTS/OPINIONS/RESOLUTIONS

B.1. Short-list of candidates for own-initiative reports

Coordinators took note that the following issues are currently on the short-list:

3.11 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: The post-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action: Managing risks to achieve resilience
COM(2014)0216

3.12 Green Paper on mobile health ('mHealth')
COM(2014)0219

3.13 Report from the Commission: Synthesis report on the quality of drinking water in the EU examining the Member States' reports for the period 2008-2010 under Directive 98/83/EC
COM(2014)0363

3.14 Report from the Commission to the Council - The Commission's Second Report to the Council on the implementation of Council Recommendation 2009/C 151/01 on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections
COM(2014)0371

3.15 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Towards a circular economy: A zero waste programme for Europe
COM(2014)0398

3.16 Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on resource efficiency opportunities in the building sector
COM(2014)0445

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to request authorisation for INI reports on:*

- *Follow-up to the Citizen's Initiative on drinking water*
- *Prevention and control of healthcare associated infections*
- *Towards a circular economy: a zero waste programme for Europe (including 3.15 and 3.16)*

The exact titles will be agreed in written procedure. The appointment of rapporteurs will take place at next coordinators meeting.

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B.2 Motions for resolutions (Rule 133)

3.18 Motion for a resolution on bad diets and the associated health risks by Mara Bizzotto
B8-0002/2014

Decision taken: *No action – (the topic could be submitted to the Health Working Group).
The Chair was mandated to reply accordingly to the author of the MfR.*

3.19 Motion for a resolution on the amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 as regards electronic identification of bovine animals and deleting the provisions on voluntary beef labelling by Mara Bizzotto
B8-0004/2014

Decision taken: *No action in view of the compromise recently reached on voluntary labelling. The Chair was mandated to reply accordingly to the author of the MfR.*

3.20 Motion for a resolution on the thalidomide scandal and the health care requirements of surviving victims in Europe by Mara Bizzotto
B8-0006/2014

Decision taken: *No action – (the call for action in the MfR is directed to Member States).
The Chair was mandated to reply accordingly to the author of the MfR.*

4. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

4.1 Hearings of the new Commissioners

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to propose to the ENVI Committee to delegate the decision on the questionnaires to the coordinators, pursuant to Rule 205(2). Coordinators will adopt the questionnaires in written procedure when the names and portfolios of the new Commissioners are known.*

4.2 ENVI calendar of meetings for 2015

Decision taken: *Coordinators approved the proposed calendar of ENVI meetings.*

4.3 Self-presentation by the Agencies within the ENVI Committee remit

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to hold the information session on 6 October pm. FVO will also be invited to present its activities.*

4.4 Public Hearings for the period September-December 2014

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided as a matter of principle to organise a small number of Public Hearings on important subjects. These hearings should last around 1h30. In the period until December 2014, a hearing will be organised on*

the waste legislative package. The Chair was mandated to reply accordingly to the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs.

4.5 Oral question on country of origin-labelling for meat in processed foods

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to re-table the OQ. Political groups were invited to nominate one co-sponsor for the oral question and resolution; the timetable will be finalised by written procedure.*

4.5a Workshop on the ETS - market stability reserve report

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed to organise the above workshop on a date during week 45 (3 November) or week 42 (13 October), depending on the availability of the Rapporteur.*

4.6 Participation of Non-Attached Members to the work of the ENVI Committee

Decision taken: *Coordinators held a preliminary exchange of views on the issue and mandated the Chair to raise the issue at the Conference of Committee Chairs in view of reaching a coherent approach on the matter in all committees.*

4.7 Scrutiny and oversight activities of the ENVI Committee

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting*

5. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

5.1 Obsolete files

5.1.1 Classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (Recast) (2012/0007 COD - former rapporteur Ms Korhola)

Decision taken: *Although the file is technically obsolete, based on institutional reasons, EP first reading position was reconfirmed.*

5.1.2 Hygiene of foodstuffs (2007/0037 B COD – former rapporteur Mr Schnellhardt)

Decision taken: *Confirm that the EP has no objection to the withdrawal of the proposal.*

5.2 Petitions received for opinion

Petitions received for opinion:

- Petition N° 0319/2013 by Alessandro Ciambrone (Italian), on behalf of the Network of Associations in Castel Volturno, on crime in the area of Castel Volturno (Campania - Italy).

Decision taken: **Opinion (EFDD - 0,5 points)**

- Petition N° **1397/2013** by Aneta Tymon (Polish) and three other signatories on the medical treatment of sufferers of multiple sclerosis. [The petitioner requests that multidisciplinary research be undertaken into multiple sclerosis. Similar to petitions 0660/2011 and 0232/2013.]

Decision taken: **No opinion - the Chairman can reply by letter to the PETI Chair.**

6. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Petitions received for information

- Petition N° **1380/2013** by Wolfgang Dehler (German) on the protection of human embryos in the EU.
- Petition N° **0483/2013** by Edmund Neugebauer (German), on the proposed regulation on in vitro diagnostic medical devices.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The S&D coordinator raised the issue of the distribution of the Chair's notes to the coordinators. The Chair reassured him that coordinators will continue to be provided with the procedural and background information contained in the Chair's notes.

The Greens/EFA coordinator raised the issue of whether the contact persons for the agencies would be expressed by the same group to which they were allocated in the last legislature. It was decided to come back to this issue at next coordinators meeting.

8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, 24 September 2014, time tbc (Brussels)