

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

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

Thursday, 22 January 2015, 9.00-10.00

Room
JAN2Q2

DRAFT RESULTS

27.01.2015

Present:

Mr La Via, Chair

Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP Group

Mr Groote, Coordinator of the S&D Group

Ms Girling, Coordinator of the ECR Group and rapporteur on the National Emissions Ceilings Directive

Mr Torvals, Acting Coordinator of the ALDE Group

Ms Konečná, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG Group

Mr Pedicini, Coordinator of the EFDD Group

For point 4.1: Ms Sommer, ENVI rapporteur

For point 5.6: Mr Faria, EEA contact person

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Main issues discussed at the CCC

2.1.1 Missions outside the EU

At its meeting of 15 December 2014, the Bureau agreed to modify the rules relating to committee missions outside the EU, which will now become "ad hoc delegations" by committees and will be authorised by the Conference of Presidents on the basis of a recommendation of a new body the "External Missions Coordination Group" co-chaired by the Chair of the CCC and the Chair of the Conference of Delegations Chairs, and composed by one representative per political group and the Chairs of AFET, DEVE and INTA.

At its first meeting the "external missions coordination group", only examined the missions for the period January-February, while the assessment of the missions for the period March-June (including the ENVI mission to Washington) was postponed to 28 January. The ENVI Chair has been invited to the meeting to "defend" ENVI request.

2.1.2 STOA

At its meeting of 13 January, the CCC briefly discussed the ENVI request to increase its number of seats from 2 to 4, at the same level as ITRE. The other committees concerned were asked to take a position by the next CCC meeting.

2.2 Exchange of views with Vice-President Timmermans

Vice-President Timmermans has now confirmed that, unless he has to be in plenary at the same time, he will come for an exchange of views in ENVI on Monday, 9 March at 19.00 (until 20.20).

2.3 Follow-up to CWP2015

Following the plenary results on the CWP 2015, coordinators briefly discussed the way forward in relation to the NECs and Waste proposals.

Decision taken: *To write to Commissioner Vella (with copy to VP Timmermans) to recall ENVI position on the matter, draw attention to the signal given by plenary and inform that the ENVI Committee intends to continue working on both proposals. Clarifications on the timeline and on how the Commission intends now to proceed on the waste proposal will also be sought.*

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS - DECISION ON PROCEDURES

Decisions on procedure

Opinions

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investments and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013

ENVI/8/

Responsible: ECON

Opinions: BUDG, ITRE, TRAN ... ENVI

Decision taken: *S&D rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)*

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At 9.20, in the presence of Renate SOMMER, ENVI Rapporteur

4. DECISIONS RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

4.1 Cloning of animals for farming purposes

A) Joint Public Hearing

Decision taken: *To replace the speaker from FDA with a speaker from the US Embassy, and the speaker from EFSA with a representative of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies. EFSA will be invited to answer questions, if any, during the discussion.*

B) Legal basis of the proposal on “placing on the market of food from animal clones”

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided, as a first step, to mandate the Chair to write to the JURI Chair to ask for a prompt adoption of the opinion on the legal basis. The Chair was mandated to take contacts for that purpose with the AGRI Chair.*

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 COP21 Climate Conference in Paris, 30 Nov - 11 Dec 2015

A. Authorisation to send an ad-hoc EP Delegation to COP21

Decision taken: *Postponed to 27 January 2014.*

B. Preparation of an own-initiative report

Decision taken (in written procedure): *To request authorisation to draft an INI entitled "Towards a new international climate agreement in Paris" in order to define Parliament's position ahead of COP21;*

C. Request for a Policy Department study on the issues at stake in view of COP21

Decision taken (in written procedure): *To request, as it was done in previous years, the Policy Department to commission a study on the issues at stake in view of the COP21 Climate Change Conference in Paris, in December 2015.*

5.2 Proposal for joint DEVE/ENVI Public Hearing on UN Sustainable Development Goals

Decision taken: *Postponed to 27 January 2014.*

5.3 Proposal for a workshop on Circular Economy

Decision taken (in written procedure): *To ask the Policy Department to organise a workshop focusing on indicators for a resource efficiency target on 14 April 2015.*

5.4 Proposal for ENVI mission to IMO Marine Environment Committee meeting, 11-15 May 2015 in London

Decision taken (in written procedure):

- *To send an ENVI Delegation to IMO MERC meeting using the 2015 ENVI travel quota.*
- *The delegation will be composed of three MEPs (1 S&D, 1 EPP, 1 EFDD) + possibly the Chair*
- *On the basis of the information available, the most relevant period for the mission will be 11-13 May (travel time included)*

5.5 Public Hearings - new rules on compliance of invited experts with the Transparency Register

Decision taken (in written procedure):

To endorse the Chair's approach that experts participating in public hearings provide expertise in response to direct and individual requests from the EP, and this activity is therefore not covered by the register. This approach will apply also to future ENVI hearings. The Chair was mandated to raise the issue in the CCC with a view to a common approach across committees.

At 9.45, in the presence of José Inácio FARIA, contact person for relations with the EEA

5.6 Appointment of EP representatives on the EEA Management Board

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to propose to the Committee to renew the mandates of the current two full representatives and two alternate representatives, with a term of office of 3 years until 31 December 2017, subject to their consent¹;

6. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Petitions received for information

- Petition N° **1586/2013** by Brice Lepoutre (French), on behalf of the Independent Association of Electronic Cigarette Smokers, on support for electronic cigarettes.
- Petition N° **1642/2013** by Christian Meyhoffer (German), together with 26 000 other signatories, on regulating electronic cigarettes.
- Petition N° **1984/2013** by Margareta Nan (Romanian), on alleged corruption in connection with the establishment and management of pharmacies in Romania.

¹ The current two representatives and two alternate representatives have already indicated by email to the Secretariat that they would be available to serve another term if the Committee so decides.

- Petition N° **2054/2013** by Andreas Mayr (German), on the EU Regulation on Plant Reproductive Material and the restrictions this will impose on consumers and competition.
- Petition N° **2124/2013** by Francis Johanns (Belgian), on the importation of GM food from the US.
- Petition N° **2177/2013** by J.R. (Polish), on the lack of effective waste and energy policy implementation in Poland.
- Petition N° **2226/2013** by Wojciech Kozłowski (Polish), on the tobacco lobby's influence on EU law-making.
- Petition N° **2341/2013** by Oliver Steiner (German), on the prohibition of marketing and use of the chemical substance Bisphenol A in the EU.

Petition N° **2617/2013** by John Porro (British), on retroactive application of a law in Spain in the field of renewable energy.

- Petition N° **2668/2013** by Louis Jean Loos (French), on animal protection.
- Petition N° **2812/2013** by Valerie Losfeld (French) on wind generators installed in Belgium, close to the border with France.

6.2 On-going INI reports in ENVI

The list of on-going INI reports was included in the meeting file.

6.3 State of play on cooperation among committees - information on decisions taken

ENVI request for Rule 54 to the AGRI legislative report "Organic production and labelling of organic products" (COM(2014)0180 - 2014/0100(COD))

Coordinators were informed that by letter of 9 January 2015, the Chair of the CCC recommended to the Conference of Presidents to dismiss ENVI request for application of Rule 54.

6.4 Meetings of experts groups

Two expert group meetings dealing with the preparation of delegated acts (DAs) organised by DG ENV and DG CLIMA will take place within the oncoming trimester (January, February, March 2015):

DG ENV:

Meeting title: **WG Chemicals**

Name of the expert group: **E00371** - Expert Group on Floods and Strategic Coordination for the Water Framework Directive

Unit responsible: ENV.C.1

Date of the meeting: **25-26/02/2015**

Meeting title: **WG Programmes of Measures**

Name of the expert group: **E00371** - Expert Group on Floods and Strategic Coordination for the Water Framework Directive

Unit responsible: ENV.C.1

Date of the meeting: **02-03/03/2015**

Meeting title: **WG Agriculture**

Name of the expert group: **E00371** - Expert Group on Floods and Strategic Coordination for the Water Framework Directive

Unit responsible: ENV.C.1

Date of the meeting: **04-05/03/2015**

Meeting title: **WG Ecostat**

Name of the expert group: **E00371** - Expert Group on Floods and Strategic Coordination for the Water Framework Directive

Unit responsible: ENV.C.1

Date of the meeting: **17-18/03/2015**

Meeting title: **Water Accounts**

Name of the expert group: **E00371** - Expert Group on Floods and Strategic Coordination for the Water Framework Directive

Unit responsible: ENV.C.1

Date of the meeting: **19/03/2015**

Meeting title: **Industrial Emissions Expert Group**

Name of the expert group: **E00373** - Industrial Emissions Expert Group

Unit responsible: ENV.C.1

Date of the meeting: **20/03/2015**

Meeting title: **Spring Water Conference**

Name of the expert group: **E00371** - Expert Group on Floods and Strategic Coordination for the Water Framework Directive

Unit responsible: ENV.C.1

Date of the meeting: **23-24/03/2015**

DG CLIMA:

Meeting title: **HDV CO2 Emissions Stakeholder Meetings**

Name of the expert group: **E02795** - Commission Expert group for policy development and implementation of CO2 from road vehicles

Unit responsible: CLIMA.C.2

Date of the meeting: **29-30/01/2015**

6.5 Interventions by the EP in cases before the ECJ

- **Case C-477/14 Pillbox 38 - Tobacco Products Directive**

The JURI Committee is considering possible submission of observations by the EP.

- **Case T-521/14 Sweden v. Commission - Biocidal products**

The JURI Committee has recommended to the EP President to intervene in support of Sweden.

6.6 Information from the Commission on outcome of international meetings

The meeting file included information notes received from the Commission on the outcome of recent meetings relating to international agreements.

1) Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Mercury (INC 6)

(Bangkok , 3-7 November 2014)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

2) Eight Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Helsinki Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (COP 8)

(Geneva, 3-5 December 2014)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

3) Outcome of the eleventh Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory species of wild animals (CMS COP 11)

(Quito, Ecuador, 4-9 November 2014)
Report by the Presidency and the Commission

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

The meeting will be continued on Tuesday, 27 January after the ENVI Committee meeting.

Next coordinators meeting will take place on Thursday, 24 February 2015, 9.00-10.00 (Brussels)
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