

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

### CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

**IN CAMERA**

Wednesday, 17 June 2015, 9.00-10.00

**Room  
JAN2Q2**

### **Coordinators Results**

17.06.2015

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

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 in the form shown in these minutes.

### **2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ***2.1 Main items discussed at last CCC meeting***

##### ***2.1.1 Guidelines on participation of Non-Attached Members***

The Chair informed about the document approved by the CCC on 9 June on the matter (see also item 6.6).

##### ***2.1.2 Ombudsman own-initiative enquiry report on trilogue transparency***

The European Ombudsman has announced that she has opened an own-initiative inquiry concerning the EP, the Council and the Commission as regards the disclosure of documents relating to trilogues and transparency of trilogues in general. In this context she has also decided to inspect two closed trilogue files, one of which is the Clinical Trials Regulation (ENVI - rapporteur Ms Willmott).

##### ***2.1.3 Committee scrutiny activities/annual plans***

The issue was raised at the CCC meeting as an important activity (especially in the light of the lower number of legislative proposals planned by the Commission).

## 2.2 *List of planned Commission initiatives*

The Commission has published on 11 June a list of planned initiatives covering the period until December 2015 and in some cases even the beginning of 2016. Coordinators could discuss at one of their next meetings (tentatively the July meeting) in particular how to react to the finding/conclusions of the REFIT initiatives planned.

## **3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE**

### *Reports*

#### *Own-initiative reports*

1. **Mid-term review of the EU's Biodiversity Strategy**  
ENVI/8/03526

**Decision taken:** *ECR rapporteur (1 point)*

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### *Opinions*

2. **Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, in so far as the provisions of the Protocol which fall under Title V of Part III of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are concerned**  
ENVI/8/03424 - \*\*\* 2015/0100(NLE) COM(2015)0193 - Responsible: LIBE

**Decision taken:** *No opinion at this stage. Invite the Commission and OLAF for an update on the issue.*

3. **Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, in so far as the provisions of the Protocol which do not fall under Title V of Part III of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union are concerned** ENVI/8/03428 \*\*\* 2015/0101(NLE)  
COM(2015)0194 - Responsible: INTA

**Decision taken:** *No opinion.*

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### *Documents received for information*

4. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Reviewing the decision-making process on genetically modified organisms (GMOs)**  
COM(2015)0176

**Decision taken:** *No specific action. For information only*

5. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council regarding the mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance for unprocessed foods, single ingredient products and ingredients that represent more than 50% of a food**  
COM(2015)0204
6. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council regarding the mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance for milk, milk used as an ingredient in dairy products and types of meat other than beef, swine, sheep, goat and poultry meat**  
COM(2015)0205

**Decision taken:** *Invite the Commission for an exchange of views in ENVI Committee.*

7. **Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: The State of Nature in the European Union - Report on the status of and trends for habitat types and species covered by the Birds and Habitats Directives for the 2007-2012 period as required under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive and Article 12 of the Birds Directive** COM(2015)0219

**Decision taken:** *No specific action as a response to this report could be included under the own-initiative report "Mid-term review of the EU's Biodiversity Strategy".*

8. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council pursuant to Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents, concerning the use of phosphates -**  
COM(2015)0229

**Decision taken:** *No specific action. For information only*

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***Other documents received***

9. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Better regulation for better results - An EU agenda** COM(2015)0215
10. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Proposal for an Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Regulation**  
COM(2015)0216
11. **Communication from the Commission on the European Citizens' Initiative "Stop Vivisection"** C(2015)3773

**Decision taken:** *No specific action. For information only.*

## **4. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

### ***4.1 Priorities for 2016 Commission Work Programme***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to fix a deadline for Friday, 19 June at noon to submit proposals for ENVI priorities for 2016 (max 1 priority for each policy area within ENVI remit). The final list of priorities to transmit to the CCC by 24 June will then be agreed in written procedure.*

### ***4.2 ENVI Committee activities in preparation to COP 21 on Climate Change***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to invite the following high-level speakers for an exchange of views in ENVI in preparation for COP21 (activities to take place between September-November 2015):*

- *Ms Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC*
- *Mr Laurent Fabius, French Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development and COP21 President*
- *Ms Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission*
- *Ms H ela Cheikhrouhou, Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund*
- *Mr Janos Pasztor, UN Assistant Secretary-General on Climate Change*
- *Ms Tina Birmpili, Executive Secretary of the Ozone Secretariat (also in view of the ENVI Delegation to the MOP27 of the Montreal Protocol)*
- *Mr Werner Hoyer, President or Mr Jonathan TAYLOR VP Environment and Climate Action, European Investment Bank*

#### ***4.2.1 Possible Public Hearing on Climate justice***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided not to organise a specific Public Hearing on Climate Justice but to invite Mary Robinson, UN Special Envoy on Climate Change and founder of the Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice, in the context of the activities planned under point 4.2 (tentative date: 15 September)*

### ***4.3 Possible ENVI input to the AFCO Working Group on the revision of the EP Rules of Procedure in relation to Trilogues and First reading Agreements***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators held a first exchange of views, which will be continued at next meeting.*

#### **4.4 ENVI Committee scrutiny and oversight activities plan for 2015**

##### **4.4.1 Priorities for ECA 2016 Work Programme**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators fixed a deadline to submit proposals for priority areas for ECA 2016 Work Programme by Monday 22 June 2015 close of business. Depending on the number of proposals received, the ENVI contribution could be finalised by written procedure or at the next Coordinators' meeting.*

##### **4.4.2 Implementation sessions**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

##### **4.4.3 Studies with exchange of views**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

##### **4.4.4 Question time/exchange of views with Commission representatives in Committee**

##### **4.4.5 Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

#### **4.5 Request for Policy Department study in view of ENVI mission to Taranto, Italy**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

#### **4.6 Possible follow-up of the Riga Ministerial conference on tuberculosis and the Rome Ministerial Conference on HIV**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

#### **4.7 Possible exchange of views on the issue of the food borne bacterium campylobacter**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

#### **4.8 Exchange of views with the Commission regarding the renewal of the approval of glyphosate in light of the recent WHO classification of glyphosate as probably carcinogenic to humans**

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

#### *4.9 Reduction of paper consumption - state of play in ENVI*

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to next meeting.*

### **5. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

#### *5.1 Decisions on procedure*

##### *5.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133*

- 1. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the adoption of stricter rules on noise pollution - B8-0425/2015 - Aldo Patriciello**
- 2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on GMOs - B8-0429/2015 - Aldo Patriciello**
- 3. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the environmental and health damage caused by palm oil - B8-0441/2015 - Aldo Patriciello**
- 4. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on measures to improve health protection in Italy against the harmful effects of non-ionising electromagnetic fields (EMF) - B8-0463/2015 - Aldo Patriciello**
- 5. Motion for a Parliament resolution on the traceability, regulation and monitoring of expired or spoilt food products - B8-0495/2015 - Gianluca Buonanno**
- 6. Proposal for European Parliament resolution on incorporating an account of the relevant legislative and technical requirements in the United States in the legislative proposals of the European Commission - B8-0516/2015 - Sylvie Goddyn**

**Decision taken:** *No specific action. The Chair will reply accordingly to the authors of the MfRs.*

##### *5.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports*

The following issues are currently on the short-list:

**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

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

**Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Implementation report on the Commission Communication on Rare Diseases: Europe's challenges [COM(2008) 679 final] and Council Recommendation of 8 June 2009 on an action in the field of rare diseases (2009/C 151/02) - COM(2014)0548**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the list.*

### *5.1.3 Petitions received for opinion*

Petition N° **1358/2011** by Annemarie Grosshans (German), on behalf of Professors of Biochemistry, i.a. Nobel prize laureates, bearing 140 signatures, on an exemption for fruit flies (*Drosophila melanogaster*) from veterinary checks at EU external border according to Directive 91/496/EEC and Commission Decision 2007/275/EC

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

### *5.2 Use of ENVI expertise budget - Proposed workshop by Health Working Group on "Eat For Health"*

**Decision taken:**      *Coordinators agreed to organise the abovementioned Workshop on 15 September from 12.30 to 14.30.*

## **6. POINTS FOR INFORMATION**

### *6.1 Petitions received for information*

Petition N° **0671/2014** by Ada Fiore (Italian) bearing 14 signatures, on plans to build a landfill site in the Province of Lecce and its impact on the drinking water supply

Petition N° **0729/2014** by A.J.K. (German) on the legalisation and licensed sale of drugs

Petition N° **1298/2014** by M. Antonia Pacheco Cumbre (Spanish) concerning endometriosis sufferers

#### *6.1.1 Unsuccessful European Citizens' Initiative titled "End Ecocide on Earth"*

The Committee on petitions examined the unsuccessful ECI titled "End Ecocide on Earth" pursuant to Rule 218 of the Rules of procedure and received its organisers on 26 February 2015. The initiative has been transmitted to ENVI for information, on the grounds that it would be worthwhile for the questions raised in the initiative to be examined by the committee.

#### *6.2 On-going INI reports in ENVI*

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

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

Nothing to report.

#### *6.4 Cases before the ECJ*

- *Cases T-559/14 and T-560/14 - Ackermann Saatzucht and Others v Parliament and Council - ABZ Aardbeien Uit Zaad Holding and Others v Parliament and Council - Nagoya Regulation*

- **Case T-671/13 - *Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe) and Syndicat agricole Confédération paysanne v Commission (Parliament intervening in support of the Commission)* - Compatibility of the Aarhus Regulation with the Aarhus Convention**
- **Case T-462/14 - *European Environmental Bureau (EEB) v Commission (Parliament intervening in support of the Commission)* - Compatibility of the Aarhus Regulation with the Aarhus Convention**
- **Case T-284/14 - *Dyckerhoff Polska v Commission (Parliament intervening in support of the Commission)* - ETS Directive**
- **Case C-195/14 - *Bundesverband der Verbraucherzentralen und Verbraucherverbände – Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband e.V. v Teekanne GmbH & Co. KG* - Labelling of foodstuff**

### **6.5 Meetings of experts groups**

The third meeting of the Expert Group on Tobacco Policy as set up by Commission Decision (2014) 3509 will take place on 2 July 2015 pm in Brussels. During this meeting there will be an update on implementation progress of the Tobacco Products Directive.

### **6.6 New framework service contract for expertise in the fields of environmental policies, climate change, sustainable development, public health and food safety**

The file included a note by Policy Department A briefly describing the novelty of the framework contracts that from April this year are regulating the provision of expertise services to the ENVI committee as well as a table with all the new contractors.

### **6.7 European Ombudsman investigation to promote transparency of trilogues (clinical trials - rapporteur: Ms Willmott)**

The European Ombudsman has announced that she has opened an own-initiative inquiry on the above.

### **6.8 Guidelines on participation of Non-Attached Members in Committee work**

The file included the guidelines on the above adopted by the CCC at its meeting of 9 June.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

Thursday, 25 June at 9.00