

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

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

Thursday, 21 January 2016, 10.15-11.50

Room
WIC 200

Coordinators Results

25.01.2016

Present:

Mr Javór, Vice-Chair/Acting 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 Kyllonen/Mr Flanagan, Acting 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

At last CCC there was an exchange of views with VP Sefcovic on the Energy Union and COP21, in which he outlined the Commission plans in this area for the this year.

In this context the Acting Chair reported having raised the issue of addressing aviation and shipping emissions, which the EP delegation wanted very much included in the Paris agreement and which in the end was left out. On a practical note he also reported having raised the issue of the inclusion of the EP delegation - MEPs and staff - in the EU delegation to ICAO CAEP 10 in Montreal at the beginning of February on which no reply has been received yet by President Juncker.

2.2 Appointment of the ECDC Executive Director

The ECDC Management Board should appoint the nominee Executive Director at its meeting of 10 March. The hearing of the candidate in the ENVI Committee is preliminarily scheduled for Monday, 21 March in the afternoon.

2.3 ETS

The Acting Chair informed coordinators that the Chair had asked him to convey the message that, following the CCC recommendation to the Conference of Presidents - in which Mr Buzek proposes exactly the division of competences discussed by the ENVI coordinators, instead of his original proposal, he did not consider it appropriate to write to the President. The Chair suggested instead that the coordinators approach their group leaders with a coordinated position, which could be based on the technical argumentation drawn up by the secretariat that will be circulated.

A majority of coordinators considered that a letter should be sent to the Conference of Presidents outlining the ENVI views on the division of competences proposed by the CCC.

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Decisions on procedure

Reports

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Own-initiative reports

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Opinions

1. European Maritime Safety Agency

ENVI/8/05353

***I 2015/0313(COD) COM(2015)0667 – C8-0404/2015

Responsible: TRAN

Decision taken: No opinion.

2. Subjecting the new psychoactive substance 1-phenyl-2-(1-pyrrolidin-1-yl) pentan-1-one (-pyrrolidinovalerophenone, -PVP) to control measures

ENVI/8/05454

* 2015/0309(CNS) COM(2015)0674

Responsible: LIBE

Decision taken: No opinion.

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Documents received for information

3. **Report from the Commission Second Biennial Report of the European Union under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (required under Article 18(1) of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change and repealing Decision No 280/2004/EC and Decision 2/CP.17 of the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC) - COM(2015)0642**

Decision taken: No further action

4. **Report from the Commission: Report on the additional period for fulfilling commitments under the Kyoto Protocol (required under Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change and repealing Decision No 280/2004/EC and Decision 13/CMP.1 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol)
COM(2015)0650**

Decision taken: No further action

5. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XXI (Statistics) to the EEA Agreement (health care expenditure statistics)
COM(2015)0656**

Decision taken: No specific action. For information only

6. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste: Generation, treatment and transboundary shipment of hazardous waste and other waste in the Member States of the European Union, 2010-2012
COM(2015)0660**

Decision taken: Invite the Commission for a presentation

7. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement (CO2 Emissions)
COM(2015)0661**

Decision taken: No specific action. For information only

8. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on food and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation for the year 2014**
COM(2015)0665

Decision taken: *Invite the Commission for a presentation, if time available.*

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Other documents received

9. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission Second Biennial Report of the European Union Under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (required under Article 18(1) of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change and repealing Decision No 280/2004/EC and Decision 2/CP.17 of the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC)**
SWD(2015)0282
10. **Commission staff working document Technical information to the Report on the additional period for fulfilling commitments under the Kyoto Protocol Accompanying the document Report from the Commission Report on the additional period for fulfilling commitments under the Kyoto Protocol (required under Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and for reporting other information at national and Union level relevant to climate change and repealing Decision No 280/2004/EC and Decision 13/CMP.1 of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol)**
SWD(2015)0288
11. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste Generation, treatment and transboundary shipment of hazardous waste and other waste in the Member States of the European Union, 2010-2012**
SWD(2015)0291

Other issues

12. **Assessment of COP 21 outcome**

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission and the Council Presidency to present the results of their assessment of COP21 at the ENVI committee meeting of 16-17 March 2016.*

13. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Closing the loop - An EU action plan for the Circular Economy - COM(2015)0614**

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite Vice President Katainen to the ENVI committee every six months to report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Plan. Following the first exchange of views with VP Katainen (to be organised asap) coordinators will come back to the issue of a possible INI report.*

4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

- 4.1 ***Consultation of the EP on the proposed Commission appointees to the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee of EMA***

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the proposed Commission appointees and mandated the Chair to inform accordingly the Conference of Presidents.*

- 4.2 ***Evaluation of the Commission Work Programme 2016***

Decision taken: *A draft letter by the Chair will be circulated on 21 January with a deadline for comments by 26 January at 12:00.*

- 4.3 ***Possible areas of cooperation with the Committee of Regions in light of the Commission Work Programme 2016***

Decision taken: *No specific priority will be indicated by the ENVI Committee.*

- 4.4 ***Public hearing on Palm Oil and Deforestation***

Decision taken: *The title and possible speakers will be discussed at staff level and a proposal made to the coordinators for formal approval at next coordinators meeting.*

- 4.5 ***Possible OQs to Commission and Council on Japan decision to resume whaling in the 2015-2016 season***

Decision taken: *To draft an OQ (no resolution)*

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- 5.1 ***Oral Question to the Commission with resolution on European Strategy on health care for refugees***

Decision taken: *To invite the Commission to the ENVI Committee.*

5.2 *ENVI mission to Taranto*

Decision taken: *To reschedule the mission in the second semester 2016 (possibly July). A formal decision will be taken at next coordinators' meeting in the context of the general discussion on missions in the second semester*

5.3 *Participation to COP22 on climate change in Marrakesh, 7-18 November 2016*

Decision taken: *Postponed to next meeting*

5.4 *Next exchanges of views with the European Commission on REFIT activities*

Decision taken: *A deadline was fixed for Wednesday, 10 February noon for coordinators to put forward proposals for priorities on REFIT activities to be presented in 2016. A decision on how to continue with exchange on views on REFIT activities will be taken at next coordinators meeting.*

6. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

6.1 Decisions on procedure

6.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 133

- 1. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on support for measures to reduce emissions by Aldo Patriciello - B8-1085/2015**
- 2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the use of graphene for producing X-rays in medicine by Aldo Patriciello - B8-1367/2015**
- 3. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting EU citizens from increased antibiotic resistance resulting from the use of genetically modified feed by Franz Obermayr - B8-1369/2015**
- 4. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting EU citizens against the increased health risk linked to consumption of isoglucose by Franz Obermayr - B8-1370/2015**
- 5. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on HIV infections in Europe by Aldo Patriciello - B8-1376/2015**
- 6. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Parkinson's disease by Aldo Patriciello - B8-1390/2015**
- 7. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the establishment of a European strategy to support those suffering from Alzheimer's disease by Mara Bizzotto - B8-1425/2015**
- 8. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on local climate initiatives by Aldo Patriciello - B8-1432/2015**

9. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on depression by Aldo Patriciello - B8-1433/2015

10. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on certain aspects of the organisation of working time in the healthcare and hospital sector by Gianluca Buonanno - B8-1436/2015

11. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on public transport incentives to combat smog in European cities by Aldo Patriciello - B8-1441/2015

12. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on psoriatic arthritis by Aldo Patriciello - B8-1444/2015

Decision taken: *No follow-up needed. The Chair will reply accordingly to the author(s) of the motions for resolution.*

6.1.2 Short-list of candidates for INI reports

Decision taken: *To take note of the issue currently on the short-list.*

6.2 Structured dialogue with the European Commission - Decision on procedure

Following the procedure established in 2015, it is suggested to hold exchanges of views in the ENVI Committee on the evaluation and implementation of the 2016 Commission Work Programme and the priorities for 2017 with:

Following these exchanges of view, the ENVI Secretariat will prepare a first draft of possible ENVI priorities for 2017 and circulate it to group staff, with a view to a decision to be taken by coordinators most likely at the beginning of May. Dates will be established as soon as possible.

Decision taken: *To follow the same procedure as in 2015 and hold exchange of views with Vice-Presidents TIMMERMANS, KATAINEN and SEFCOVIC and Commissioners VELLA, ANDRIUKAITIS and ARIAS CAÑETE*

6.3 2016 ENVI annual scrutiny plan

Decision taken: *A deadline was set for Wednesday 10 February 2016 closure of business for political groups to submit to the secretariat their proposals for scrutiny-related activities to be carried out in 2016; the secretariat will prepare a working draft table of the annual scrutiny plan 2016 listing the suggestions received, in time for consideration at the coordinators' meeting of 17 February 2016.*

6.4 Missions outside the three places of work in the second semester 2016

Decision taken: *A deadline was set for Wednesday 10 February 2016 closure of business for political groups to put forward proposals.*

7. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 On-going INI reports in ENVI

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

7.2 Petitions for information

- Petition No 2122/2014 by V. M. L. K. (Spanish) on the ban of Bisphenol-A in Spain. The petitioner demands the ban of Bisphenol-A in Spain, on the basis of several scientific studies (in particular from France).
- Petition No 2097/2014 by C. E. P. C. (Spanish) on detrimental effects on environment and health caused by a high-voltage line in northern Portugal.
- Petition No 0812/2014 by Pascual Segovia Armero (Spanish), on behalf of several national organizations of blood donors, on Request for a EU rule regarding the trade of medicines based on plasma and to ban the medicines which are using plasma obtained in non-ethical conditions.
- Petition No 0075/2015 by Pedro Pozas Terrados (Spanish) on behalf of the Great Ape Project, on animal cruelty.
- Petition No 0274/2012 by Volker Hahl and Rudolf Brand (German), bearing approximately 320 signatures, on noise emitted by night flights from Frankfurt (D).
- Petition No 1039/2011 by A.A. (Italian) on indication of the origin of ingredients of foodstuffs.
- Petition No 2671/2014 by Petra Hemptenmacher (German) on aircraft noise from the Cologne/Bonn airport (Germany).

7.3 Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation

The updated rolling check-list was included in the file.

7.4 ECA's 2016 Work Programme

The European Court of Auditor's 2016 Work Programme and indicative timetable for publication of special reports were included in the file.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

18 February 2016, 9.00-10.00