

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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

### CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday 26 January 2011, 9.00 - 9.45

**JAN 4Q2**

**Brussels**

**RESULTS**

*21.1.2011*

Present

Mr Leinen, Chairman

Mr Seeber, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group

Mr Liese, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group

Mr Jørgensen, as a representative of the coordinator of the S&D Group

Mr Davies, Coordinator of the ALDE Group

Ms Hassi, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA Group

Ms Liotard, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL Group

Ms Rosbach, Coordinator of the EFD Group

Apologies

Ms McAvan, Coordinator of the S&D Group

Mr Ouzký, Coordinator of the ECR Group

Also present

Ms Lepage, 1st vice-chair

#### **A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS** **DECISION ON PROCEDURES**

<i>Reports</i>
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**A.1. Control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances**  
ENVI/7/04950

\*\*\*I 2010/0377(COD) COM(2010)0781 – C7-0011/2011

Opinions: ITRE, IMCO

**Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP group**

**A.2. Application of emission stages to narrow-track tractors**

ENVI/7/05020

\*\*\*I 2011/0002(COD) COM(2011)0001 – C7-0018/2011

Opinions:

**Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the EPP Group**

<i>Opinions</i>
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**A.3. Governance and Partnership in the Single market**

ENVI/7/04676

2010/2289(INI) COM(2010)0608[3]

Responsible: IMCO

**Decision: No opinion.**

**A.4. The CAP towards 2020 - meeting the food, natural resources and territorial challenges of the future**

ENVI/7/04782

**Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the S&D Group**

**A.5. European broadband – Investing in digitally driven growth**

ENVI/7/04812

2010/2304(INI) COM(2010)0472

Responsible: ITRE

**Decision: No opinion.**

**A.6. Quality systems applicable to agricultural products**

ENVI/7/04859

\*\*\*I 2010/0353(COD) COM(2010)0733 – C7-0423/2010

Responsible: AGRI

**Decision: No opinion**

**A.7. Amendment to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 concerning marketing standards**  
ENVI/7/04870

\*\*\*I 2010/0354(COD) COM(2010)0738 – C7-0422/2010

Responsible: AGRI

**Decision: No opinion**

**A.8. Energy infrastructure priorities for 2020 and beyond - a blueprint for an integrated European energy network**  
ENVI/7/05027  
**COM(2010)677**

**Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the S&D Group**

*Documents received for information*

**9. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Council on the exemption from the ban on cadmium granted for portable batteries and accumulators intended for use in cordless power tools**  
COM(2010)0698

Responsible: ENVI –

**Decision: The Commission shall be invited to explain to the Committee in more detail its interim conclusions contained in the Report.**

**10. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the future necessity and use of mechanically separated meat in the European Union, including the information policy towards consumers**  
COM(2010)0704

Responsible: ENVI –

Opinions: AGRI

**Decision:** No separate report - the issue could be addressed in the ambit of the "TSE Roadmap 2" INI report.

**11. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the review of the Community strategy concerning mercury**  
COM(2010)0723

Responsible: ENVI –  
Opinions: ITRE

**Decision:** The Commission shall be invited to the committee to report on the communication.

**12. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the effectiveness and consistency of sanitary and phytosanitary controls on imports of food, feed, animals and plants**  
COM(2010)0785

Responsible: ENVI –  
Opinions: INTA, AGRI

**Decision:** The Commission shall be invited to the committee to present the report.

**13. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Towards an enhanced market oversight framework for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme**  
COM(2010)0796

Responsible: ENVI –  
Opinions: ECON, ITRE, JURI

**Decision:** Short-listed as a potential future INI-report - see item B.2..

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**B. DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL REPORTS/OPINIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

***Item B.1 is FOR INFORMATION ONLY- NO ACTION REQUIRED***

## **B.1. Information on non-legislative activities**

### **B.1.1. Ongoing own-initiative reports (no more than 6 at any given time)<sup>(1)</sup>:**

- GDP and beyond (authorised by CoP on 10.6.2010; Rule 50 with ECON; Rapporteur Ms ROSBACH, EFD, ***rejected on 25 January 2011 - see item C.11.***
- Solidarity in health: Reducing health inequalities in the EU dementias (COM(2009)0567) - authorised by CoP on 10.6.2010; ENVI rapporteur: Ms ESTRELA, S&D; ***adopted on 25 January 2011***
- "Evaluation of the management of H1N1 influenza in 2009-2010 in the EU"; authorisation by CoP of 2.9.2010; rapporteur: Ms RIVASI, Greens/EFA, ***adopted on 25 January 2011***
- Commission Green Paper with the title "On Forest Protection and Information in the EU: Preparing forests for climate change" (COM(2010)66) - authorised by CoP on 1.7.2010; Rule 50 with AGRI - S&D rapporteur Mr Arsenis; adoption scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- Commission communication "Analysis of options to move beyond 20% greenhouse gas emission reductions and assessing the risk of carbon leakage"; Rule 50 with ITRE, approved by CoP on 13 January 2011; rapporteur: Mr EICKHOUT, Greens/EFA; adoption scheduled for 19 April 2011
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance (COM(2010)0600) - decision of 30 November 2010 by coordinators to seek authorisation for an own-initiative report; agreement with DEVE to apply Rule 50 in CCC on 19 January 2011 - rapporteur Ms Gardini, EPP; adoption scheduled for ...

### **B.1.2. Ongoing implementation report (only one per year)<sup>(2)</sup>**

- implementation report for the year 2010 on "EU legislation on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) and on related feed and food controls - implementation and outlook" - decisions of the coordinators of 20 September 2010 - authorised by Conference of Committee Chairs on 19 October 2010 - rapporteur: Ms ROTH-BEHRENDT, S&D

## ***Item B.2 - background for possible decisions***

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<sup>1</sup> The following INI reports were adopted recently:

- Action plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation (2009-2015): Strengthened cooperation between Member States (PERELLO - adopted on 16 March 2010)
- White Paper: Adapting to climate change: Towards a European framework for action (PRODI - adopted on 16 March 2010)
- Action against Cancer: European Partnership (PETELE - adopted on 7 April 2010)
- Management of bio-waste in the European Union (FERNANDES - adopted on 2 June 2010)
- A Community approach on the prevention of natural and man made disasters (FERREIRA - adopted on 22 June 2010)
- A European initiative on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (COM(2009)0380) - authorised by CoP on 10.6.2010; ENVI rapporteur: Ms MATIAS, GUE/NGL, adopted on 30 November 2010

<sup>2</sup> The implementation report for 2009 was adopted in ENVI on 14 July 2010: The DE LANGE report on the Implementation of EU legislation aiming at the conservation of biodiversity

**B.2. Short-list of possible candidates for own-initiative reports:**

- Communications on implementing the biofuel sustainability scheme (coordinators' decision of 14 July 2010) together with the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the feasibility of drawing up lists of areas in third countries with low greenhouse gas emissions from cultivation (COM(2010)0427) - coordinators' decision of 9 September 2010
- on 20 September 2010, the coordinators agreed that the issue of 'the review of the 6th EAP and the setting of priorities for the 7th EAP' should be short-listed as a candidate for a possible own-initiative report
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Marine knowledge 2020 - marine data and observation for smart and sustainable growth COM(2010)0461 - coordinators' decision of 5 October 2010
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Mid-term review of the LIFE+ Regulation (COM(2010)516) - coordinators' decision of 28 October 2010
- ***Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Towards an enhanced market oversight framework for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (COM(2010)0796) - coordinators' decision of 26 January 2011***

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**B.3. Outlook: Future legislative and non-legislative Commission papers in the pipeline**

The coordinators received a note from the secretariat dated 21 January 2011.

#### **B.4. Budget opinions - budget for the exercise 2012**

##### **Decision**

- 1. The coordinators confirmed their previous decision of 21 July 2009 whereby Ms Haug had been appointed ENVI's rapporteur for the budget for the first half of the parliamentary term, including the exercise 2012.**
- 2. The timetable for the budgetary amendments and opinion will be announced in due course.**

#### **B.5. Petitions received**

Petition 0998/2010 by Frank Tintrup (German), on behalf of the Munich Circle - Expert Panel of Construction Machinery, and 19 co-signatories, on the introduction of the TIER 4-standard for exhaust emissions.

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### **C. DECISIONS ON OTHER ISSUES**

#### **C.0. Comitology objections - Benchmarking Decision**

The Chairman received objections to the Commission draft Decision on Benchmarking (determining transitional Union-wide rules for the harmonised free allocation of emission allowances) from the following Members:

- Pilar Ayuso
- Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė
- Theodoros Skylakakis
- Philippe Juvin
- Jolanta Hibner
- Bogusław Sonik
- Konrad Szymanski

##### **Decision**

**The Coordinators agreed on the following procedure:**

**1. The chairman shall write to the Jurisconsult in order to request a legal opinion on the objections.**

**2. Timetable and practical arrangements:**

- ☒ **Exchange of views on draft motion for resolution objecting to the draft Decision in an extraordinary ENVI meeting during February or March session in Strasbourg (date and time to be confirmed)**
- ☒ **The draft resolution would be submitted in English only;**
- ☒ **in order to simplify the procedure, the secretariat was instructed to explore whether one single joint draft resolution could be submitted**
- ☒ **Vote in ENVI on draft motion for a resolution (one vote): 16th March 2011**
- ☒ **Possible vote in Plenary: 4-7 April 2011.**

### **C.1. Timing of planned ENVI hearings/workshops and delegations in 2011**

The papers for the meeting included note from secretariat on the timing of hearings/workshops and delegations in 2011.

#### **Decision**

**The coordinators approved in principle the proposed timing of the committee's hearings, workshops and delegations.**

**The secretariat was instructed**

- **to explore alternative dates for the delegation to Turkey**
- **to organise the delegation to Poland during the second half of the turquoise week in May and**
- **to circulate a reminder on the practical application of the rules on Members' participation in delegations (in particular: application of the rolling d'Hondt system)**

### **C.2. Confirmation of ENVI meeting scheduled for 28 February 2011**

The meeting of 28 February 2011, p.m., was one of the meetings initially ear-marked as a possible additional meeting.

#### **Decision**

**In view of the heavy workload (hearing on moving beyond 20% GHG emissions), the coordinators confirmed to hold a committee meeting on that date.**



### **C.3. Possible ENVI contributions to a plenary resolution on the EU 2020 Strategy**

#### **Decision**

The coordinators agreed to adopt a limited number of ENVI contributions in a *written procedure* on the basis of the Resource efficiency flagship initiative which is to be presented on 26 January 2011. The secretariat was instructed to make a proposal to this effect. The deadline for reactions to the draft would be no later than the 31st of January.

### **C.4. Possible application of Rule 50 to the communication from the Commission on "The CAP towards 2020"**

The papers for the meeting included

- the above Commission communication on "The CAP towards 2020: Meeting the food, natural resources and territorial changes of the future"
- a letter from Mr Leinen of 16 December 2010 submitting ENVI's arguments for the application of Rule 50
- a letter from Mr De Castro of 13 January 2011 presenting AGRI's arguments against the application of Rule 50

#### **Decision**

The coordinators decided that the ENVI committee should reiterate its request to apply Rule 50 with enhanced cooperation arrangements applying to a limited number of joint competences.

### **C.5. Proposal by Mr Davies for legislative INI report on end-of-life vehicles**

#### **Decision**

The coordinators decided that the Commission should be invited to the Environment Committee in order to comment the study and to report about possible progress and agreed that the request a *legislative* own-initiative report on the strengthening and clarification of certain requirements under the End-of Live Vehicles Directive should be considered in the light of the outcome of that presentation.

**C.6. Request to the EEA - proposal from Mr Davies**

**Decision**

The coordinators decided that the above request should be submitted to the European Environment Agency. The request will be circulated by the secretariat for possible comments.

**C.7. Oral Question on Prevention of natural and man made disasters**

**Decision**

The coordinators decided that the above question from the GUE/NGL Group should be tabled in the form of an Oral Question in plenary, following approval by the full committee (Rule 115).

**C.8.Oral Question by Pavel POC, Jo LEINEN (both S&D) and Alojz PETERLE (EPP) on the shortcomings of the current EU policy for colorectal cancer (CRC)**

**Decision**

The coordinators decided to take the above question as an Oral Question in committee (Rule 197).

**C.9. Oral question by Corinne Lepage, Antonia Parvanova, Giommara Uggias on aspartame**

**Decision**

The coordinators decided to take the above question as an Oral Question in committee (Rule 197).

**C.10. Oral question in Plenary on tar sands and oil shale in the context of the Fuel Quality Directive**

**Decision**

The coordinators decided that the above question from the S&D Group should be tabled in the form of an Oral Question in plenary, following approval by the full committee (Rule 115).

**C.11. Own-initiative report on "GDP and beyond- procedural options following the rejection of the report on 25 January 2011**

**Decision**

The coordinators held an exchange of views and agreed that the rapporteur convene the shadow rapporteurs and group staff in order to explore possible avenues for compromise. The matter would be considered again in the light of those soundings at a future coordinators' meeting.

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<b>D. DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION</b>
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- 1) Letter of 19 January 2011 from President Buzek to Mr Leinen on the extension of the mandate of the EFSA Executive Director Ms Geslain-Lanéelle
- 2) An Excel table providing an overview over ongoing negotiations on agreements at first or second reading.