

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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

### CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be treated in full committee -

Tuesday 12 April 2011, 17.30 - 18.30

**JAN 2Q2**

**Brussels**

**RESULTS**

*13.4.2011*

#### Present

Mr Leinen, Chairman  
Mr Liese, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group  
Ms McAvan, Coordinator of the S&D Group  
Mr Davies, Coordinator of the ALDE Group  
Mr Ouzký, Coordinator of the ECR Group  
Ms Hassi, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA Group  
Mr Rossi, Coordinator of the EFD Group

#### Also present

Ms Lepage, 1st vice-chair  
Mr Sonik, 3rd vice-chair  
Ms Roth-Behrendt, ENVI contact person for relations with the EMA

#### Apologies

Mr Seeber, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group  
Ms Liotard, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL Group

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

<b><i>Reports</i></b>
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*None*

<b><i>Opinions</i></b>
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#### **A.1. Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas**

**Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean**  
ENVI/7/05614

2011/0047(NLE) COM(2011)0103

Responsible: PECH

**Decision:** Not to draw up an opinion

**A.2. Towards a common strategic framework for EU research and innovation funding**

ENVI/7/05773

COM(2011)0048 - ITRE INI report

**Decision:** Not to draw up an opinion

<i>Documents received for information</i>
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**3. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050**

COM(2011)0112

Responsible: ENVI –

Opinions: ITRE, IMCO, TRAN

**Decision:** *1) Decision of principle to request authorisation to draw up an own-initiative report.  
2) Given that the Eickhout report deals with stepping up the GHG reduction target beyond 20% by 2020, the new report should focus on the post 2020 perspective.  
3) Appointment of the rapporteur at the next coordinators' meeting.*

**4. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the quality of petrol and diesel fuel used for road transport in the European Union: Seventh annual report (Reporting year 2008)**

COM(2011)0116

Responsible: ENVI –

Opinions: ITRE, TRAN

**Decision:** No follow-up.

**5. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the quality of petrol and diesel fuel used for road transport in the European Union: Sixth annual report (Reporting year 2007)**

COM(2011)0113

Responsible: ENVI –

Opinions: ITRE, TRAN

**Decision::** No follow-up.

**6. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on statistics compiled pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 on waste statistics and their quality**

COM(2011)0131

Responsible: ENVI –

**Decision::** *No follow-up since the thematic strategy on waste prevention and recycling had been debated in ENVI on 11 April 2011.*

**7. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Third follow-up report to the communication on water scarcity and droughts in the European Union**

COM(2011)0133

Responsible: ENVI –

Opinions: REGI, AGRI

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

**8. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: 2nd Report on Voluntary and Unpaid Donation of Blood and Blood Components**

COM(2011)0138

Responsible: ENVI –

**Decision::** The Commission could be invited to the committee to present the main findings its report.

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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, ECR, rejected on 25 January 2011; a fresh report was submitted for 16-17 March 2011, ***to be adopted on 19 April 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 24 May 2011 in ENVI***
- 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 ***tentatively scheduled for 13 July 2011***
- On 17 February 2011, the coordinators decided to request the authorisation of an own-initiative report with the title "Resource Efficient Europe" - ***authorised*** by CCC on 5 April 2011 as a 'strategic report' - rapporteur Mr GERBRANDY, ALDE
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: **A Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050** (COM(2011)0112) - ***Coordinators' decision of 12 April 2011: 1) Decision of principle***

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

- 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; was adopted on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- Solidarity in health: Reducing health inequalities (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
- 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

*to request authorisation to draw up an own-initiative report. 2) Given that the Eickhout report deals with stepping up the GHG reduction target beyond 20% by 2020, the new report should focus on the post 2020 perspective. 3) Appointment of the rapporteur at the next coordinators' meeting.*

#### 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; ***adoption scheduled for 24 May 2011.***

#### **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

#### **B.3. Possible opinion on the 'European semester'**

Background: The planned ECON own initiative report entitled "*The European semester for economic policy coordination*" on the basis of the Commission Communication on the "*Annual Growth Survey: advancing the EU's comprehensive response to the crisis*" (COM(2011)0011).

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<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

- Decision:**
- 1) Decision of principle to draw up an opinion to.**
  - 2) Appointment of rapporteur at the next coordinators' meeting.**

**B.4. For information: Table on 1st and 2nd reading agreements - possible application of Rule 70**

The papers for the meeting included an updated table of 8 April 2011 on the state of negotiations with a view to achieving possible first and second reading agreements.

*The coordinators agreed to return to 1st and 2nd reading agreements, as well as the issue of correlation tables at their next meeting.*

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

### **C.1. Exchange of views with Ms Roth-Behrendt, contact person for relations with the EMA, on alleged conflicts of interest**

#### **Decision**

##### **The coordinators**

- **heard Ms Roth-Behrendt, the ENVI contact person for relations with the agency;**
- **held an exchange of views;**
- **took note of the information provided by Ms Roth-Behrendt on the case of Mr Lönngren, former Executive Director of the EMA;**
- **took note of the information provided by Ms Roth-Behrendt in relation to Professor Holomañ, who had been appointed by the European Parliament to the Management Board of the EMA as substitute member and concluded that a letter should be addressed to Professor Holomañ in order to**
  - **ask him for clarifications regarding his alleged conflict of interests;**
  - **inform him that he may be invited to respond to those allegations in a hearing;**
  - **point out that on the basis of Article 7 of the applicable rules<sup>3</sup> the Conference of Presidents as the authority responsible had the power to withdraw the mandate of representatives who fail to fulfil the obligations of their office.**

### **C.2. Structured dialogue 2011 - implementation of the Commission Work Programme 2011, ENVI priorities for CWP 2012**

The papers for the meeting included

- a letter of 9 March 2011 from Mr Lehne
- a draft dated 6 April 2011 with possible contributions, based on input from the political groups.

#### **Decision**

**The item was postponed to the next meeting.**

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<sup>3</sup> "Article 7

The persons designated shall refrain from any act incompatible with or prejudicial to the exercise of their mandates. The Conference of Presidents may withdraw the mandate from any person who fails to fulfil the obligations of his office or violates the principles of impartiality or independence. The person concerned shall be given a prior hearing."

See:

[http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10\\_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.4/709692\\_1\\_en.pdf](http://www.sib.ep.parl.union.eu/SIB/download.do?file=/Documents/10_Recueil/1/1.3/1.3.4/709692_1_en.pdf)

**C.3. Comitology: Fukushima/food decision(s) of the Commission- Implementing act on feed and food from Japan following the Fukushima accident**

The papers for the meeting included an information note dated 8 April 2011.

**Decision**

Given that (a) the first draft had entered into force on 27 March as Regulation 297/2011 and (b) no objections had been received in relation to the revised draft which was adopted on Monday 11 April, the coordinators decided not to apply the procedure provided for by Rule 88.

The coordinators instructed the chair to address a letter to the European Commission in order to demand that lower maximum radioactive levels for food and feed than those laid down in Regulation (Euratom) 3954/87 be set on the basis of the TFEU through the ordinary legislative procedure. The draft letter would be circulated for comments.

**C.4. Request to draw up a resolution on the problem of nuclear safety 25 years after the Chernobyl accident - proposal by Mr Sonik**

**Decision**

The coordinators agreed that an Oral Question (without resolution) should be drawn up on the basis of Rule 115. Mr Sonik was invited to submit a draft Oral Question.

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*Due to lack of time, the remaining items C.5. to C. 14. were postponed.*

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<b>D. DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION</b>
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1) Note on timing of ENVI hearings and delegations 2011