

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday 16 January 2014, 9.00 - 10.00

**Room LOW S.4.4.**

**RESULTS**

16.1.2014

Present

Mr Groote, Chairman  
Mr Seeber, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group  
Ms McAvan, Coordinator of the S&D Group  
Mr Davies, Coordinator of the ALDE Group  
Mr Hassi, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA Group  
Ms Rosbach, Coordinator of the ECR Group  
Ms Liotard, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL Group  
Mr Cymański, Coordinator of the EFD Group

Apologies:

Mr Liese, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group

Also present:

Ms Ayuso, contact person for the EFSA (present for item 1.)

**1. EFSA Management Board - EP opinion on the appointment of 7 new Members**  
**[EI]**

***- In the presence of Ms Ayuso MEP, contact person for relations with the EFSA***

The papers for the meeting included:

- a transmission letter of 2 December 2013 from Mr Cloos to President Schulz
- a letter of 2 December 2013 from Mr Cloos to President Schulz on the procedure and the deadline

**Decision**

**The coordinators**

- acting on the basis of Article 25 of EFSA's Founding Regulation according to which *"the European Parliament may make its views available for consideration by the Council"* and that *"four of the members shall have their background in organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain"*
- took note of a list of 23 candidates<sup>1</sup> for the 7 places to be filled which had been drawn up by the Commission and forwarded to the European Parliament by the Council
- held an extensive exchange of views
- noted that 4 of the remaining 8 Members of the Management Board were women and 4 men, stemming from the UK, IT, FR, FI, RO, CZ, PL and the European Commission;<sup>2</sup>
- agreed that it was important to achieve gender balance on the Management Board of the EFSA;
- decided, therefore, to recommend that the 7 vacant seats should be filled by appointing candidates from among of the following 8 persons, 4 women and 4 men, listed within the two sub-groups in descending order according to the support they had obtained from the various political groups:

*Female candidates:*

- Ms Beate KETTLITZ (DE, background in 'organisations representing other interests in the food chain', Article 25(1) first sub-paragraph)
- Ms Zita CEPONYTE (LT, background in 'organisations representing consumers', Article 25(1) first sub-paragraph)
- Ms Inger ANDERSSON (SE)
- Ms Fiorella BELPOGGI (IT)

*Male candidates*

- Mr Jan MOUSING (DK, background in 'organisations representing other interests in the food chain', Article 25(1) first sub-paragraph)
  - Mr Raymond O'ROURKE (IE, background in 'organisations representing consumers', Article 25(1) first sub-paragraph)
  - Mr Michael WINTER (DE)
  - Mr Iñaki EGUILEOR (ES)
- instructed the chairman to write to the President of the European Parliament so as to inform him of the outcome of the deliberations.

***Note: The European Parliament must inform the Council of the Parliament's position within three months, that is before 3 March 2014 (the Council letter was officially received by Parliament on 3 December 2013).***

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<sup>1</sup> Note: One candidate, Alan Reilly, had withdrawn his candidacy the day before.

<sup>2</sup> A list of current members of the EFSA Management Board can be found at the following address:  
<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/mb/mbmembers.htm>

**2. Arrangements for the hearing of the organisers of the European Citizens' Initiative "Right2Water"**  
*[EI & TV]*

The papers for the meeting included

- the support form signed by the citizens
- the outline of the initiative
- a letter of 23 December from Mr. Lehne to Mr. Schulz and reply from Mr. Schulz
- the suggested hearing structure

**Decision**

**The Coordinators**

- held an extensive exchange of views
- agreed on the proposed draft structure of the hearing with the following changes
  - *"Goal 2: No liberalisation of water services"* should be presented and discussed in the third round in order to maximise Members' attendance
  - no experts shall be invited; instead, the three Commissioners most concerned by the three goals of the initiative shall be invited to attend the meeting and to answer possible questions as to the Commission's position
  - although only 3 of the organisers would be entitled to claim the reimbursement of their travel expenditure, all 7 organisers of the initiative would be given the opportunity to answer questions in the question and answer sessions. The same time-budgets shall be made available for up to 36 questions from Members on the one hand and for the answers on the other hand.
- instructed the Secretariat to revise the outline of the hearing accordingly and to proceed with the necessary preparations.

**3. Request by Ms Hassi on the vote on the first reading agreement concluded with the Council on the Zanoni report on Environmental Impact Assessment**  
[EI]

This item was postponed owing to lack of time.

**4. Cancellation of ENVI meeting date: Monday 27 January 2014, p.m.**  
[JK]

**Action proposed**

The half-day of Monday, 27 January 2014, p.m. was cancelled because all relevant business could be dealt with during the ENVI meetings on 22-23 January and 30 January 2014.

**5. Request for an Oral Question (in the plenary) on the feasibility of introducing mandatory country of origin labelling**  
[IF]

This item was postponed owing to lack of time.

**6. Further steps on the resolution on cloning of animals for food supply.**  
[EI]

**Decision**

Owing to lack of time it was decided to take the necessary decision in a written procedure.

<b>D. DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION</b>
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None