

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

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

Thursday 4 December 2014, 9.00-10.30

Room
JAN4Q2

RESULTS

8.12.2014

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 ná, Coordinator of the GUE/NLG Group
Mr Staes, Acting 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 Meeting between CCC and College of Commissioners on 2015 Work Programme

The Chair reported on the meeting which had taken place on 2 December.

Decision taken: *To reiterate the points of lack of the sustainability dimension in the 2015 work programme, opposition to the “sunset clause” and opposition to the withdrawal of the air quality and waste packages in a letter to President Schulz and the group leaders co-signed by the Chair and the coordinators. Coordinators were also asked to raise these issues directly with their group leaders.*

2.2 Presentation by EEA of the report on the state of environment

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to organise a presentation of the EEA report on the state of environment in one of the ENVI March meetings.*

2.3 ENVI vote on GMO file

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to hold the vote on the agreed text in an extraordinary meeting in the margin of the December part-session.*

3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPORTEURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS - DECISION ON PROCEDURES

Reports

1. Emission limits and type-approval for internal combustion engines for non-road mobile machinery

ENVI/8/01933

***I 2014/0268(COD) COM(2014)0581 – C8-0168/2014

Responsible: ENVI –

Opinions: IMCO –

Decision taken: *EPP rapporteur (1 point)*

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Opinions

2. Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2013 : performance, financial management and control

ENVI/8/01855

2014/2139(DEC) COM(2013)0570[54] – C8-0225/2014

Responsible: CONT – Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

Decision taken: *No opinion*

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Documents received for information

3. Recommendation for a Council decision on authorising the opening of negotiations on the amendment of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial

Accidents - COM(2014)0651

Decision taken: *No specific action - Coordinators took note of the Recommendation*

4. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, at the Eighth Conference of the Parties to the Helsinki Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents with regard to the proposal for an amendment of Annex I - COM(2014)0652**

Decision taken: *No specific action - Coordinators took note of the proposed EU position*

5. **REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE KYOTO AND EU 2020 OBJECTIVES (required under Article 21 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) - COM(2014)0689**

Decision taken: *No specific action - for information only.*

B. DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL REPORTS/OPINIONS/RESOLUTIONS

B.1 Opinions to own-initiative reports following last CCC meeting:

6. **IMCO Committee own-initiative report on "Unfair trading practices in the food supply chain" - COM(2014)0472**

Decision taken: *No opinion*

7. **TRAN Committee own-initiative report on "Sustainable Urban Mobility" - COM(2013)0913**

Decision taken: *EFDD rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)*

8. **JURI Committee own-initiative report on "30th and 31st annual reports on monitoring the application of EU Law (2012-2013)" - COM(2013)0726 and COM(2014)0612**

Decision taken: *S&D rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points)*

9. **AFCO Committee own-initiative report on "Implementation report on European Citizens' Initiative"**

Decision taken: *No opinion*

10. EMPL Committee own-initiative report on "Green Employment Initiative: Tapping into the job creation potential of the green economy" - COM(2014)0446

Decision taken: *EFDD rapporteur for opinion (0,5 points).*

11. JURI Committee "Annual reports 2012-2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality" - COM(2013)0566 and COM(2014)0506

Decision taken: *No opinion. The EFDD group, who had expressed interest for this opinion, informed the secretariat at the end of the meeting that they were no longer interested.*

12. INTA Committee own-initiative report "Recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)"

Decision taken: *Greens/EFA rapporteur for opinion (1 point)*

4. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

4.1 Composition of ENVI Committee mission to Washington and topics to be addressed

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided that the mission would be composed of 11 Members + the Chair. According to the rolling d'Hondt system, the mission will be composed by 4 EPP, 3 S&D, 1 ECR, 1 ALDE, 1 GUE/NGL, 1 Greens/EFA + the Chair. A deadline was set for 17 December for political groups to communicate the names of the Members taking part in the mission.*

4.2 Appointment of Co-Chairs of the Health Working Group

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided that the Co-Chair(s) will be elected by the working group at its first meeting.*

4.3 Appointment of Member responsible for Gender Mainstreaming

Decision taken: *Coordinators appointed Ms Linnéa Engström (Greens/EFA) as Member responsible for Gender Mainstreaming.*

4.4 Appointment of Vice-Chair responsible for EMAS

Decision taken: *Coordinators asked the Chair to reassess the situation together with the Vice-Chairs in view of next coordinators meeting.*

4.5 *Proposal for a Workshop on Organ harvesting in China*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to organise the above workshop.*

4.6 *Proposal for a study on a harmonised EU approach on the assessment of the added therapeutic value of medicines in the European Union*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to commission the above study. The study specifications will be agreed by the coordinators in written procedure.*

4.7 *EU Civil Service Tribunal ruling of 13 November 2014 on the 2011 selection procedure for the appointment of the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the EU Civil Service Tribunal judgement*

4.8 *Scrutiny and oversight activities of the ENVI Committee (EP follow-up on implementation of EU legislation)*

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to carry out scrutiny activities in a more systematic manner by drawing up an annual scrutiny plan, i.e. a table of scrutiny-related activities (to be periodically updated and completed) composed of various sections, such as, for instance:

- I. list of subjects to be discussed (in the form of dedicated agenda items) in Committee with the Commission and other representatives, including in the form of questions in committee to the Commission and implementation sessions;*
- II. list of proposed topics for implementation reports;*
- III. an annual event with the national parliaments on the application of EU law in a given field;*
- IV. forecast of exchanges of views with the Court of Auditors;*
- V. specific activities of the Health Working Group;*
- VI. specific activities of the LIFE Working Group.*

A deadline was fixed for 19 December 2014 for political groups to put forward suggestions for the topics around which to build the annual scrutiny plan. A first working draft of the annual scrutiny plan 2015 will be prepared by the secretariat for the January coordinators meeting, on the basis of suggestions received by political groups.

At 10.00 in the presence of Ms Ayuso MEP, contact person for relations with the EFSA

4.9 *Appointment of a Member of EFSA Management Board*

Decision taken: *Coordinators heard Ms Ayuso, contact person for relations with EFSA, who made proposals as to the overall approach and the nominations suggested by the Commission. Ms Ayuso also clarified that the proposed procedure (drawing-up the list of candidates on the basis of the existing reserve lists of candidates) is in line with the provisions for the replacement of one Member of the Management board in the course of her mandate.*

Coordinators decided to recommend the following candidates:

- *Mr Michael WINTER*
- *Ms Inger ANDERSSON*
- *Mr Milan KOVAC*

The Chair was mandated to inform the President accordingly in view of submitting the ENVI recommendation to the Conference of Presidents.

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 intensive animal husbandry and health risks by Nicola Caputo B8-0185/2014**
- 2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on fake Chinese honey sold in Europe by Mara Bizzotto B8-0191/2014**
- 3. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the increased warming of European lakes by Mara Bizzotto B8-0205/2014**
- 4. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on endangered species by Mara Bizzotto B8-0232/2014**
- 5. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on nitrates in vegetables: health implications by Mara Bizzotto B8-0233/2014**
- 6. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the amendment of Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 of 16 April 2014 on fluorinated greenhouse gases and/or of Commission Notice No 2014/C 153/07 of 21 May 2014 by Aldo Patriciello B8-0236/2014**
- 7. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on head and neck cancer by Aldo Patriciello B8-0238/2014**
- 8. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on a ban on the mining of shale gas by means of fracking by Dominique Bilde, Sophie Montel, Mireille D'Ornano B8-0239/2014**
- 9. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on efforts to obtain justice for European Thalidomide victims by Mara Bizzotto B8-0257/2014**

10. **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on new outbreaks of avian influenza in Europe by Mara Bizzotto B8-0260/2014**
11. **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on standardisation of national rules on the sale of pharmaceutical products online by Aldo Patriciello B8-0266/2014**
12. **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the danger to health potentially posed by Wi-Fi emissions by Nicola Caputo B8-0267/2014**
13. **Motion for a European Parliament resolution on coeliac disease and fertility and pregnancy risks for women B8-0243/2014**

Decision taken (points 1-13): *No specific action. The Chair was mandated to 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:

1. **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**
2. **Green Paper on mobile health ('mHealth') COM(2014)0219**
3. **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

Eight petitions on the authorisation of oil prospecting, search for hydrocarbons and shale gas in in the Canary Islands have been forwarded to ENVI as one item for opinion.

- **0359/2012** by Maria Elena Solís Yáñez (Spanish)
- **0559/2012** by Pedro Hernández Camacho (Spanish)
- **0683/2012** by M^a del Carmen Cabrera González (Spanish)
- **1826/2012** by Daniel Pérez Creus (Spanish)

- **0801/2013** by María Mercedes Gómez Sande (Spanish)
- **1542/2013** by Maria del Mar Rodriguez Cabrera (Spanish)
- **21117/2013** by Jean Guy Le Roux (French)
- **21921/2013** by Juan Jose Rodriguez Marrero (Spanish)

Decision taken: *No opinion - The Chair was mandated to reply accordingly to the PETI Chair.*

5.2 *Meeting dates in March 2015*

Decision taken: *The meeting of Thursday, 19 March morning will be cancelled and a meeting on Tuesday, 31 March afternoon will be added.*

5.3 *Speakers for the Public Hearing on Waste*

Decision taken: *The proposed list of speakers was endorsed.*

6. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 *Petitions received for information*

- Petition N° **1710/2013** by Kyriakos Gkikas (Greek) on the Fyli landfill and its impact on the environment and the health of local residents.
- Petition N° **1653/2013** by Jean Papadopoulos (Belgian) on behalf of 360 residents of the affected area on manifest irregularities regarding the management of the "Ioannina Hellenic" landfill site (Epirus, Greece).
- Petition N° **2036/2013** by C.J. (German) on putting an end to peat-digging.
- Petition N° **2107/2013** by A.M.P. (Spanish) on air pollution.
- Petition N° **2225/2013** by William Van Mossevelde (Belgian) on a carbon dioxide tax on all products..

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

DEVE request for Rule 54 to the ENVI own-initiative report "Follow-up to the European Citizens' Initiative Right2Water"

Following the coordinators' decision of 6 November 2014 to reject the request and propose that the two committees work closely together in relation to this prospective report, it was agreed that the ENVI and DEVE rapporteurs will closely cooperate and that the DEVE rapporteur will have the possibility to participate in meetings with the ENVI shadow rapporteurs. Satisfied with this arrangement, DEVE withdrew its request for application of rule 54. The Conference of Committee Chairs took note of this agreement on 25 November 2014.

ENVI request for Rule 54 to the AGRI own-initiative report "A new EU Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest-based sector"

At its meeting of 27 November, the Conference of President endorsed the CCC recommendation on the above, thus confirming the application of Rule 54.

Conflict of competence between the ENVI and AGRI Committees on the legislative proposals on Cloning

At its meeting of 27 November, the Conference of President endorsed the CCC recommendation on the above, thus confirming the application of Rule 55.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday, 22 January 2015, 9.00-10.00 (Brussels)