

CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI Committee meetings will take place in Brussels on 28-29 November 2016.

We will vote on a draft opinion concerning the **approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles** and on an oral question on **biological low risk pesticides**. We will also consider a draft motion for resolution on the latter. Moreover, we will exchange views with the Commission on **Urban Waste Waters** and on **CETA**.

Additionally, I would like to highlight that Mr **Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General for Environment and Sustainable Development Goals** will present the Commission Communication on the implementation of the **Sustainable Development Goals** and that we will discuss with Mr **Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General for Food Safety** the state of play on the proposal for scientific criteria for **endocrine disruptors**.

Finally, ENVI will hold a joint meeting with DEVE, where Mr **David Nabarro, UN Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** is invited for an exchange of views on the **first year of implementation of Agenda 2030**.

[Giovanni La Via](#)

MEETING ITEMS

Votes:

- Approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles
- Biological low risk pesticides

Considerations:

- Palm oil and deforestation of rainforests
- Coordination of certain provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States concerning the provision of audiovisual media services in view of changing market realities
- Biological low risk pesticides

Exchange of views with

- Mr David Nabarro, UN Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on the first year of implementation of Agenda 2030 (jointly with DEVE)
- the Commission on its Report on the implementation of Directive 2006/21/EC on the management of waste from extractive industries and amending Directive 2004/35/EC
- the Commission on the EU/Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- the Commission on Urban Waste Waters
- young people as a follow-up to the European Youth Event (EYE) - "Ideas check"
- Mr Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General for Food Safety on the proposals for scientific criteria for endocrine disruptors
- Mr Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General for Environment on Sustainable Development Goals

Next meeting of the ENVI Committee

8 December 2016 (Brussels)

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VOTES

Approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles

Adoption of draft opinion (see [meeting documents](#))

The Commission adopted the abovementioned proposal on 27 January 2016. Its objective is to revise the legal framework for the type-approval of motor vehicles and their trailers (categories M and N and O), currently set out in Directive 2007/46/EC (the 'Framework Directive'). This revision also aims to overcome the weaknesses brought to light by the Volkswagen scandal last autumn and to restore the citizens' trust in the capability of the regulatory system to ensure an adequate level of protection of health and the environment.

356 amendments were tabled in ENVI (including 41 proposed by the Rapporteur in his draft opinion), covering a wide-range of issues. Eight compromises were proposed by the rapporteur on fees, obligations of market surveillance authorities and of Member States, compliance verification and the introduction of a European Vehicles Surveillance Agency, the forum for enforcement and exchange of information, audits of type-approvals and on technical services. An additional compromise on defeat devices and emission control strategies has been tabled by the S&D.

Rapporteur: [Fjellner](#) (EPP)

Shadows: [Dalli](#) (S&D), [Girling](#) (ECR), [Gerbrandy](#) (ALDE), [Kyllönen](#) (GUE/NGL), [Fickhout](#) (Greens/EFA), [D'Ornano](#) (ENF)

Biological low risk pesticides

Adoption of question for oral answer and consideration of draft motion for a resolution (see [meeting documents](#))



The use of conventional plant protection products is increasingly contentious, due to the risks they pose for human health and the environment. Biological low-risk pesticides may constitute a viable alternative to conventional plant protection products.

Directive 2009/128/EC provides that the use of low-risk plant protection products shall be prioritised for example in areas used by the general public or protected areas. Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 provides certain incentives for low-risk active substances and low-risk plant protection products. However only seven active substances, thereof six biological active substances, classified as low-risk are currently approved in the Union. Moreover, biological low-risk pesticides are often refused authorisation by the Member States due to their lower efficacy as compared to synthetic chemical pesticides.

The co-sponsors ask the Commission what measures it is taking and planning to take in order to increase the availability of biological low-risk pesticides, and what the timeline for these measures is.

Co-rapporteur: [Dörfmann](#) (EPP), [Poc](#) (S&D), [Girling](#) (ECR), [Ries](#) (ALDE), [Boylan](#) (GUE/NGL), [Staes](#) (Greens/EFA), [D'Ornano](#) (ENF), [Evi](#) (EFDD)

CONSIDERATION

Palm oil and deforestation of rainforests

Consideration of draft report (see [meeting documents](#))

This own initiative report is a follow-up to the public hearing on "Palm oil and rainforests: what can the EU do to stop deforestation?" which took place on 17 March 2016. The aim of the report is to address the environmental impact of the palm oil industry, which is linked to major environmental issues such as deforestation and habitat degradation, as the land and forests must be cleared for the development of the oil palm plantations.



The draft report makes reference to these environmental impacts and calls for measures to encourage the sustainable production of palm oil, through the use of, inter alia, more robust certification schemes, voluntary partnership agreements, and more restrictive import conditions. It also calls for the phasing out of the use of palm oil as a biodiesel by 2020.

Rapporteur: [Konečná](#) (GUE)

Shadows: [Cirio](#) (PPE), [Brannen](#) (S&D), [Girling](#) (ECR), [Bearder](#) (ALDE), [Javor](#) (Greens/EFA), [Evi](#) (EFDD), [D'Ornano](#) (ENF)

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Report on the implementation of Directive 2006/21/EC on the management of waste from extractive industries

Exchange of views with the Commission

The Commission has been invited to present the findings of its report on the implementation of Directive 2006/21/EC (the Mining waste Directive) published last September. The Directive aims to prevent or reduce as far as possible any adverse effects on the environment, and resultant risks to human health, brought about as a result of the management of waste from the extractive industries. The Directive covers the management of waste resulting directly from prospecting, extraction, treatment and storage of mineral resources and from quarrying.

Member States are required to report on the implementation of the Directive every three years. The Commission shall publish a report on the implementation of the Directive on the basis of the reports submitted by Member States. This report covers the two first reporting periods, from May 2008 to April 2011 and from May 2011 to April 2014.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the EU/Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)



The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), adopted by the Council and signed at the EU-Canada Summit on 30 October 2016, was referred to Parliament for ratification under the consent

procedure in accordance with Article 218 of TFEU.

CETA is a comprehensive trade agreement that also concerns issues within ENVI remit, i.e. the reduction of technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary rules, investment protection and investment dispute settlement mechanism as well as a sustainable development chapter (protection of the right to regulate in the area of environment, engagements to promote sustainable use and trade of natural resources).

Exchange of views with the Commission on Urban Waste Waters

Council Directive 91/271/EEC concerning Urban Waste-Water Treatment (UWWTD) aims to protect the environment from the adverse effects of urban waste water discharges and discharges from certain industrial sectors. It concerns the collection, treatment and discharge of domestic waste water, mixture of waste water and waste water from certain industrial sectors.

The implementation of the UWWTD has significantly reduced discharges of major pollutants such as organic load and nutrients, which are main drivers for eutrophication in waters. However, implementation is still far from complete, and some new Member States face important compliance gaps.

The Commission will present its eight report on the implementation status, which combines for the first time Member State data on the collection and treatment of urban waste water and on implementation programmes.

Follow-up to the European Youth Event (EYE) - "Ideas check" with young people

The second edition of the EYE took place in Parliament last May with the participation of 7,500 young Europeans who discussed their ideas

for a better Europe. This follow-up is one of the events organised in seven of the Parliament's committees in order to have a discussion between young people and the Members.



The ideas will be presented by Rita Costa (Portugal, born 1993), Kristiāna Plāte (Latvia, born 1998), Barry Owino (Kenya, born 1991), and Andrea De Cicco Nardone (Italy, born 1995). Topics to be discussed are de-investing in dirty energy, smart grids, e-mobility, zero carbon homes, food consumption, and long distance transports of agricultural products.

Exchange of views with Mr Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General for Food Safety, on the proposals for scientific criteria for endocrine disruptors

On 15 June 2016, the Commission presented two draft acts setting out scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disruptors: a delegated act under the Biocide Regulation and an implementing act under the Plant Protection Product Regulation. The acts have been revised twice meanwhile.

The two measures have several critical points in common, i.e. the definition of endocrine disrupting properties, rules for the assessment of scientific data, possible transitional periods, and guidelines. Additional controversial issues are, in the implementing act, the conditions for a derogation from the ban on endocrine disruptors, and in the delegated act, the question whether only active substances or also co-formulants will be covered.

Exchange of views with Mr Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General for Environment, on Sustainable Development Goals

On 22 November, the Commission adopted an orientation package on the EU implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), consisting of three communications jointly presented by VP Timmermans, the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and the Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development. The Communication most relevant to ENVI will outline the 2030 universal programme for sustainable development and its 17 SDGs in all of its relevant sectorial policies.

The new United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted on the UN world summit on 25-27 September. With 17 SDGs addressing all cross-cutting issues faced by human societies, this agenda goes beyond the previous Millennium Development Goals. Among the 17 goals, 11 fall within the remit of the ENVI Committee either directly or indirectly.

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- Proceedings of the workshop Living with a neurological brain disorder: Taking control of your life
- Briefing on Climate action and the Emissions Trading System in China
- Proceedings of the Workshop on The fight against cancer is a team sport: The role of education and sport

- Comparative study on the differences between the EU and US legislation on emissions in the automotive sector (for EMIS)

Upcoming event

- 29 November 2016, 12:45-14:45, Workshop on "Exchange of good practice in the field of health promotion and primary prevention". Paul-Henri Spaak 5B001 (ENVI Working Group on Health)

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European Environment Agency (EEA)



Approximated EU GHG inventory: proxy GHG estimates for 2015

Trends and projections in Europe 2016 - Tracking progress towards Europe's climate and energy targets

The two EEA [reports](#) provide updated assessments of the progress of the European Union and European countries towards their climate change mitigation targets. They confirm that the EU is well on course to meet its greenhouse gas emission target set for 2020.

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European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



The November issue of the ECHA Newsletter gives an overview of ECHA's plans to meet the 2020 sustainable development goals, what IUCLID as a cloud service means and explains why some substances have harmonised classification and labelling. [More](#)

ECHA also published an interactive guide that helps suppliers and recipients of safety data sheets to compile and understand substance and use information. The Guide will be made available in all EU languages. [More](#)

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



EFSA has published two guidance documents on novel food and traditional food from third countries. Under the revised European regulation

on novel foods, which will come into effect in January 2018, EU risk managers may ask EFSA to conduct a scientific risk assessment to confirm the safety of novel foods, before they decide on their market authorisation. The guidance documents explain in detail the kind of information applicants need to provide for the risk assessment carried out by EFSA. [More](#)

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)



Anti-microbial resistance is a phenomenon which increases with the use and abuse of antibiotics. Read on the ECDC web site how antimicrobial resistance spreads and how last-line antibiotics fail more and more. [More](#)

European Medicines Agency (EMA)



Paediatric Regulation – 10 years since entry into force and public consultation

The European Commission has published a [report](#) prepared by EMA on its 10 year experience with the paediatric regulation, and launched a public consultation to get views and feedback from stakeholders, to support the Commission in drafting its report assessing the impact of the Paediatric Regulation on public health and the pharmaceutical industry. The report is expected to be published in 2017. [More](#)

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