

CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI Committee meeting will take place in Brussels [on 10-11 April 2017](#).

We will vote on an ambitious **food waste** report, calling for coordination among Member States in reaching the reduction targets. Around 88 million tonnes of food are wasted annually in the EU, with associated costs estimated at 143 billion euros. Wasting food is not only an ethical

and economic issue but it also depletes the environment of limited natural resources.

We will also hold an important vote on health issues, like **HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C**. We call for a comprehensive EU Policy Framework since, in spite of the important health risks related to these diseases, differences among Member States health systems still exist. We will also have a timely discussion on the role of the European Union in delivering the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**. The SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

As part of our work with the **European agencies** under our responsibility, we will have a hearing with Ms Andrea Ammon, candidate for the function of Executive Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control. Additionally, the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, Mr Hans Bruyninckx, will discuss with us the achievements of 2016 and the work programme for this year. Follow our discussions live and get involved in the debate at

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MEETING ITEMS

Votes:

- Initiative on resource efficiency: reducing food waste, improving food safety
- HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C (draft question for oral answer)
- A longer lifetime for products: benefits for consumers and companies

Considerations:

- EU action for sustainability
- Draft motion for a resolution on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C

Exchanges of views:

- Hearing of the candidate for the function of Executive Director of ECDC
- with Mr Hans Bruyninckx, Executive director of the European Environment Agency (EEA)

Next meeting of the ENVI Committee

24-25 April 2017 (Brussels)

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VOTES

Initiative on resource efficiency: reducing food waste, improving food safety

Vote on draft report (see [meeting documents](#))

This own-initiative report is part of the ENVI committee's follow-up to the Commission's Circular Economy Action Plan which contains a section on planned actions to reduce food waste.



The report addresses issues such as food donation, date marking and the role of food packaging. 338 amendments have been submitted to the draft report. The AGRI opinion consists of 65 paragraphs. 39 compromise amendments have been negotiated.

Rapporteur: [Borzan \(S&D\)](#)

Shadows: [Delahaye \(PPE\)](#), [Demesmaeker \(ECR\)](#), [Müller \(ALDE\)](#), [Kyllönen \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Škrlec \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#), [Jalkh \(ENF\)](#)

HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Hepatitis C

Vote on draft question for oral answer to the Commission and consideration of draft motion for a resolution (see [meeting documents](#))



In 2015 almost 30 000 new HIV infections were reported by the 31 EU/EEA countries. An estimated 580,000 people worldwide developed Multi-Drug Resistant TB (MDR-TB), and 5.5 Million people live with Hepatitis C in the EU/EEA.

All three infections require long term, sustained programmes and there are potential synergies and savings in integrating prevention services. The current EU HIV Action Plan expired at the end of 2016. The ECDC Framework Action Plan to Fight TB in the EU dates back to 2008 and urgently needs to be updated. No comprehensive plan to tackle Hepatitis C is in place at EU level so far.

In addition to the Oral Question to the Commission on HIV, TB and HC epidemics in Europe, ENVI coordinators decided on 31 January 2017 that a resolution (Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure) should accompany the OQ.

In the current draft motion for a resolution, co-sponsors call on the Commission and the Member States:

- to develop a comprehensive EU Policy Framework addressing HIV/AIDS, TB and Hepatitis C, bearing in mind the different situation and specific challenges of EU Member States and their neighbouring countries
- to strengthen work with communities and vulnerable people through multi-sectorial cooperation,
- to ensure the adequate level of spending and resource mobilisation necessary to achieve SDG 3.

Co-sponsors: [Grossetête \(PPE\)](#), [Tănăsescu \(S&D\)](#), [Krupa \(ECR\)](#), [Ries \(ALDE\)](#), [Konečná \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Häusling \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#), [D'Ornano \(ENF\)](#)

CONSIDERATIONS

EU action for sustainability

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

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) impact virtually every aspect of the EU's work. They represent essential elements for achieving better and equal health outcomes, greater wellbeing among citizens, higher overall prosperity, action against climate change and the conservation of the environment for future generations.

In his draft report, the rapporteur welcomes the work undertaken by the Commission to take stock of how its work programme affects the delivery of the SDGs. He also provides additional context for a roadmap on the future of the EU and to ensure that adherence to the SDGs becomes a key feature of proposed initiatives taking place across all areas of the Union's work programmes.

The rapporteur underlines that a multi-stakeholder platform is important for the Union's approach, as achieving the SDGs cannot be accomplished without consultation and involvement of multiple layers of government and civil society. He also highlights the work done by the Committee of Regions and the Covenant of Mayors.

The draft report addresses each SDG and underlines the crossovers between many areas of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs. It recognises areas where policy making has pushed Europe away from meeting SDG goals, such as the incentivising of food-based biofuels. It also addresses financial sustainability, schemes to create long term green jobs and the principle of a 'Just Transition'.

Rapporteur: [Dance \(S&D\)](#)

Shadows: [Faria \(EPP\)](#), [Wiśniewska \(ECR\)](#), [Gerbrandy \(ALDE\)](#), [Eck \(GUE\)](#), [Javor \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Evi \(EFDD\)](#)

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Exchange of views with Mr Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA)



This is the customary annual exchange of views with Prof. Hans Bruyninckx, Director of the EEA in order to debate the 2017 Work Programme (WP).

The WP 2017 follows the lines of the four strategic areas structuring the Multiannual WP 2017-2019: informing policy implementation, assessing systemic challenges, knowledge co-creation, sharing and use and EEA management.

Hearing of the candidate for the function of Executive Director of ECDC

Ms Ammon has been appointed Director on 22 March by the ECDC Management Board. She has been acting Director since May 2015 and is well familiar with the ECDC's work.



In accordance with Article 17 of the founding Regulation of ECDC (Regulation 851/2004) Ms Ammon has been invited to make a statement before the competent committee of the European Parliament and to answer questions from Members.

NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

Recent Publications

- [Proceedings of the workshop on "Supporting the market for secondary raw materials"](#)
- [In-depth analysis on fossil fuel subsidies](#)

Upcoming Publications

- Briefing for EP delegation to the UN Ocean Conference in New York in June 2017
- Briefing on circular economy with focus on waste and renewable energy and sustainable bioenergy in Estonia

Upcoming event

- Workshop on EU actions to combat marine litter 3 May 2017, 11h30-12h30

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NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency ([EEA](#))



Renewable energy in Europe 2017: recent growth and knock-on effects. Wind, solar and other renewable energy sources are steadily increasing their share in energy consumption across the European Union, further reducing the need for CO₂-emitting fossil fuel energy. This trend is driving down greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generation, buildings' heating and cooling, and transport. [More](#)

European Chemicals Agency ([ECHA](#))



ECHA makes data on 15 000 chemicals available to use for researchers, authorities and businesses. Key information on around 15 000 chemicals can now be downloaded and used. Researchers, regulatory authorities and businesses can use it – not least to improve the safe use of chemicals, enable innovation and help avoid the unnecessary testing of chemicals on animals. [More](#)

European Food Safety Authority ([EFSA](#))



EFSA has published its Annual Activity Report, presenting the results of its work carried out in 2016, with close to 500 scientific outputs. EFSA has addressed a wide range of issues in the field of food safety. EFSA's scientists and experts completed important work in fields such as antimicrobial resistance, microplastics and nanoplastics in food, the re-evaluation of food colours, novel and

traditional food, the cumulative risk assessment of pesticides and dietary reference values for vitamins. EFSA also provided advice in relation to food-related outbreaks such as lumpy skin disease, avian influenza and *Xylella fastidiosa*. On 24 March EFSA has also launched an open consultation on its draft Policy on independence. [More](#)

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ([ECDC](#))



Since February 2016 measles are on the rise in the EU. Not only in Romania where nearly 4000 cases have been registered, but also several other Member States in the north, south, east and west of the EU are affected by this disease. On 6 March ECDC published a rapid risk assessment. [More](#)

European Medicines Agency ([EMA](#))



Big data to improve human and animal health. Together with the heads of the national competent authorities in the EEA, the EMA has established a new task force to explore how medicines regulators can use big data to support research, innovation and robust medicines development in order to benefit human and animal health. The task force chaired by the Danish Medicines Agency and EMA will establish roadmap and recommendations for use of big data in the assessment of medicines. [More](#)

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