

### CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI committee meeting will take place on [29 June 2017](#) in Brussels.

We will discuss a draft report on "International Ocean Governance: An Agenda for the Future of our Oceans in the Context of the 2030 SDGs". The conservation and sustainable use of oceans, UN Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14), is one of the most pressing challenges of our time. As such, this report

addresses ocean related issues in light of the SDGs, as the sustainable use and preservation of our marine and coastal ecosystems is essential to achieving them. A number of ENVI Members attended the UN Ocean Conference in New York on 5-9 June, thereby demonstrating strong support both for SDG14 and for the SDGs in general.

We will also hold a vote on "A European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility". A safe and efficient transport sector is essential for the EU. At the same time, it is responsible for almost a quarter of Europe's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Our draft opinion addresses key issues for reducing the climate impact of transport such as biofuels, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel efficiency standards for motor vehicles and action to mitigate GHG emissions from international aviation and maritime transport.

Finally, we will discuss another important draft opinion on the recast of the Directive on the "Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources" (RES). The EU has long been the world leader in the development of renewable energy, which also contributes greatly to the fight against climate change. However, projections indicate that if no new policies are put in place, the EU target of 27% for the share of renewable energy would not be reached by 2030. It is therefore of utmost importance to support a strong and sustainable European framework for RES.

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### MEETING ITEMS

#### Votes:

- A European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility

#### Considerations:

- International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans in the context of the 2030 SDGs
- Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources
- Proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions
- Implementation of EU macro-regional strategies

#### Next meeting of the ENVI Committee

10-11 July 2017 (Brussels), 12 July 2017 (Brussels); For future meetings see [2017 meeting dates](#).

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### VOTES

#### A European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility

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

This draft opinion will feed into the TRAN committee report which follows up on the Commission Communication on A European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility COM(2016)0501. ENVI is associated under Rule 54 with a number of exclusive (and some shared) competences, including but not limited to: biofuels, CO<sub>2</sub> emission and fuel efficiency standards for motor vehicles and action to mitigate GHG emissions from international aviation and maritime transport. In his draft opinion, the rapporteur covers all those areas with strong calls for action from the Commission. 280 amendments were tabled in ENVI and 25 compromise amendments were negotiated with a view to achieve a balanced package covering most of the amendments tabled.

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

Shadows: [Gieseke \(PPE\)](#), [Demesmaeker \(ECR\)](#), [Müller \(ALDE\)](#), [Kyllönen \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Taylor \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Evi \(EFDD\)](#), [D'Ornano \(ENF\)](#)

### CONSIDERATIONS

#### International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans in the context of the 2030 SDGs

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

The report follows up the joint communication “International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans” JOIN(2016) 49 final, in which the the Commission and the High Representative present a set of actions as part of the EU response to SDG 14, the conservation and sustainable use of oceans.



The joint communication sets 14 actions in three priority areas: improving the international ocean governance framework, reducing pressure on oceans and seas and creating the conditions for strengthening international ocean research and data.

In his draft report the rapporteur welcomes the joint communication and stressed that further effort should be done in implementation,. Specific paragraphs were dedicated to the issue of reducing shipping CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by introducing a robust pricing mechanism.

Rapporteur: [Faria \(EPP\)](#)

Shadows: [Wölken \(S&D\)](#), [Gericke \(ECR\)](#), [Meissner \(ALDE\)](#), [Omarjee \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Engström \(Greens/EFA\)](#)

#### Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources

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

This is the exchange of views on the ENVI draft opinion on the recast of the Renewable Energy Directive. ITRE is the lead committee. The ENVI committee was granted under rule 54 exclusive competence on ILUC-related provisions as well as on the sustainability criteria.



In this draft opinion, the Rapporteur proposes to increase the level of ambition to 45% renewable energy sources share in 2030, with national mandatory targets, with priority access and with a system of guarantees of origin that only serves as a traceability and accounting tool. He proposes to bring down the threshold for applying the sustainability criteria to installations with a fuel capacity equal or above to 1 MW to avoid significant leakage effect. He also strengthens the requirements under which Member States can give financial support to large scale biomass plants.

For transport, the proposal aims at slowly shifting EU support from crop-based biofuels towards better renewable transport fuels such as advanced biofuels and renewable electricity. According to the Rapporteur, emissions from indirect land-use change should be included in the calculation for greenhouse gas savings and as regards the saving threshold in the sustainability criteria. It also is important to make sure that advanced biofuels represent significant greenhouse gas emission reductions. The Rapporteur considers that waste-based fossil fuels should be promoted through other instruments in the context of Union Circular Economy Strategy.

Rapporteur: [Eickhout \(Greens/EFA\)](#)

Shadows: [Petir \(EPP\)](#), [Leinen \(S&D\)](#), [Wiśniewska \(ECR\)](#), [Torvalds \(ALDE\)](#), [Kyllönen \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#), [D'Ornano \(ENF\)](#)

#### Proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions

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

The proposed Directive lays down rules on a common framework for conducting proportionality assessments before introducing new, or modifying, legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions restricting access to regulated professions. It will apply to requirements under the legal systems of the Member States restricting access to a regulated profession or its pursuit, including the use of professional titles falling within the scope of Directive 2005/36/EC (the “Professional Qualification Directive”).



The Directive introduced a transparency and mutual evaluation exercise between Member States of all their regulated professions, which appears to be challenging for some due to the lack of a common framework. The aim of the proposed directive is to facilitate that task and to guarantee that Member States implement the proportionality test in an equivalent manner in

order to avoid fragmentation of the Single Market.

In her draft opinion (3 amendments), the Rapporteur proposes to exclude health professions from the scope of the proposed directive as their specific nature has not been sufficiently taken into account.

Even though the proportionality requirement set out in Article 59 of the Professional Qualification Directive also applies to regulations of healthcare professionals, she considers the situation should not be made more complicated by introducing a systematic, ex-ante proportionality test.

Rapporteur: [Grossetête \(PPE\)](#)

Shadows: [Gentile \(S&D\)](#), [Piecha \(ECR\)](#), [Müller \(ALDE\)](#), [Eck \(GUE\)](#), [Eickhout \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#)

### Implementation of EU macro-regional strategies

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

This own-initiative report has been requested by REGI following the publication in December 2016 of the Commission's report on the implementation of the EU macro-regional strategies in which it assesses the implementation of these strategies, takes stock of the main results, highlights good practice and lessons learnt and presents recommendations for further developments.

In her draft opinion, the Rapporteur makes several suggestions envisaged to improve the implementation of the macro-regional strategies regarding environment protection. In particular, she calls for the mainstreaming of environmental integration in the design and implementation of various cross-sectoral policies for macro-regions.

The Rapporteur stresses the need to mobilise funds for particular environmental goals of the macro-regions, complementing the existing funding. She also emphasizes the importance of developing monitoring and evaluation tools for various indicators in order to better measure the achievement of environmental targets.

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

Shadows: [Dorfmann \(EPP\)](#), [Barekov \(ECR\)](#), [Müller \(ALDE\)](#), [Torres Martínez \(GUE\)](#), [Škrlec \(Greens/EFA\)](#)

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- [Briefing on circular economy with focus on waste and renewable energy and sustainable bioenergy in Estonia](#)
- [Proceedings of the workshop on "Supporting the market for secondary raw materials"](#)

#### Upcoming Publications

- Briefing for ENVI delegation to IMO MEPC71

- Proceedings of the workshop on EU action to combat marine litter
- Study on Green Public Procurement and the EU Action Plan for the Circular Economy
- Briefing on biofuels for ENVI delegation to Porto Maghera refinery

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### NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

#### European Environment Agency (EEA)



**EU greenhouse gas emissions from transport increase for the second year in a row.** Total European Union greenhouse gas emissions increased by 0.5 % in 2015. Transport was a key reason for that increase: better fuel efficiency in that sector was not enough to counter the effects of an increasing demand for transport. [More](#)

#### European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



ECHA's Member State Committee supported the French proposal to additionally identify Bisphenol A (BPA) as a substance of very high concern because of its endocrine disrupting properties. BPA is already

listed in the Candidate List due to its toxic for reproduction properties; ECHA will update the entry by the end of June. [More](#)

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#### European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



EFSA's Management Board has approved a number of new measures to strengthen the Authority's independence policy. Among others, new "cooling-off" rules provide that external

experts will be automatically barred from joining EFSA's scientific panels if in the preceding two years they have been employed by, acted as consultants to, have offered scientific advice to or have

received research funding from organisations that work in areas covered by EFSA's remit. Experts will also have to declare the proportion of their annual earnings received from any organisation whose activities fall within EFSA's areas of work, and this information will be published. [More](#)

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



Viral hepatitis, particularly infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV), is highly prevalent among injecting drug users across Europe. For every 100 people infected with HCV (antibody-positive), 75 to 80 will develop chronic infection. ECDC in cooperation with the Lisbon-based EU drugs agency (EMCDDA) organised a **Hepatitis week** from 12 to 16 June 2017. [More](#)

#### European Medicines Agency (EMA)



**Public hearing on valproate.** EMA will hold its first public hearing on 26 September 2017 at its premises in London, in the context of the safety review of the use of valproate-containing medicines in the treatment of women and girls who are pregnant or of childbearing age. Valproate-containing medicines are approved nationally in the EU to treat epilepsy, bipolar disorder and in some countries, migraine. EU citizens will be invited to share their experiences with these medicines so that this can be taken into account in the PRAC recommendation. [More](#)

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