

CHAIR'S WELCOME



Welcome back! The next ENVI meeting will take place on Thursday [31 August](#) in Brussels.

We will discuss and vote on the topic of an Action Plan for Nature, People and the Economy. This is an important file for protecting biodiversity and help the EU realise the potential of its natural heritage. The comprehensive action plan indeed aims to rapidly improve practical

implementation of the Nature Directives and accelerate progress towards the EU 2020 goal of halting and reversing the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

We will also discuss and vote on the topic of Environmental Implementation Review. This will address the implementation gaps, particularly in the areas of waste management, nature and biodiversity protection, air quality, noise pollution, and water quality and management and explore ways to further foster successful implementation of environmental legislation.

Last but not least, we will hold two important votes concerning next year's EU finances: on ENVI's opinion on the draft general EU budget for 2018 and on ENVI's budgetary amendments.

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MEETING ITEMS

Votes:

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 - all sections
- Objection pursuant to Rule 105: Total diet replacement products
- Action Plan for nature, people and the economy - Oral question
- Environmental Implementation Review - Oral question

Considerations:

- Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work
- Objection pursuant to Rule 105: Total diet replacement products
- Action Plan for nature, people and the economy
- Environmental Implementation Review

Next meeting of the ENVI Committee

7 September 2017 (Brussels); For future meetings see [2017 meeting dates](#).

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VOTES

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018 - all sections

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

20 amendments have been tabled to the draft opinion + 89 budgetary amendments

1. Draft opinion

On 30 May 2017 the Commission proposed a Draft Budget (DB) for 2018 of EUR 161 billion in total (in commitments, +1.7% compared to 2017), focused on jobs, investments, migration and security. As a general rule, the Commission aligned its [DB 2018 proposal](#) to the amounts foreseen in the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020, as modified by the mid-term revision adopted in 2017. Commissioner Öttinger stressed that the DB 2018 may be the last one for 28 Member States. In her draft opinion, the Chair particularly stresses that every effort should be made to reach the 20 % target of climate-related funds, and calls for sufficient resources to be allocated to the protection of biodiversity. The Chair also particularly disapproves of staff reductions in agencies under ENVI's remit, which could negatively impact their work. The Chair also recalls that Pilot Projects (PPs) and Preparatory Actions (PAs) should receive adequate funding throughout their life cycle, so that they can reach their full potential. 20 amendments were tabled on, among others, climate change, the transition to a low carbon economy, the European Solidarity Corps, agencies and pilot projects.

2. Budgetary amendments

89 budgetary amendments were tabled:

- 24 are PPs or PAs - 16 are new PPs; 6 are amendments prolonging existing PPs; 2 are new PAs.
- 45 are 'restore DB' AMs: 42 tabled by the Rapporteur after the Council position was issued, as agreed with groups; 3 tabled before the Council position was issued;
- 20 are other kinds of budgetary AMs: 16 AMs increase commitments and/or payment appropriations; 3 concern establishment plans (agencies); 1 creates a new budgetary line.

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

Shadows: [Kadenbach \(S&D\)](#), [Girling \(ECR\)](#), [Jäättinenmäki \(ALDE\)](#), [Flanagan \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Eickhout \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#), [D'Ornano \(ENF\)](#)

Objection pursuant to Rule 105: Total diet replacement products

Vote on draft motion for a resolution (see [meeting documents](#))

Total diet replacement for weight control is a product specially formulated for overweight or obese adults who intend to achieve weight reduction. This delegated Regulation updates the existing rules regarding total diet replacement for weight control with an energy content between 3 360 kJ (800kcal) and 5 040kJ (1200kcal) and lays down specific rules on total diet replacement with an energy content



fewer than 3 360kJ (800kcal). The objectors, Julie Girling and Annie Schreijer-Pierik, oppose the draft measure on the grounds that the Commission's draft delegated act as it currently stands, if adopted, would result in a lower standard of products being available to consumers, in lower quantities, and at a higher price, thus reducing the uptake of this valuable weight loss option and potentially driving consumers towards riskier alternatives.

Co-Rapporteurs: [Girling \(ECR\)](#), [Schreijer-Pierik \(PPE\)](#)

CONSIDERATIONS

Action Plan for nature, people and the economy

Consideration of draft motion for a resolution (see [meeting documents](#))

The Commission launched in 2014 a comprehensive evaluation of the Nature Directives, which was concluded in December 2016, when the Commission published the 'Fitness Check' evaluation. This evaluation found that, as part of broader EU biodiversity policy, the Nature Directives are fit for purpose, but that achieving their objectives and realising their full potential will depend upon substantially improving their implementation. This comprehensive action plan aims to rapidly improve practical implementation of the Nature Directives and accelerate progress towards the EU 2020 goal of halting and reversing the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The draft motion for resolution stresses the importance of taking immediate, substantial and additional efforts in order to achieve the 2020 targets, of involving all actors, including civil society, of improving coherence with the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), and of ensuring adequate funding for biodiversity and nature conservation.

Co-Rapporteurs: [Dorfmann \(EPP\)](#), [Kadenbach \(S&D\)](#), [Demesmaeker \(ECR\)](#), [Gerbrandy \(ALDE\)](#), [Boylan \(GUE\)](#), [Javor \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [D'Ornano \(ENF\)](#)

Environmental Implementation Review

Consideration of draft motion for a resolution (see [meeting documents](#))



On 3 February 2017 the Commission published the first edition of the Environmental Implementation Review (EIR). The EIR aims to provide an overview of Member States' implementation of EU environmental law, and to support them if necessary. The publication includes 28 country reports, a Commission summary of the most common problems, and suggestions for improvement.

The motion for resolution addresses, inter alia, the following key issues:

- the need of putting implementation problems high on the political agenda and to create a structured implementation dialogue;
- the need to increase the coherence of the EU action by linking the EIR to the European Semester, the 7th Environment Action Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- the need to include important areas such as climate change, chemicals and industrial emissions in future versions of EIR;
- the need to increase data comparability;

- the importance of the exchange of best practices and peer-to-peer review among national authorities and of a better use of the EU funds.

Co-Rapporteurs: [Pietikainen \(EPP\)](#), [Bonafé \(S&D\)](#), [Demesmaeker \(ECR\)](#), [Gerbrandy \(ALDE\)](#), [Flanagan \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Javor_\(Greens/EFA\)](#)

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- [Briefing on the UN Ocean Conference - June 2017](#)
- [Briefing on circular economy with focus on waste and renewable energy and sustainable bioenergy in Estonia](#)
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NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency ([EEA](#))



Water management in Europe: price and non-price approaches to water conservation. European Union (EU) water policies encourage Member States to implement better water demand management practices. This is a response to the pressures on water resources that are continuously increasing. Management practices on water demand are being revised to improve the existing supply-demand balance and ultimately to bring about a more water-efficient society.

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European Chemicals Agency ([ECHA](#))



REACH compliance made easier for SMEs: The cloud version of the chemical data management tool IUCLID is now available for SMEs. With the new tool provided by ECHA, SMEs can prepare their REACH registration dossier directly online so there is no need for local installation. This tool brings safety, automatic updates, reliable back-ups and 24/7 availability of service. [More](#)

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



A new report by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) presents

new data on antibiotic consumption and antibiotic resistance. It confirms the link between antibiotic consumption and antibiotic resistance in both humans and food-producing animals. [More](#)

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



An estimated 4.7 million Europeans live with chronic hepatitis B and almost 4 million with chronic hepatitis C infection. However, large numbers of them are not even aware of their infection as they have not yet been tested and diagnosed. Based on an ECDC study and on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day on 28 July, ECDC Director Andrea Ammon highlighted the need for Europe to scale-up coverage of testing, prevention interventions and linkage to suitable treatment services in order to achieve the target of eliminating viral hepatitis as a public health issue by 2030. [More](#)

European Medicines Agency ([EMA](#))



EMA prepares for Brexit - The Agency's Task Force for Brexit has developed a business continuity plan to deal with the uncertainty and workload implications linked to its resulting forthcoming relocation. The plan aims to prepare the Agency to address challenges such as possible losses in skilled and experienced staff without disrupting the assessment of medicines and patients' access to high quality, safe and effective medicines. [More](#)

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