

CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI meeting will take place on 1 of February, in Brussels.

The highlight of the meeting will be an exchange of views with [Miguel Arias Cañete](#), Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy. The debate will focus on climate and mobility. Demand for transport is expected to continue to grow unabated in the coming decades.

Roughly one quarter of EU greenhouse gas emissions come from the transport sector. Road vehicles in the EU have the lion's share in emissions with roughly 70% of overall emissions for the transport sector.

We have an obligation to act with ambition and speed not just to show that we mean business with respect to the Paris Agreement, but first and foremost to set the EU firmly on a path of sustainability to the benefit of citizens, firms and future generations. The European Commission has so far published two mobility packages: one in [May 2017](#) and another one in [November 2017](#). A third and final "Europe on the Move" package is expected in the first-half of 2018. ENVI is working constructively with the other competent EP committees to swiftly deliver on clean mobility.

ENVI members will also exchange views with the Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), [Dr Andrea Ammon](#) as part of our yearly exchange with agencies. We will discuss the ECDC 2017 activities and the work programme for 2018. ECDC core functions ranging from surveillance to epidemic intelligence are crucial in a globalised world in which infectious diseases know no borders. The ECDC will also intervene together with the Commission in the following exchange on the [Lyme disease](#).

We will also consider a report on community measures for the control of the Newcastle disease whose adoption is particularly urgent so as to have sufficient time for the relocation of the current European Reference Laboratory (EURL) from the UK to one of the other 27 Member States in the light of Brexit.

We will conclude the meeting with the consideration of an opinion to the report on the state of the implementation of the [Better Law-Making agreement of 13 April 2016](#) which covers crucial issues for a constructive and efficient cooperation between institutions: from programming to the use of delegated and implementing act.

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[Adina-Ioana Vălean](#)

Brussels - 31 January 2018

MEETING ITEMS

Results of the votes of the last ENVI meeting are available [here](#).

Considerations:

- Introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease
- Interpretation and implementation of the interinstitutional agreement on Better Law-Making

Exchange of views:

- with Mr Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, on the mobility package
- with Dr Andrea Ammon, Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- with the Commission and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) on Lyme disease

ENVI IN NEXT PLENARY

- Cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments (ETS)

CONSIDERATIONS

Introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease

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



At the end of 2017, the Commission adopted a proposal to amend Council Directive 92/66/EEC which lays down measures to be applied in the event of an outbreak of Newcastle disease in poultry and in certain birds. The current European Reference Laboratory (EURL) for Newcastle disease is located in the UK. Hence, it needs to be replaced by an EURL located in one of the other 27 Member States in view of Brexit. The current procedure for designating an EURL for Newcastle disease is via a Council Directive. Therefore, an aligned and simplified decision procedure is urgently needed to enable the new EURL to be properly functioning by the date when the United Kingdom will exit the EU. The Commission has clarified that for practical and procedural reasons, the designation of a new EURL for Newcastle disease must be done through an implementing act adopted by 28 April 2018 at the latest.

Considering the time constraints linked to this file, the Rapporteur only presents one amendment in order to improve the possibilities for the Commission to designate an EURL located in one of the other 27 Member States before end of April.

Rapporteur: [Vălean](#) (EPP)

Shadows: [Girling](#) (ECR)

Interpretation and implementation of the interinstitutional agreement on Better Law-Making

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



The Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making (IIA), published on 12 May 2016, contains ten chapters ranging from common commitments and objectives to the transparency and coordination of the legislative process.

When Parliament supported the IIA in March 2016, it also identified a range of issues that needed further follow up at political and/or technical level. It was agreed that these issues would be the subject of further analysis in a joint JURI-AFCO own-initiative report on the interpretation and implementation of the new IIA (rapporteurs: Pavel Svoboda (JURI) and Richard Corbett (AFCO)). As an initial step, a JURI-AFCO Working Group on the interpretation and implementation of the IIA was set up in May 2016 and held nine meetings (the last one was held in November 2017) to prepare the ground for the own-initiative report.

In her draft opinion, the ENVI Chair, Adina-Ioana Vălean (EPP), addresses a number of issues referred to in the IIA relating in particular to the negotiations on international agreements, delegated and implementing acts, impact assessments, and simplification.

Rapporteur: [Vălean](#) (EPP)

Shadows: [Leinen](#) (S&D), [Girling](#) (ECR), [Huitema](#) (ALDE), [Flanagan](#) (GUE/NGL), [Eickhout](#) (Greens/EFA)

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Exchange of views with Mr Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, on the mobility package



Commissioner ARIAS CAÑETE, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, has been invited to the ENVI Committee to present the Clean Mobility Package that was adopted by the Commission on 8 November 2017. This is the second mobility package presented by the Commission in 2017. The first package was 'Europe on the Move', which was presented in May 2017. A third mobility package, which should include a legislative proposal on CO2 emissions for heavy-duty vehicles is planned for May 2018.

The latest Clean Mobility Package contains two legislative proposals falling within the remit of the ENVI Committee addressing post-2020 CO2 standards for cars and vans and the Clean Vehicles Directive to promote clean mobility solutions in public procurement tenders. The package also includes an action plan and investment solutions for the trans-European deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, a

revision of the Combined Transport Directive, the Directive on Passenger Coach Services, and the battery initiative.

The Commission proposal on emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles sets new CO2 emission standards for passenger cars and light commercial vehicles (vans) in the EU for the period after 2020. For 2025, targets for cars and vans are 15% lower than in 2021, while in 2030, the reduction amounts to 30%. The proposal also includes a mechanism to incentivise the uptake of zero- and low-emission vehicles, in a technology-neutral way. The proposed framework also introduces market surveillance mechanisms that include the collection, publication, and monitoring of real world fuel consumption data based on an obligation for manufacturers to fit standardised 'fuel consumption measurement devices' in new vehicles as well as in-service conformity checks to ensure that the vehicles on the road perform as those approved during type-approval. In case of OEMs missing their targets, the Commission can issue a penalty of 95 EUR per g CO2/km of exceedance for each newly registered vehicle of the manufacturer (or pool) concerned in that year.

Exchange of views with Dr Andrea Ammon, Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)



The annual exchange of views is part of the regular dialogue between the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Parliament.

Ms. Andrea Ammon was appointed Director in June 2017. From May 2015 to June 2017, she was ECDC Acting Director. Ms. Ammon will present the main activities of ECDC in 2017 and present ECDC's priorities for 2018.

In September 2016, the Conference of Presidents designated, further to a recommendation by the ENVI Committee, 2 EP representatives (Ms. Zofija Mazej-Kukovic and Ms. Maria Eleni Koppa) and 1 alternate (Mr. Antonio Fernando Correia de Campos) to the Management Board of the ECDC.

On 20/21 February 2017, an ENVI delegation (consisting of MEPs Katerina Konecna/GUE, ENVI contact person for ECDC and head of delegation, Jose Inacio Faria/EPP and Nicola Caputo/S&D) went to ECDC. The main items discussed were, amongst others, increasing vaccine hesitancy across all Member States (combined with re-emerging diseases such as diphtheria) and antimicrobial resistance, as well as ECDC's ongoing activities in this context (such as, in relation to vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs), promoting the exchange of best practices regarding vaccination programmes; coordinating the data collection, analysis and dissemination at EU level in relation to 14 vaccine-preventable diseases; and strengthening EU-wide VPD surveillance and monitoring of the impact and effectiveness of vaccination programmes).

The delegation also visited the new premises (to which ECDC will move in the course of 2018) as well as the ECDC Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

Exchange of views with the Commission and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) on Lyme disease



Following a request by GUE/NGL, Coordinators decided on 21 November 2017 to organise an exchange of views with the Commission and ECDC on Borreliosis, also known as Lyme disease. The disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected ticks. Ticks become infected when

they feed on birds or mammals that carry the bacterium in their blood. The disease can be found mainly in Europe, North America and temperate Asia. If left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart, and the nervous system. Most cases of Borreliosis can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics. No vaccine against Borreliosis is currently available, so tick awareness, appropriate clothing in tick-infested areas, and early removal of attached ticks remain the most important prevention measures.

ECDC updates factsheets and information materials about Borreliosis, as well as infographics on tick-borne diseases in Europe. It also developed a Communication toolkit on tick-borne diseases and preventive measures. ECDC identifies areas for further research as follows: more detailed knowledge of the ecological aspects of Lyme

borreliosis on a local, regional and EU scale, more data on the epidemiology of Lyme borreliosis and further improvements in diagnostic tests are also required.

NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

Recent Publications

- [Workshop proceedings on "Complementary and alternative therapies for patients today and tomorrow"](#)
- [Briefing on "Personalised Medicine – Current Status"](#)
- [Workshop proceedings on "An Urgent Strong Antimicrobial Action Plan"](#)
- [Workshop proceedings on "Autoimmune diseases – modern diseases"](#)

Upcoming Publications

- Workshop proceedings on "Limits and potential of the public health programme"
- Briefing on the IMO MEPC72 meeting

Upcoming Events

- Workshop on Climate Diplomacy, together with AFET (20 February 18, 1-2.30 pm)

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency (EEA)



Monitoring CO₂ emissions from new passenger cars and vans in 2016. The report gives an updated summary of CO₂ emission levels of new passenger cars and vans in the European Union (EU) in 2016 based on measurements performed in the laboratory using a standard European vehicle test cycle. All car and van manufacturers met their carbon dioxide (CO₂) specific emission targets in 2016, based on current European vehicle test rules, but they will need to continue their efforts to meet future agreed-to cuts. [More](#)

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



The European Ombudsman found no maladministration by ECHA and has concluded that the Agency adequately communicated with a citizen in handling a complaint regarding its opinion on glyphosate. See [more](#) in the summary of the Ombudsman's decision.

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



Listeria cases have increased among two groups of the population: people over 75 and women aged 25-44 (believed to be mainly pregnancy-related). This is one of the main conclusions of an EFSA scientific opinion on Listeria monocytogenes and risks to public health from consumption of contaminated ready-to-eat food. Most people get infected through the consumption of ready-to-eat foods such as smoked and cured fish, heat treated meat and soft and semi-soft cheese. [More](#)

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)



EMCDDA's Director Alexis Goosdeel visited the ECDC last week to discuss opportunities for further collaboration between the two agencies. Since signing a formal EMCDDA-ECDC cooperation agreement in 2007, the two agencies have worked together on collecting, analysing and disseminating data, particularly in the area of monitoring drug-related infectious diseases (e.g. HIV, HCV and HBV). During the meeting, agency representatives discussed, among other topics: proposals to promote greater involvement of drug services in infectious disease testing; ways of improving the surveillance and monitoring capacity of EU Member States; and the provision of evidence-based information and best practice for EU Member States and EU institutions. Working in partnership with EMCDDA is an important component of the ECDC's work programme for 2018. Among the initiatives planned are a series of joint country missions and the release of guidance on the prevention of communicable diseases in prison settings. [More](#)

EU agencies data harmonisation: ENVI working group launched

On 23 January, ENVI held the first meeting of its working group on data. The new body has been created by MEPs to champion efforts for greater format harmonization of safety data held by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA). MEPs met for the first time to give input into the goals of the working group while the three agencies delivered presentations on the safety data available to them and their individual and collective efforts to make this information publicly accessible within their respective legal mandates. Read the full press release [here](#)

Next meeting of the ENVI Committee : 19-20 February 2018 (Brussels);
Future meetings: [2018 meeting dates](#).

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