

CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI meeting will take place on the 26th and 27th of February in Brussels.

Members of the Committee will vote on the landmark agreement reached with Council on 18 December 2017 on the far-reaching waste package. The latter is made-up of four proposals and amends six pieces of legislation covering general waste provisions, landfill of waste, packaging, end-of-life vehicles, batteries and accumulators and waste electrical and electronic equipment. Over six lengthy and complex trilogues and more than two years of legislative work, the ENVI Committee fought hard to include, among others, more ambitious and binding recycling targets, define stricter methods to calculate progress and drastically reduce landfilling and food waste.

At the next meeting, we will also exchange views with [Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič](#), Commissioner for the Energy Union, in the framework of the structured dialogue between the Parliament and the Commission in view of the implementation of the Commission Work Programme for 2018 and the Commission priorities until the end of the legislature. Despite 2019 being a European election year, there should be no respite in progressing towards the fulfilment of our climate goals under the Paris Agreement, the implementation and monitoring of EU legislation and preparation for future legislative work.

On Monday we will also hold a debate on the draft own-initiative report on a European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) building on the [Commission's communication](#) of June 2017. Stepping-up the fight against AMR is urgent: estimates put the death toll linked to AMR at 25,000 per year in the EU alone and 700,000 deaths per year worldwide. If we do not act, it has been estimated that AMR might cause more deaths than cancer by 2050. The draft report looks at what the EU can do to fight this menace by focusing inter alia on unprofessional application, the improper disposal of unused medicines into the groundwater, transfer of resistant bacteria from animals to humans and the inadequate development of new antibiotics.

ENVI members will also hold a debate on the implementation of the Ecodesign Directive after hearing the presentation of an [EP study](#) on the subject. The Ecodesign Directive of 2009 - and the 3-year working plans which accompany it - are key tools to deliver on the durability, reparability, upgradability and recyclability of products. The debate and the report will help determining whether the Ecodesign Directive is delivering in its objectives.

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MEETING ITEMS

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

Votes:

- Implementation of the 7th Environment Action Programme
- Mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's Exercise of Implementing Powers
- Directive amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste
- Directive amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste
- Directive amending Directives 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment
- Directive amending Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste
- Procedural rules in the field of environmental reporting
- Mid-term evaluation of the Life Programme

Considerations:

- A European one health action plan against antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- Implementation of the Ecodesign Directive
- Monitoring the application of EU Law 2016
- Cohesion policy and the Circular Economy
- Europe on the Move: an agenda for the future of mobility in the EU

Exchange of views:

- with Mr Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the Commission, responsible for Energy Union as part of the structured dialogue
- Presentation of the EPRS Study on ecodesign

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- Definition, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks and protection of geographical indications thereof

VOTES

Waste Package

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations (see [meeting documents](#))



Following the provisional agreement reached on the 4 parts of the so called "waste package" on 18 December 2017 the COREPER adopted on 23 February the agreed text.

The provisional agreed text on Directive amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste introduces a target for re-use and recycling of municipal waste in 2025 and 2035 (with the possibility to

review these latter) and the related calculation methods. Clarification on the waste definition have been also introduced.

The provisional agreed text on the Directive amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste introduces specific targets and calculation methods for re-use or recycling of packaging materials for 2025 and 2030 with some limited derogations.

The provisional agreement of Directive amending Directives on end-of-life vehicles, on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and on waste electrical and electronic equipment has introduced clarification and measures related to secondary legislation in the context of the provisional agreement taken for the Waste framework Directive.

Thanks to the provisional agreement on the Directive amending Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, for the first time a limit in waste sent to landfill has been agreed for 2035.

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Procedural rules in the field of environmental reporting

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations (see [meeting documents](#))

The amount of environmental legislation has been steadily increasing since the 1970s, and reporting has always been a part of all environmental legislation. Attempts to streamline reporting obligations started with the Standardised Reporting Directive (SRD) 91/692/EEC. The SRD's relevance diminished with the development of the environmental acquis and the progress in information and communications technologies. The Commission published its SRD repeal package on 15 December 2016 consisting of a Communication; two proposals for the repeal of two sectoral acts and this proposal for a Decision of the EP and of the Council, which repeals the SRD and amends six legal acts. At the first and last trilogue on 22 November 2017, parties succeeded to reach a provisional agreement as regards procedural rules in the field of environmental reporting.

Rapporteur: [Gambús \(PPE\)](#)
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Implementation of the 7th Environment Action Programme (EAP)

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



The report assesses the implementation of the 7th EAP so far and the likelihood of achieving its objectives by 2020 and offers recommendations for improved implementation and suggestions for any future EAP. In her draft report, the

Rapporteur calls in particular for improving the research on areas such

as environmental thresholds, nanomaterials, the impacts of microplastics, the interaction between systemic risks and other health determinants, soil and land use and invasive alien species.

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CONSIDERATIONS

A European one health action plan against antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

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

AMR is responsible for an estimated 25,000 deaths and €1.5 billion in extra healthcare costs every year in the EU alone. With the new Action Plan, the Commission aims to reduce gaps in the effectiveness of national AMR policies and raise the level of all EU Member States to that of the highest performing country. The new action plan builds on the first AMR Action Plan which ran from 2011 to 2016, its evaluation, the feedback on the roadmap and an open public consultation. In several resolutions the EP called for more stringent measures, increased surveillance and monitoring, as well as for more research to be performed on new antimicrobials.

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Implementation of the Ecodesign Directive

Presentation of EPRS study and consideration of draft report (see [meeting documents](#))

A European Implementation Assessment (EIA) has been requested to accompany the work of the implementation report on the Ecodesign Directive (2009/125/EC). The EIA consists of an opening analysis and two briefing papers. The opening analysis, drafted in-house by the Ex-Post Evaluation Unit within EPRS, put the directive in the EU policy context, provides key information on implementation of the directive and presents opinions of selected stakeholders on implementation. The paper contains also short overview of consumers' opinions and behaviour. Input to the assessment was received from CPMC SPRL and from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, both in the form of briefing papers.

Ecodesign, as defined in the Directive 2009/125/EC, is 'the integration of environmental aspects into product design with the aim of improving the environmental performance of the product throughout its whole life cycle'. The rapporteur believes that the 29 eco-design implementing regulations, plus the 16 delegated regulations for energy labelling and the three voluntary agreements have proved their worth and therefore the Parliament must continue to promote the

idea of ecodesign. She stresses that the potential offered by the current directive should be exploited to the full and that all the environmental aspects of products should be considered, with a view to meeting the new challenge of the circular economy: composition, durability, disassembly, reparability and recyclability.

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Cohesion policy and the Circular Economy

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

In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur calls for the introduction of financial incentives for waste prevention and stresses the need to lay down rules setting out the instruments and bodies responsible for monitoring waste reduction data in all strands of production, processing and consumption. The Rapporteur supports the strengthening of producer responsibility requirements and calls for the setting-up of reusable packaging schemes by large retail chains as a practical waste prevention tool. He highlights that further steps must be taken to extend the durability and encourage the re-use and recyclability of products.

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Europe on the Move: an agenda for the future of mobility in the EU

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

In this draft opinion, the Rapporteur supports the related Commission Communication and in particular the need to shift rapidly towards zero-emissions road mobility, intermodality, shared mobility and the development of connected and automated vehicles through the integration of infrastructure, energy and digital networks. He also makes several suggestions such as the increasing of the use of electro-mobility and alternative fuels, as road transport is responsible for one fifth of EU emissions. The Rapporteur underlines the need to reduce the gap between stated decarbonisation targets and real on-road emissions. He supports the increased use of digital technologies in the implementation of the 'polluter pays' principle, such as the electronic toll based on environmental performances of vehicles. He calls for improved information on emissions and fuel consumption of vehicles, with measures such as vehicle labelling, in order to promote cleaner mobility and allow public authorities to make use of 'green' public procurement.

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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Structured Dialogue with Commission VP Maroš Šefčovič, responsible for Energy Union



Every year, the ENVI Committee holds exchanges of views with the Commission on the evaluation and implementation of the Commission Work Programme and the priorities for the following year. This exchange of views with Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič concerns the Commission Work Programme for 2017 and its priorities for 2018 in the areas

under his responsibility. Following these exchanges of view, ENVI coordinators will establish ENVI priorities for 2018.

The discussion will focus on the Commission's climate action priorities, as regards the implementation of the 2017 Commission Work Programme and looking ahead to 2018. Key topics for the ENVI Committee include the implementation of the 2030 climate and energy framework and the climate and decarbonisation aspects of the EU energy union. Concerning specific proposals, it is expected that Vice-President Šefčovič will refer to the second Clean Mobility Package that was adopted by the Commission on 8 November 2017 and in particular the Clean Vehicles Directive which aims to promote clean mobility solutions in public procurement tenders. He is also expected to mention the future Commission Communication on the "Future of EU energy and climate policy", the future Commission's Reflection Paper "Towards a sustainable Europe by 2030" on the follow-up to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including on the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the upcoming legislative proposals on CO₂ emissions from lorries and on monitoring, reporting and verification of CO₂ emissions from maritime transport.

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- [Workshop proceedings on "Autoimmune diseases – modern diseases"](#)
- [Workshop proceedings on "Limits and potential of the public health programme"](#)
- [In-depth analysis on "Stronger Bacteria - Weaker Antimicrobial"](#)

Upcoming Publications

- Workshop proceedings on "Climate Diplomacy"
- Briefing on the IMO MEPC72 meeting

Upcoming Events

- Workshop on CO₂ emissions from cars (27 March, pm)

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency ([EEA](#))



Europe's transport sector: Aviation and shipping face big challenges in reducing environmental impacts. The EEA published two reports on Europe's transport sector. Aviation and shipping is the focus of the latest EEA ['Transport and Environment Reporting Mechanism](#)

(TERM)' report. The two sectors have seen tremendous growth over past years amid a boost in economic growth, which has stimulated international trade and travel. However, the sectors have come under increased scrutiny over their rising emissions and how they can meet European Union decarbonisation goals. [More](#)

European Chemicals Agency ([ECHA](#))



In an EU/EEA-wide project of ECHA's Enforcement Forum, inspectors found hundreds of consumer products with illegal amounts of restricted chemicals.

Every fifth toy inspected contained high levels of restricted phthalates. [More](#)

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



Outbreaks of lumpy skin disease (LSD) in the Balkan region fell dramatically by 95% from 7,483 in 2016 to 385 in 2017. The figures confirm that vaccination of cattle, recommended by

EFSA in 2016, is the most effective way to contain the disease. A report published by EFSA on 19 February gives an update on the occurrence of LSD and the effectiveness of vaccination. It also analyses the risk factors for its spread in south-eastern Europe. The report is based on data collected by affected countries and those at risk. [More](#)

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



A first comprehensive overview of seasonal influenza vaccine coverage in the European Region of the World Health Organisation (WHO) between 2008/09 and 2014/15, conducted by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, shows that fewer than one third of older people are vaccinated in half the countries surveyed. Moreover, influenza vaccination coverage among high-risk groups has dropped in the European Region over the last seven years, and half of the countries report a decrease in the number of vaccine doses available. Low uptake of seasonal influenza vaccination in Europe jeopardises the capacity to protect people during annual epidemics and the next pandemic, the two organisations warn. [More](#)

European Medicines Agency ([EMA](#))



A delegation of six MEPs from the ENVI committee carried a fact-finding mission to Amsterdam on Thursday 22 February, to which the EMA is to be relocated after Brexit. The delegation, led by the rapporteur on the relocation, [Giovanni La Via](#) (EPP, IT) visited the temporary location and the future headquarters for the EMA, in order to check if the premises could ensure smooth business continuity without disruptions in EMA's activities. Members discussed the relocation with the Agency's executive Director Guido Rasi and Dutch Health ministry representatives. MEPs warned that delays on the delivery of the new Vivaldi building would have consequences on the agency's business continuity. The ENVI committee is to vote on Giovanni La Via's report on the 12th of March, and the full House later the same week. [More](#)

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