

CHAIR'S WELCOME



ENVI remit.

ENVI members will hold two extraordinary meetings in Strasbourg on Monday 12 March and on Wednesday 14 March. On Monday we will vote on the La Via report on the location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). On Wednesday coordinators will hold a meeting with Commissioner Bieńkowska on the follow-up to EMIS recommendations under

ENVI remit.

As a consequence of the withdrawal of the UK from the EU, EMA has to be relocated from London to one of the remaining Member States. On 20 November 2017, the 27 selected Amsterdam for the new EMA seat. Formally, the decision on EMA relocation takes the form of an amending regulation via the ordinary legislative procedure, through which the Parliament decides on an equal footing with the Council. ENVI held its exchange of views on the report on the relocation of EMA on Tuesday 25 January. EMA is set to be first transferred to a temporary location in Amsterdam and only after to its final location (the Vivaldi Building). A [delegation of six MEPs](#) from the ENVI committee also carried out a fact-finding mission to Amsterdam on Thursday 22 February to visit the temporary location and the future headquarters for the EMA and to meet with Dutch authorities. The Constitutional Affairs also provided its opinion to the report. ENVI Rapporteur Giovanni La Via regrets that the European Parliament was not fully and properly involved in the EMA relocation decision and calls on the UK and Dutch government to cover all the costs linked to the double relocation. Should ENVI members vote in favour of the report, the latter would be put to a vote during this week's plenary.

On Wednesday in Strasbourg we will also exchange views with [Internal Market Commissioner Bieńkowska](#) on the follow-up to the recommendations of the EP Inquiry Committee into emission measurements in the automotive sector (EMIS). ENVI is responsible for the emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles and thus plays a central role in ensuring the proper follow-up to the EMIS Committee's recommendations.

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Strasbourg - 12 March 2018

MEETING ITEMS

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

Votes:

- Location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency (12 March)

Exchange of views:

- Report-back from the ENVI fact-finding mission to Amsterdam
- with Ms Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs on Follow-up to EMIS recommendations under ENVI remit (14 March)

ENVI IN NEXT PLENARY

- Location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency (15 March) – pending approval in Committee

VOTES

Location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency

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



In accordance with the Heads of States' Decision of 29 October 1993, the EMA has its seat in London. On 29 March 2017 the UK notified to the European Council of its intention to leave the Union, pursuant to Article 50 TEU. On 20 November 2017, the 27 remaining Member States, in the margins of the General Affairs Council (Art. 50), selected Amsterdam as the new EMA seat. The Commission proposal seeks to amend Regulation 726/2004 (EMA's founding Regulation) to insert the location of the seat. The amendment would allow a headquarters agreement to be concluded and possible pre-financing of the costs associated to the move before the financial settlement with the UK.

As set out in the negotiation directives of the Council of 22 May 2017, the UK should fully cover the specific costs related to the withdrawal process, such as the relocation of the agencies based in the UK. Some of the relocation costs may have to be pre-financed by the EU budget, prior to the financial settlement. In this respect, the Commission will assess possible additional funding needs to be channelled through the EU budget in cooperation with the EMA. As necessary, the Commission will present relevant proposals to the EP and the Council in the context of the annual budgetary procedure for 2019, and if necessary for 2018.

A delegation of six MEPs from the ENVI committee carried a fact-finding mission to Amsterdam on Thursday 22 February. The

Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

delegation, led by the rapporteur Giovanni La Via (EPP, IT) visited the temporary location and the future headquarters for the EMA to check the challenges to EMA's business continuity in the transition. MEPs warned that delays on the delivery of the new Vivaldi building would have consequences on the agency's business continuity.

The Rapporteur regrets that the European Parliament was not fully involved in the procedure to select the new seat of EMA, which was eventually concluded by a draw since three voting rounds were inconclusive. 51 amendments were presented by MEPs covering issues ranging from the choice of the location to criticisms with the adopted procedure in Council. Compromise amendments have been prepared, inserting deadlines by which the two moves need to be concluded, several recitals as well as statement annexed to the legislative resolution criticising the procedure followed by the Council.

Rapporteur: [La Via](#) (EPP)

Shadows: [Borzan](#) (S&D), [Krupa](#) (ECR), [Ries](#) (ALDE), [Konečná](#) (GUE), [Auken](#) (Greens/EFA), [Pedicini](#) (EFDD), [Mélis](#) (ENF)

one-year mandate to investigate alleged contraventions or maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to emission measurements in the automotive sector. The committee adopted a report on 28 February 2017 consisting of 85 conclusions as well as a set of 94 recommendations endorsed by the plenary on 4 April 2017. The Commission provided a response to this EP resolution with recommendations at the beginning of September 2017. The Commission is also formally requested to report within 18 months from the adoption of the recommendations and regularly thereafter, on action undertaken on the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry.

Being the responsible committee for one of the two key pieces of legislation that EMIS investigated (Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6)), the ENVI Committee is also responsible for substantial part of the follow-up to the EMIS recommendations.

This is the first follow up by the ENVI Committee, which also decided to send a set of 12 written questions to the Commissioner to allow for more detailed answers on a number of points. The answers were provided by the Commission service on 9 Feb 2018.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Exchange of views with Commissioner Bieńkowska on follow-up to EMIS recommendations under ENVI remit



Commissioner Bieńkowska is invited to hold an exchange of views with ENVI members on its follow up to the EMIS Committee Recommendation in the field of ENVI competences.

The Inquiry Committee into emission measurements in the automotive sector (EMIS) was constituted on 2 March 2016 with a

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

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