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Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI meeting will take place on 20-21 June in Brussels. With less than a year to go before the European elections, ENVI members are hard at work to deliver on the priorities set for the legislature and maintain a high level of scrutiny to ensure the Commission and Member States implement legislation fully and timely.

During this meeting we will vote on

the report on the One Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance. AMR costs money and lives to the tune of 1.5 billion euros and 25.000 deaths in the EU alone. We must draw the lessons from the flaws of the preceding action plan and ensure ambition and coherence in the implementation of national AMR policies. In this meeting we will vote on the outcome of interinstitutional negotiations on two key files linked to veterinary medicines. In a total of 6 trilogues and 8 shadow meetings, over four intense months of negotiations, Council and Parliament reached an agreement on the Commission proposals adopted on 10 September 2014 and Parliament considerably strengthened the provisions specifically linked to the fight against AMR

During this meeting we will also vote on an oral question and debate the accompanying resolution on the COP24 in Katowice between 3 and 14 December this year. Despite the Trump's administration withdrawal, the momentum to fight GHG emissions remains strong between state and non-state actors. Yet it is urgent to fill the gaps in the follow-up to the Paris Agreement – such as for the maritime and aviation sector – and increase ambition – by for example reviewing nationally determined contributions and make good on the financial pledges. In line with these objectives, we will also vote, together with AFET, the report on climate diplomacy which contains a number of specific suggestions on how the EU can increase its leverage and team up with other players to fend off global warming.

We will also hold two high level exchanges on environmental issues: one with the First Vice-President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans and one with Erik Solheim, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme. Mr Timmermans will update us on the Commission's efforts in sustainable development and notably in the delivery of the Circular Economy Action Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals. Mr Solheim is instead likely to delve in the run-up to the COP24 and notably on progress achieved under the Talanoa dialogue, climate financing and the global circular economy.

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MEETING ITEMS

Results of the votes of the last ENVI meeting are available here.

Votes:

- A European one health action plan against antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- Objection: Acetamiprid for use in biocidal products of producttype 18 (D056688)
- 2019 budget Trilogue mandate
- Dual quality of products in the Single Market
- Implementation of circular economy package: options to address the interface between chemical, product and waste legislation
- 2018 UN Climate Change Conference in Katowice (COP24)
- Lyme Disease (Borreliosis)
- A monitoring framework for the circular economy
- Use of Cannabis for medicinal purposes
- Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency
- Veterinary medicinal products

Considerations:

- Nominal quantities for placing on the Union market of single distilled shochu produced by pot still and bottled in Japan
- Implementation of the Trade Agreement between the European
 Union and Colombia and Peru
- CO₂ emissions standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles
- Proposal for a Regulation on persistent organic pollutants
- Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships
- A monitoring framework for the circular economy

Exchange of views with:

- Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President of the EC and Commissioner for Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Erik Solheim, Executive Director of UN Environment Programme

ENVI IN NEXT PLENARY

• Climate diplomacy (Rule 55 with AFET)
Draft agenda of the Plenary is available <u>here</u>

VOTES

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

Vote on draft report (see <u>meeting documents</u>)

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. 451 Amendments have been tabled and two opinions (a total of c. 600 amendments) on which the Rapporteur proposed 32





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compromises notably on the coordination of national plans, International dimension, surveillance and priority pathogens, EU standardised data and indicators and vaccinations.

Rapporteur: Kadenbach (S&D)

Shadows: Sommer (EPP), Piecha (ECR), Federley (ALDE), Boylan (GUE/NGL), Staes

(Greens/EFA), Pedicini (EFDD), Mélin (ENF)

2018 UN Climate Change Conference in Katowice, Poland (COP24)

Vote on questions for oral answer and consideration of draft motion for a resolution (see meeting documents)



The Co-Sponsors present in the draft resolution a number of points for debate in order to define the position of the EP in view of the COP24 Climate Conference next December in Katowice, Poland. The draft resolution welcomes the unprecedented pace of ratifications and the rapid entry into

force of the Paris Agreement, however, it also warns that even the ambitious targets of the agreement do not guarantee that significant adverse climate impacts will be avoided calling for rising global GHG emissions to fall to net zero by 2050 and for the NDCs to be upgraded by 2020 following the 2018 Talanoa Dialogue. The draft also emphasises the contribution of all sectors, the issue of financing and as well as for EU climate-related spending to be increased and reach 30% at the latest by 2027.

Co-sponsors: Valean (EPP), Liese (EPP), Leinen (S&D), Gerbrandy (ALDE), Eickhout (Greens/EFA), Torres Martínez (GUE), Pedicini (EFDD)

A monitoring framework for the circular economy

Vote on questions for oral answer (see *meeting documents*)



Following the publication Commission's the Communication monitoring framework for the circular economy, ENVI coordinators decided to draw up a motion for resolution and two Oral

Questions that will be adopted in this meeting. In the Oral questions to the Commission and the Council the co-rapporteurs set a list of questions related to the possible improvement of the identified key indicators and on the measures to be set to guarantee the proper follow-up in the monitoring.

Co-rapporteurs: Florenz (EPP), Bonafé (S&D), Demesmaeker (ECR), Gerbrandy (ALDE), Kyllönen (GUE/NGL), Pedicini (EFDD), Škrlec (Greens/EFA)

Dual quality of products in the Single Market

Vote on draft opinion (see meeting documents)

The 'dual quality' issue refers to a situation where the quality of products sold under the same brand and in the same packaging differs depending on the Member State where the products are sold. The

IMCO report deals with dual quality of products in a broad sense, whilst ENVI opinion is related to food law and food information to consumers. In her draft opinion, the Rapporteur stresses that products

marketed in the single market in a specific type of packaging should have the same composition in every Member State, and that consumers should be duly informed of any variation in composition compared to the original recipe. 134 amendments



have been tabled; 15 compromises negotiated.

Rapporteur: Borzan (S&D)

Shadows: <u>Turcanu (EPP)</u>, <u>Piecha (ECR)</u>, <u>Mazuronis</u> (ALDE), <u>Konečná (GUE)</u>, <u>Škrlec</u>

(Greens/EFA), D'Ornano (EFDD)

Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency

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

The file was agreed over two trilogues with the Bulgarian Presidency, the second and final one being held on 21 February 2018. The agreed text aims to align the EMA regulation to the regime of implenting and delegated acts as well as to the fact that a new vet med regulation will enter into force.

Rapporteur: Tănăsescu (S&D)

Shadows: Cirio (PPE), Piecha (ECR), Meissner (ALDE), Häusling (Greens/EFA),

Kyllönen (GUE/NGL), Pedicini (EFDD)

Veterinary medicinal products

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations (see *meeting documents*)

On 5 June, during the sixth and last informal trilogue on veterinary medicinal products, Parliament, Council and Commission reached a provisional political agreement on all political issues. In a total of 6 trilogues, Council and Parliament reached an agreement on the Commission proposals adopted on 10 September 2014. In particular agreement was reached on the key political points linked to definitions, prophylaxis, metaphylaxis and guidelines and a list of critical antimicrobials reserved for human use to be based on EMA and Agencies recommendations. The agreement also foresees that antimicrobial medicinal products shall not be used in animals for the purpose of promoting growth or increase yield. The final agreement also imposes the reciprocity of EU standards in the use of antibiotics for imported foodstuffs.

Rapporteur: Grossetête (PPE)

Shadows: Tănăsescu_(S&D), Piecha (ECR), Federley (ALDE), Kyllönen (GUE/NGL),

Häusling (Greens/EFA), Pedicini (EFDD), Goddyn (ENF)





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CONSIDERATION

Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)

Consideration of draft report (see meeting documents)

The proposal is a recasting of Regulation (EC) 850/2004, which implements Union commitments under the Stockholm Convention on POPs and under the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on POPs. While keeping substantially unchanged the provisions in Regulation (EC) 850/2004, the proposed recast aims at introducing into the Union legal system recent decisions taken within the framework of the Stockholm Convention and the POPs Protocol. In her 12 amendments, the rapporteur seeks *inter alia* to align the POPs Regulation with REACH Regulation, with a view to ensure clarity and consistency for all concerned actors, including citizens and industries whose activities are affected by this recast.

Rapporteur: <u>Girling</u> (ECR)

Shadows: <u>Paolucci</u> (S&D), <u>Piecha</u> (ECR), <u>Huitema</u> (ALDE), <u>Konečná</u> (GUE), <u>Eickhout</u>

(Greens/EFA), Pedicini (EFDD)

Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships

Consideration of draft opinion (see meeting documents)

In his draft opinion, the rapporteur welcomes the Commission proposal and puts forward 28 amendments. More specifically, he agrees with the fact that ships should not have economic incentives to dump garbage at sea. He also welcomes the inclusion of fishing vessels into the cost recovery systems. However, having in view that no specific measures have been proposed on fishing gear, he considers that mandatory extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes could play a role to address this issue. In case of the waste caught in the fishing nets, he considers that there should be no economic disincentive to bring this waste to the port. The rapporteur thus introduces the requirement that costs of collection of passively fished waste in PRFs and subsequent treatment are to be financed from alternative income sources, such as through the new EPR schemes.

Rapporteur: <u>Eickhout</u> (Greens/EFA)

Shadows: <u>Gambús</u> (EPP), <u>Wölken</u> (S&D), <u>Gericke</u> (ECR), <u>Torvalds</u> (ALDE), <u>Boylan</u>

(GUE/NGL), <u>Goddyn (</u>ENF)

CO₂ emissions standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles

Consideration of amendments (see meeting documents)



The Commission proposal sets new CO_2 emission standards for passenger cars and light commercial vehicles (vans) in the EU for the period after 2020. The proposed targets, percentage reductions compared to the

average of the specific emission targets for 2021 are set for the EU-wide average emissions of new cars and vans in a given calendar year from 2025 on, with stricter targets applying from . For 2025, targets

for cars and vans are 15% lower than in 2021. The proposal also includes a mechanism to incentivise the uptake of zero- and low-emission vehicles. 598 AMs were tabled in total. Rapporteur and shadows are working on a set of compromises. ITRE and TRAN are providing opinions scheduled for vote in July 2018.

Rapporteur: <u>Dalli</u> (S&D)

Shadows: <u>Gieseke</u> (EPP), <u>Procter</u> (ECR), <u>Torvalds</u> (ALDE), <u>Konečná</u> (GUE), <u>Harms</u>

(Greens/EFA), Evi (EFDD)

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Exchange of views with Commission's First VP Frans Timmermans



Within the college, the First Vice-President holds a horizontal responsibility for sustainable development, which was added to his portfolio at the request of the ENVI Committee. In the framework of the structured dialogue between the Parliament and the Commission, VP Timmermans will debate the state of progress

in this area and the upcoming initiative by the Commission.

Exchange of views with Mr Erik Solheim, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

Following an extensive career focusing on environment and development in government and international organizations, Erik Solheim was elected to become Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme on 13 May 2016. In his exchange, Mr Solheim is likely to focus on the run up to the COP24, climate financing and the global circular economy.



NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

Recent Publications

- Workshop proceedings on <u>Post 2020 CO₂ emission targets for cars</u> and vans
- Study on the food safety situation in Ireland and overview of the Directorate for Health and Food Audits and Analysis of DG SANTE
- Briefing on <u>IMO's challenges on the route to decarbonising</u> international shipping
- Workshop proceedings on <u>Climate Diplomacy</u>

Upcoming Publications

- Briefing on the UN-High Level Political Forum on SDGs in New York from 16 to 18 July 2018
- Briefing on large carnivores in the Alps
- Workshop proceedings on the Sustainability of Health Systems

Upcoming Events

 Workshop on Digitalisation and big data: implication for the health sector (19 June 2018, 10:00 -12:00)





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NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency (EEA)



Sharing adaptation information across Europe. This report provides an evaluation on how the growing knowledge on adaptation in Europe has been captured and how it is presented on the web-based European Climate Adaptation Platform (Climate-ADAPT) and

shared across Europe. More

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



Today we know more about the chemicals used in Europe than ever before. The 10-year registration period for existing chemicals is now complete following the last REACH registration deadline on 31

May 2018. 13 620 European companies have submitted information to ECHA in nearly 90 000 registrations for chemicals manufactured in or imported to the EU and EEA at above one tonne a year. More

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)



The joint annual influenza surveillance meeting by ECDC and the WHO Regional Office for Europe will take place on 6-8 June 2018 in Copenhagen. This 6th Joint Annual Meeting since 2011 aims to discuss technical and operational issues related to influenza surveillance,

seasonal influenza vaccination programmes, and risk assessment and outbreak response. Participants (epidemiological and virological surveillance experts nominated by national health authorities and representatives from international institutions, covering the 53 countries of the EU/EEA and the WHO European region) will discuss

progress in the implementation of new surveillance systems, the strengths of existing systems in the light of their contribution to Flu News Europe and to influenza-season risk assessments. More

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

EFSA and ECHA have published their guidance on how to identify



substances with endocrine disrupting properties in pesticides and biocides. The guidance will be used for the assessment of biocides from now on. For pesticides, it will be used in the assessments

of substances for which a decision is scheduled on or after 10-Nov-2018. This is because the criteria for identifying endocrine disruptors in pesticides were agreed later than those for biocides. <u>More</u>

European Medicines Agency (EMA)



EMA just published its report of the "Multistakeholder workshop to further improve the implementation of the Paediatric Regulation" held on 20 March 2018. This report provides a high-level summary of the

main ideas and proposals discussed during the meeting. The ideas and proposals exchanged at the workshop will be considered by the EC and the EMA/PDCO for the development by mid-2018 of an EU action plan to improve the implementation of the Paediatric Regulation over the next 2 years. All slide presentations and the recording of the workshop are also available on the EMA's event webpage. More EMA has also just published results from the first two years of the EMA's PRIority Medicines scheme (PRIME).

Next meeting of the ENVI Committee: 9-10 July 2018 (Brussels); Future meetings: 2018 meeting dates.

Watch online the Committee meeting on the <u>EP web site</u> or on <u>Europarl TV</u>. Past meetings are available: <u>EP Live multimedia library</u> and you can also download the extracts of speeches.

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