

### CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI meeting will take place on 9-10 July in Brussels. On 1 July Austria took over the Council Presidency from Bulgaria. Members will debate the priorities of the Austrian Presidency in all policy areas under ENVI's remit with Ms Beate Hartinger-Klein, Austrian Minister for Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection.

Tomorrow, jointly with DEVE, we will also hold an exchange of views on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the Commission, representatives of the Multistakeholders platform on SDGs, as well as UN representatives. This debate will follow-up on the Parliament's demands in view of the EU actions to implement the SDGs and will also serve as a preparation to the joint ENVI/DEVE mission to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development which will take place at the UN Headquarters in New York between 16 and 19 July.

We will also vote on the outcome of negotiations on two key energy files. We will vote today on the provisional agreement on the proposal for use of energy from renewable sources, a part of which was under ENVI responsibility and we will vote tomorrow, jointly with ITRE, on the outcome of negotiations on the Governance of the Energy Union. On both files the Parliament has instilled greater ambition, clarity and has helped better outlining the path of Union policies for the medium and long term bringing the EU closer to realising the commitments stemming from the Paris Agreement.

ENVI members are also set to vote on the report on a European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy. Awareness is increasing about the detrimental effects that plastics can have on the environment and sustainability. ENVI's report aims to respond to the Commission's communication on the subject.

ENVI members will also vote on the implementation report on the Plant Protection Products (PPP) regulation. The draft report addresses the shortcomings of the regulation with respect inter alia to the misuse of derogations, insufficient harmonisation of practices in the approval and authorisation process and transparency.

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Brussels - 9 July 2018

### MEETING ITEMS

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

#### Votes

- Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources
- Governance of the Energy Union
- A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy
- Implementation of the Plant Protection Products Regulation EC/1107/2009
- Nominal quantities for placing on the Union market of single distilled shochu produced by pot still and bottled in Japan
- Multiannual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish
- Deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: Time to act!
- Rules and procedures for compliance with and enforcement of Union harmonisation legislation on products
- Protecting the EU's internal market and consumer rights against the negative implications of the illegal trade in companion animals
- Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast)
- Oral question on the implementation of the medical devices (MD) and in-vitro diagnostic medical devices (IVD) regulations

#### Consideration

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections
- Health technology assessment

#### Exchange of views

- with Ms Beate Hartinger-Klein, Austrian Minister for Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection
- with the European Commission and representatives of the Multistakeholders platform on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the United Nations representative (tbc) - Joint ENVI, DEVE

### ENVI IN NEXT PLENARY

- A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- Nominal quantities for placing on the Union market of single distilled shochu produced by pot still and bottled in Japan
- A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy
- Implementation of the Plant Protection Products Regulation EC/1107/2009

Draft agendas of the Plenary are available [here](#)

### VOTES

#### Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources

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

An agreement on the Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast) was reached at the fifth trilogue on 13 June. Parliament and Council provisionally agreed on a share of

energy from renewables of at least 32% of the Union's gross final consumption in 2030, with an upwards revision clause by 2023. A minimum share of at least 14% of fuel for transport purposes must come from renewable sources by 2030. In particular: first generation biofuel, based on food crops, must be capped at 2020 levels (with an extra 1%) and in no case exceed 7% of final consumption of road and rail transport. In addition, the share of advanced biofuels and biogas must be at least 1% in 2025 and at least 3,5% in 2030. Food-crop biofuels like palm oil, which have a high "indirect land use change" (ILUC), will be phased out through a certification process for low ILUC biofuels, which is to be set up in the coming months. The ENVI Committee will vote on those parts of the text under its exclusive competence. The vote in the lead Committee, ITRE, will take place on 10 July.

Rapporteur: [Eickhout \(Greens/EFA\)](#)

Shadows: [Petir \(EPP\)](#), [Leinen \(S&D\)](#), [Wiśniewska \(ECR\)](#), [Torvalds \(ALDE\)](#), [Kyllönen \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#)

### Governance of the Energy Union

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

ENVI and ITRE members will jointly vote on the agreement on the Governance of the Energy Union reached with Council at their fourth trilogue on 19 June. The co-legislators agreed on key political points in a package that includes, among others: a clear timeline for each Member State to prepare a national energy and climate plan for the period 2021 to 2030; a clear and transparent regulatory framework for the dialogue with civil society; strengthened regional cooperation across the Energy Union dimensions; a provision on the political monitoring of the governance; 3 reference points for energy efficiency and renewables with the following levels for renewables: 18% in 2022, 43% in 2025 and 65% in 2027.

### A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy

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



In January 2018 the European Commission adopted a Communication on a European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy. The draft report welcomes the Communication as a step forward towards managing plastics in a sustainable way throughout the whole value chain and thereby contributing to the EU's transition towards a circular economy. The draft report is structured around five sections, addressing successively the need to move from design for recycling to design for circularity, the setting up of a genuine single market for recycled plastics, prevention of plastic waste generation, innovation and global action. A total of 484 amendments have been tabled to the draft report, and 39 compromise amendments were drafted.

Rapporteur: [Demesmaeker \(ECR\)](#)

Shadows: [Florenz \(EPP\)](#), [Bonafé \(S&D\)](#), [Jäättteenmäki \(ALDE\)](#), [Torres Martínez \(GUE\)](#), [Affronte \(Greens\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#), [Goddyn \(ENF\)](#)

### Implementation of the Plant Protection Products Regulation EC/1107/2009

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

The ENVI Committee decided in March 2017 to draw up an implementation report on the Plant Protection Products (PPPs) Regulation since its entry into force on 14 June 2011. The Regulation replaced previous legislation on PPPs thoroughly revising the procedures for the safety evaluation of active substances and PPPs, whilst maintaining the dual process which prescribed the approval of active substances at EU level and the authorisation of PPPs done subsequently at Member States level. ENVI requested a European Implementation Assessments on the Regulation to be carried out by DG EPRS. AGRI contributed to the implementation report with an opinion. ENVI members tabled 226 amendments to the draft report and 19 compromise amendments have been negotiated covering 135 amendments. The compromises address among others the issue of derogations under article 53 of the regulation, transparency, mutual recognition and the zonal system, research and training and the approval of low-risk pesticides.

Rapporteur: [Poc \(S&D\)](#)

Shadows: [McGuinness \(EPP\)](#), [Piecha \(ECR\)](#), [Huitema \(ALDE\)](#), [Hazelkamp \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Häusling \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#), [Goddyn \(ENF\)](#)

### Deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: Time to act!

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

The TRAN Committee is drawing up an own-initiative report on the deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the EU to which ENVI is contributing with an opinion. The report will be based on the Commission Communication "Towards the broadest use of alternative fuels - an Action Plan on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure" of November 2017. Around 95% of road vehicles are still conventionally fuelled and the lack of proper infrastructure for recharging and refuelling with alternative energies hampers the efforts to decarbonise mobility. 84 amendments have been tabled to the draft opinion. 6 compromise amendments have been negotiated by the rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs addressing, among others, the different level of ambition and degree of fulfilment of NPFs among Member States, the need for comprehensive private charging infrastructure and a higher level of ambition for all actors involved - whether public or private.



Rapporteur: [Schaldenmose \(S&D\)](#)

Shadows: [Grzyb \(EPP\)](#), [Demesmaeker \(ECR\)](#), [Punset \(ALDE\)](#), [Eck \(GUE\)](#), [Škrlec \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Evi \(EFDD\)](#), [Mélis \(ENF\)](#)

### Illegal trade in companion animals

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



Each year a significant number of companion animals are illegally traded across the Member States often by abusing the EU's pet movement legislation (Regulation (EU) No 576/2013), which is intended for non-commercial movements of pet animals, to commercially move them

across borders for sale, which should be carried out under Council Directive 92/65/EEC. The draft motion for a resolution addresses a number of issues related to the illegal trafficking of companion animals, and calls for compatible systems for the means and methods of identification and registration of cats and dogs in databases in the Member States, an EU Action Plan to address the illegal trade in companion animals, improved law enforcement and tougher sanctions, and better cooperation, communication and training for customs and veterinary authorities. A total of 103 amendments were tabled.

Co-Rapporteurs: [Sommer \(EPP\)](#), [Poc \(S&D\)](#), [Demesmaeker \(ECR\)](#), [Bearder \(ALDE\)](#), [Taylor \(ALDE\)](#), [Eck \(GUE\)](#), [Reid \(EFDD\)](#), [Mélin \(ENF\)](#)

### CONSIDERATION

### General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections

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

On 23 May, the Commission proposed a Draft EU Budget for 2019. The proposed 2019 DB amounts to EUR 166 billion in commitments and EUR 149 billion in payments. 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 calls on the Commission to swiftly implement pilot projects and preparatory actions and recalls that PP-PAS should receive adequate funding throughout their life cycle, so that they can reach their full potential.

Rapporteur: [Valean \(EPP\)](#)  
Shadows: [Kadenbach \(S&D\)](#), [Piecha \(ECR\)](#), [Jäätténmäki \(ALDE\)](#), [Omarjee \(GUE/NGL\)](#), [Eickhout \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#)

### Health technology assessment

Consideration of amendments (see [meeting documents](#))

Presented by the Commission on 31 January 2018, the proposal on Health Technology Assessment (HTA) aims at boosting cooperation amongst EU Member States for assessing health technology. The proposed Regulation covers new medicines and certain new medical devices, providing the basis for permanent and sustainable cooperation at the EU level for joint clinical assessments in these areas. Member States will be able to use common HTA tools, methodologies and procedures across the EU, working together in four main areas: 1) on joint clinical assessments; 2) on joint scientific consultations; 3) on identification of emerging health; and 4) on continuing voluntary cooperation in other areas. In her draft report, the Rapporteur welcomes the proposal as a further step towards closer EU integration in an area as important as health, while recalling the fundamental aim of the

proposal, which is to introduce joint clinical assessment of health technologies at EU level. 427 AMs were tabled in total. Rapporteur and shadows are working on a set of compromises. ITRE and IMCO are providing opinions scheduled for vote in July 2018.

Rapporteur: [Cabezón Ruiz \(S&D\)](#)  
Shadows: [Grossetête \(PPE\)](#), [Piecha \(ECR\)](#), [Meissner \(ALDE\)](#), [Konečná \(GUE\)](#), [Rivasi \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Pedicini \(EFDD\)](#), [Mélin \(ENF\)](#)

### EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

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### NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

#### Recent Publications

- Briefing on the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) at the UN-High Level Political Forum in July 2018
- Briefing on [Large carnivores in the Alps](#)
- Workshop proceedings on [Post 2020 CO<sub>2</sub> emission targets for cars and vans](#)
- Workshop proceedings on [Climate Diplomacy](#)

#### Upcoming Publications

- Workshop proceedings on the Sustainability of Health Systems and on Digitalisation and big data
- Briefing on the Global Climate Action Summit, San Francisco (12-14/09/18)
- Study on Guidelines for submission and evaluation of applications for the approval of active substances in pesticides
- Briefing on the impact of Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 on innovation and the development of alternatives and new plant protection products

#### Upcoming Events

- Workshop on Cardiovascular diseases and lifestyle (9 Oct, 10-12h)

### NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

#### European Environment Agency (EEA)



EEA finds that European waters are getting cleaner, but big challenges remain. Despite progress in improving the quality of Europe's lakes, rivers, coastal waters and groundwater sources, pollution, structures like dams, and over-abstraction remain top threats to their long-term health. A vast majority of Europe's water bodies still fail to meet the European Union's minimum target for 'good status'. [More](#)

#### European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



**10 new substances of very high concern (SVHCs) are added to the Candidate List.** The Candidate List is a list of substances that may have serious effects on human health or the environment. Substances on the Candidate List are also candidates for eventual inclusion in the Authorisation List. Once they are on the Authorisation List, industry will need to apply for permission to continue using the substance after the sunset date. ECHA has now added 8 SVHCs to the list and the Commission added two, further to the MSC's referral in 2016. [More](#)

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



On 28 June ECDC and EFSA issued vector sampling protocols outlining the recommended methods for collecting vectors, to support entomologists and public-health professionals in Europe. It is a first attempt to summarise best-practices in terms of methods and strategies for

sampling mosquitoes, sandflies, biting midges and ticks. Each vector species has a dedicated section of the report. The protocols were developed within the VectorNet project, a joint initiative of EFSA and ECDC which supports the collection of data on vectors and related pathogens, both in animal and human health. [More](#)

#### European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



EFSA has made a number of recommendations to further protect young infants from potential risks posed by pesticide residues in food. The proposals are part of a comprehensive evaluation of the safety of pesticide residues in foods intended for infants and young children. [More](#)

#### European Medicines Agency (EMA)



**First two CAR-T cell medicines recommended for approval in the EU.** EMA has recommended the first two marketing authorisations for chimeric antigen receptors (CAR) T-cells medicines in the EU. Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel) and Yescarta (axicabtagene ciloleucel) are advanced therapies for blood cancer. They belong to a new generation of personalised cancer immunotherapies that are based on collecting and modifying patients' own immune cells to treat their cancer. [More](#)

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