

### CHAIR'S WELCOME



We have two ENVI meetings lined up this week and the next one. The first will take place on Thursday 18 October in Brussels; the second one will take place on 25 October in Strasbourg.

ENVI will vote tomorrow on the agreement reached on 16 October with Council on the relocation of the European Medicines Agency. The negotiated text specifies that the procedure followed for the relocation of EMA does not constitute a precedent for location of agencies in the future. The text will also be accompanied by a Council Statement acknowledging the value of enhanced exchange of information from the initial stages of future processes for the location of agencies, taking note of the request by the EP to revise, as soon as possible, the 2012 Joint Statement and Common Approach on decentralised Agencies. The Commission should, by April 2019, provide an in-depth analysis on the implementation of the Joint Statement and Common Approach and this would serve as a basis to assess the need for a revision of the Joint Statement.

In the upcoming meeting we will vote on the ENVI position on CO2 emissions performance standards for lorries - the last of the proposals presented by the Commission as part of its Clean Mobility Package. Heavy Duty Vehicles are responsible for ¼ of total road transport CO2 emissions, or 6% of the total EU CO2 emissions: tackling emissions for lorries must be part and parcel of our strategy to decarbonise road transport. The Commission presented its proposal on 17 May 2018 and ENVI acted speedily to ensure that the file can still be negotiated during this legislature.

During Thursday's meeting we will also hold an exchange with the Executive Director of the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA), Bernhard Url. As the EFSA Management Board decided on the nomination of Dr Url for a second term during its meeting of 9-10 October, this exchange will have two objectives: it will serve as the annual exchange to debate EFSA's work programme and it will also be an opportunity to quiz Mr Url on the plans for his second term - in line with the role foreseen by the Parliament in the appointing process.

In Strasbourg we will vote *inter alia* on an oral question to the Commission on the European Year of Greener Cities 2020. The objective of the oral question, and of the resolution which will follow, is to highlight the fact that bringing nature into cities and greening our neighbourhoods is an efficient and effective way to increase the quality of life for European citizens bringing positive effect on residents' health and the attractiveness of urban areas.

Follow our discussions live and get involved in the debate at <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/envi/home.html>

Adina-Ioana Vălean,

Brussels - 17 October 2018

### MEETING ITEMS

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

#### Votes

- CO2 emission performance standards for new HDVs
- Interim report on the MFF 2021-2027
- Location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency
- Objection pursuant to Rule 106: GMO maize NK603 × MON 810 (MON-ØØ6Ø3-6 × MON-ØØ81Ø-6) (D058360)
- Objection pursuant to Rule 106: GMO maize MON 87427 × MON 89034 × 1507 × MON 88017 × 59122, and genetically modified maize combining two, three or four of the single events MON 87427, MON 89034, 1507, MON 88017 and 59122 and repealing Decision 2011/366/EU (D058361)
- European Year of Greener Cities 2020 (on 25/10 in Strasbourg)
- Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context (on 25/10 in Strasbourg)
- Type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users (on 25/10 in Strasbourg)
- European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund (on 25/10 in Strasbourg)

#### Considerations

- Establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics (on 25/10 in Strasbourg)

#### Exchange of views

- Hearing of Dr Bernhard Url, Executive Director of EFSA, in view of renewal of his mandate

### ENVI IN NEXT PLENARY

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

- Quality of water intended for human consumption
- Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment
- Promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles
- Alignment of reporting obligations in the field of environment policy

### VOTES

#### CO2 emission performance standards for new HDVs

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

On 17 May 2018, the Commission presented its last proposal from the Clean Mobility Package setting for the first time ever CO2 emissions performance standards for lorries. Collectively, HDVs are responsible for ¼ of total road transport CO2 emissions, or 6% of the total EU CO2 emissions. The proposal sets targets for 15% reduction by 2025 on the

2019 levels, and at least aspirational 30% reduction for 2030, subject to review in 2022. Only large lorries are covered, while vocational vehicles, buses, coaches and trailers are exempted until 2022 when the scope will be extended. The proposal includes a mechanism of super-credits to incentivize the uptake of zero- and low-emission vehicles (ZLEVs). ZLEV incentives are also extended to exempted M2, M3 and N categories vehicles not subject to CO2 targets. Compliance is ensured via strengthened market surveillance - monitoring of real-world fuel consumption data reported by manufacturers, based on mandatory fuel consumption meters, introduction of in-service conformity tests, mandate for reporting of deviations and the introduction of a correction mechanism.

In his draft report of 74 AMs, the Rapporteur seeks to increase the ambition of the proposal and better align it to the commitments under the Paris Agreement as well as what is expected from the transport sector in terms of its contribution in view of the Effort Sharing Regulation as well as its decarbonisation reaching net zero emissions by mid-century at the latest. To this end, among others, the Rapporteur: increases the reductions targets for 2025-2029 period to 20% and for 2030 onwards to 45% subject to the review provided for in the proposal; introduces a binding minimum share of zero- and low-emission vehicles for each manufacturer both in 2025 and in 2030 of 10% and 35% respectively, to ensure investment certainty for the rapid up-take of such vehicles on the Union market and for the development of adequate charging infrastructure; sets 2030 as the date for which all new buses placed on the EU market should be zero-emission; introduces on-road in-service conformity testing to ensure the real-world representativeness of the certified CO2 emissions and fuel consumption of HDVs, whereby the data for real-world emissions and fuel consumption should also be made available to third parties for independent testing. More than 450 amendments, including suggestions from the TRAN Committee, have been submitted to this draft report. 19 compromise amendments have been proposed.

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

Shadows: [Fjellner \(EPP\)](#), [Zoffoli \(S&D\)](#), [Matthews \(ECR\)](#), [Torvalds \(ALDE\)](#), [Eck \(GUE\)](#), [Evi \(EFDD\)](#), [Mélin \(ENF\)](#)

### Interim report on the MFF 2021-2027

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



BUDG has decided to draft an interim report, which will include recommendations for modifications of the proposals on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the years 2021 to 2027 and on the system of Own Resources (OR). The report is about the MFF/OR framework, and will not enter into the details of the various

programmes, which will be co-decided on the basis of the legislative proposals. BUDG recommended that opinions should be focused on budgetary aspects. In particular, Committees are asked for an assessment of the overall MFF and OR proposals (e.g. analysis of implications in budgetary terms in different policy areas, requests for

modifications to the overall MFF and OR proposals, including the programme's envelopes). The draft opinion is divided into two parts, one on the MFF and the other one on OR. The MFF section deals with LIFE+, Horizon Europe, health, climate mainstreaming and decentralised agencies. Concerning OR, the topics discussed are the proposal for an own-resource based on non-recycled plastic packaging waste, the use of ETS auctioning revenue from Phase 4 (2021), a carbon-content based aviation levy and a financial transaction tax. 63 Amendments have been tabled. 11 compromise amendments have been negotiated replacing 55 amendments.

Rapporteur: [Belet \(EPP\)](#)

Shadows: [Grammatikakis \(S&D\)](#), [Piecha \(ECR\)](#), [Torvalds \(ALDE\)](#), [Eck \(GUE\)](#)

### Location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency

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



After 3 trilogues, including one jointly with the ECON negotiating team in charge of the relocation of the European Banking Agency, an agreement was reached in written procedure on 16 October 2018. The co-legislators provisionally agreed on inserting in the Regulation deadlines by which the two moves need to be concluded, strengthening reporting obligations by the Netherlands on the progress made on the construction and fitting of the buildings. The text also specifies that the procedure followed for the relocation of EMA (and EBA) does not constitute a precedent for location of agencies in the future. The text will be accompanied by a Council Statement acknowledging the value of enhanced exchange of information from the initial stages of future processes for the location of agencies, taking note of the request by the EP to revise, as soon as possible, the 2012 Joint Statement and Common Approach on decentralised Agencies. It invites the Commission to provide, by April 2019, an in-depth analysis of the implementation of the Joint Statement and Common Approach as regards the location of decentralised Agencies. This analysis would serve as a basis to assess the way forward in engaging with the process of such a revision.

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

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

## CONSIDERATIONS

### Establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including SMEs, and European statistics

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

In the context of the MFF programme for 2021-2027, on 7 June 2018, the Commission published a proposal for the Single Market Programme. The proposed Programme brings together activities financed under five predecessor programmes, including food chain actions. The Commission is proposing a budget of €4 billion for 2021-

2027 for the Single Market Programme, of which 41% would be earmarked for food chain actions with the objective of contributing to a high level of health for humans, animals and plants along the food chain. Under the 2021-2027 MFF, a total of EUR 1 680 000 000 has been earmarked for expenditure for food chain actions, whereas for the period 2014 to 2020, the ceiling for this expenditure for the Food Chain Programme was set at EUR 1 891 936 000 in Regulation (EU) No 652/2014. The proposed figure for the 2021-2027 period therefore represents a decrease in budget of 11%. In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur proposes 11 amendments. In general, the rapporteur acknowledges the success of the current financing programme in avoiding a major crisis, but considers that more emphasis should be placed on prevention, particularly as concerns trans-boundary exotic diseases from neighbouring third countries.

Rapporteur: [Mandl \(EPP\)](#)

Shadows: [Balas \(S&D\)](#), [Piecha \(ECR\)](#), [Huitema \(ALDE\)](#), [Eickhout \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [Eck \(GUE\)](#)

### EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

#### Hearing of Dr Bernhard Url, Executive Director of EFSA, in view of renewal of his mandate



The Commission agreed at its meeting of 5 September 2018 to propose to the EFSA Management Board the renewal of the mandate of Dr Bernhard Url for a second period of 5 years starting on 1 June 2019, when his current mandate expires. The

EFSA Management Board, as the Appointing Authority, decided on the nomination of Dr Url for a second term of office during its meeting of 10 October. Before the appointment the candidate nominated by the Management Board shall be invited to make a statement before the European Parliament and answer questions put by members of this institution. This exchange with Mr Url will thus fulfil two objectives: it will serve as the annual exchange to debate EFSA's work programme and it will also be an opportunity to hear from Mr Url on the plans for his second term.

### NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

#### Recent Publications

- Briefing on [China's climate policies with an emphasis on carbon trading markets](#)
- Study on [Guidelines for submission and evaluation of applications for the approval of active substances in pesticides](#)
- Briefing on the [Global Climate Action Summit](#), San Francisco (12-14/09/2018)
- Workshop proceedings on the [Sustainability of Health Systems](#)
- Workshop proceedings on [Digitalisation and big data: implication for the health sector](#)

#### Upcoming Publications

- Study on international climate negotiations in view of COP24 in Katowice
- Workshop proceedings on Cardiovascular diseases and lifestyle

#### Upcoming Workshops

- on Brain, new approach to brain diseases (21/11/ 2018, 10-12h)

### EUROPEAN ELECTIONS AND EVENTS

#### European Elections 2019 - "This time I'm voting.eu"



European elections will take place next year between 23 and 26 May across the EU. As elections are fast approaching, Parliament's services will use both traditional and digital campaign tools to inform

European citizens about past achievements and the challenges ahead, to allow for informed debate on what makes the EU valuable to them and where it needs change to deliver benefits for all - at local, regional, national and cross-border levels. A non-partisan platform "[This time I'm voting.eu](#)" has been set up to encourage open public debate and motivate more people to get involved, get informed and make their voices heard in the May 2019 European elections. ENVI invites you to join the project and spread the word.

#### High-level conference - "EU Research and Innovation in our daily life"



On 27 November, the European Parliament jointly with the European Commission will host a High Level Conference titled "EU Research and Innovation in our daily life: Improving Europeans' daily life with research and innovation -

success stories". The conference will take place in the EP hemicycle in Brussels. ENVI topics and members will both feature prominently as the conference will have panels dealing specifically with health and wellbeing and on sustainable environment. The conference will be an opportunity to showcase the results already attained by EU research and innovation, but also a chance for policy-makers to exchange and put forward new ideas with stakeholders, citizens as well with representatives from EU institutions, member states, universities and research centres. President Tajani and Commissioner Moedas will be the co-hosts of the conference. All the [information on the conference](#) as well as the [registration page](#) can be found on the EP website.

### NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

#### European Environment Agency (EEA)



**Mercury in Europe's environment, a priority for European and global action.** The EEA report aims to increase understanding and knowledge of global mercury pollution among both policymakers and the general public. The report provides background information and context, before setting out the current status of global and European mercury pollution and the challenges that remain in addressing this global issue [More](#)

#### European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



**More information on substances that are on an authority's radar for potential regulatory risk management:** Under ECHA's Public Activities Coordination Tool (PACT), users can find a summary of regulatory processes related to a substance, as well as navigate to process-specific lists, which shows all substances subject to that process. This "advance notice" enables companies to consider their business strategy and gives all stakeholders more time to prepare their contributions to the public consultations that are ran during the formal risk management processes. The tool is open for the general public and is available on [ECHA's website](#).

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



The Heads of Agencies have established a network to provide a forum for coordination, information exchange and agreement of common positions on issues of common interest. On 10 October, the Heads of EU Agencies met in Brussels for the first time under ECDC

chairmanship, to discuss matters of common interest to all agencies. The chairmanship of the Network of EU Agencies (EUAN) officially passed from Frontex to ECDC on 1 September 2018, and ECDC will chair the Agencies network until February 2020. In this meeting of the Heads of Agencies, a wide range of issues was covered, including resource management and results of Agencies' audit in 2017, while focusing on the four priorities of the network: Shared services and capabilities; Mutual value creation with EU Institutions; Outward communication; Internal governance. [More](#).

#### European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



EFSA has launched a [public consultation](#) on its draft guidance for assessing the safety of feed additives for the environment. The guidance document is intended to help applicants prepare and present applications for the authorisation of feed additives. It specifies what kind of information and data applicants need to include in their dossiers to allow EFSA to assess the safety of the feed additive for the environment. Interested parties should submit written comments by 19 November 2018.

#### European Medicines Agency (EMA)



EMA published a report which shows that the **overall sales of veterinary antimicrobials across Europe have decreased by more than 20% between 2011 and 2016**. The results are

part of EMA's 8th report of the European Surveillance of Veterinary Antimicrobial Consumption (ESVAC) project, which presents detailed sales data for the year 2016 and records yearly changes in the consumption of veterinary antimicrobials dating back to 2010. [More](#)

**Next meeting of the ENVI Committee :** 8 November 2018 (Brussels);  
Future meetings: [2018 meeting dates](#); [2019 meeting dates](#).

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