

CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next ENVI meeting will take place on 19-20 November in Brussels.

Aviation and its implications for climate change will have centre stage at our next meeting. Aviation accounts for approximately 2.1 % of global CO₂ emissions, with international flights taking the lion's share of these emissions at 1.3%. With continuous growth in air traffic, ICAO warns that emissions in 2050 could be up to ten times higher than 1990 levels. The EU has been a frontrunner in trying to contain emissions from aviation, but our international partners dug their heels in and progress has been slow. Emissions from aviation and ICAO's flagship project CORSIA will be our first item for debate on Monday with Transport Commissioner Bulc. In a separate item we will also debate the non-CO₂ effects of aviation. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has estimated that the total climate impact of aviation is currently two to four times higher than the effect of its past carbon dioxide emissions alone. Decisive action is needed also on this front.

On Tuesday we will also vote on ENVI draft report on LIFE, the programme for the environment and climate action between 2021 and 2027. Despite a modest budget, the impact and added value of LIFE is enormous: halting the loss of biodiversity, fighting climate change and fostering a culture of sustainability among business and citizens. ENVI wants to see this programme grow further.

On Monday we will also hold our annual exchange with EMA Executive Director Guido Rasi to hear about the agency work programme up to 2020. With its relocation from London to Amsterdam, EMA is undergoing a delicate transition which poses more than a simple logistical challenge. ENVI members will want to hear among others how Brexit is impacting EMA's work and expertise and how effective the countermeasures in place are.

In the framework of the human rights week organised by the Parliament, ENVI will host the Director General of the World Health Organisation Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. Our conversation will likely revolve around the human rights dimension in public health, the EU role in global health, access to medicines and vaccination especially in developing countries and the risks posed by global pandemics.

Good Health and Wellbeing is also the third Sustainable Development Goal. This together with the other 16 SDGs will feature in the joint ENVI/DEVE meeting which will consist of an exchange with Eurostat on how the EU is itself faring in the attainment of the SDGs objectives.

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 - 19 November 2018

MEETING ITEMS

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

Votes

- Establishing a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
- A comprehensive European industrial policy on artificial intelligence and robotics
- Low carbon benchmarks and positive carbon impact benchmarks
- Establishment of the Reform Support Programme
- Labelling of tyres with respect to fuel efficiency and other essential parameters
- Establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III)
- EU Pollinators Initiative
- Objection pursuant to Rule 106: authorisation for certain uses of sodium dichromate
- Enabling the digital transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market; empowering citizens and building a healthier society

Considerations

- Implementation of the legal provisions and the Joint Statement ensuring the parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies
- Objection pursuant to Rule 106: authorisation for certain uses of sodium dichromate

Exchange of views

- with Ms Violeta Bulc, Commissioner for Transport, on ICAO's CORSIA developments
- with Guido Rasi, Executive Director of European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- with Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General on the Right to Health in the light of the Human Rights' Week
- with the Commission on the non-CO₂ effect of aviation
- Joint ENVI/DEVE exchange of views with Eurostat on Sustainable Development in the European Union — Monitoring report on progress towards the SDGs in an EU context

VOTES

LIFE Programme

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



The LIFE programme is the only EU fund dedicated solely to environmental and climate objectives. With its relatively modest budget, it is targeted at a niche between EU programmes supporting research and innovation on the one hand and EU programmes financing large-scale deployment on the other hand. Since 1992, LIFE has co-financed more than 4500 projects. The Commission proposal for LIFE 2021-2027 has a general objective to contribute to the shift towards a clean, circular, energy-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, including through the transition to clean energy, to the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment and to halting and reversing

biodiversity loss, thereby contributing to sustainable development. In his draft report, the rapporteur is proposing to further improve this successful programme by increasing the role of the merit criteria for the award of the funds, increasing the flexibility of the co-financing rates for better adaptability and introducing measurable targets and performance indicators in particular for actions aimed at the protection of biodiversity. Members tabled 296 amendments further to the 63 amendments by the rapporteur; 23 compromise amendments were proposed.

Rapporteur: [Gerbrandy](#) (ALDE)

Shadows: [Dantin](#) (EPP), [Caputo](#) (S&D), [Gericke](#) (ECR), [Javor](#) (Greens/EFA), [Omarjee](#) (GUE/NGL), [Evi](#) (EFDD)

European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

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

The proposal aims to establish the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) for the 2021-2027 period, in order to support the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), the Union's maritime policy and the Union's international commitments in the field of ocean governance, especially in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur: 1. introduces more flexibility in order to avoid damage to the fishing fleet, given its diversity around the Union; 2. includes the element of co-management, which is a mechanism for managing the activities of professional fishing, recreational fishing and aquaculture; 3. simplifies and clarifies the activities that can be developed under the umbrella of the EMFF to facilitate the management of the Member States, reduce administrative burdens, and ultimately help the Union's maritime fisheries sector, while progressing towards a sustainable development of the sector. In addition to the 37 amendments tabled by the rapporteur, 191 amendments have been tabled.

Rapporteur: [Gambús](#) (EPP)

Shadows: [Tănăsescu](#) (S&D), [Gericke](#) (ECR), [Meissner](#) (ALDE), [Torres Martínez](#) (GUE), [Engström](#) (Greens/EFA)

EU Pollinators Initiative

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



On 1 June 2018, the Commission published its Communication on the EU pollinators initiative, which presents strategic objectives and a set of actions to be taken by the EU and its Member States to address the decline of pollinators in the EU and contribute to global conservation efforts. The

initiative responds to the calls made by the Parliament for action to protect pollinators and their habitats in order to put an end to their decline. The Communication aims to set the framework for an integrated approach to the problem and a more effective use of existing tools and policies. It sets long-term objectives and short-term actions under three priorities: improving knowledge of pollinator decline, its causes and consequences, tackling the causes of pollinator decline, and raising awareness, engaging society-at-large and promoting collaboration. By the end of 2020, the Commission plans to review the progress made on the implementation of the initiative and, if necessary, propose recommendations for further action. In the draft motion for a resolution, the co-rapporteurs welcome the Commission's initiative to protect pollinators, but considers that the

initiative fails to sufficiently address the main root causes of pollinators' decline. They also highlight the importance of protecting the diversity of pollinator species in Europe. On the role of agriculture and the use of pesticides, they stress the importance of reducing pesticide use, and call on the Commission to propose legislation prohibiting the production, sale and use of all neonicotinoid-based pesticides. They also consider that further research on the cause of bee decline is needed and that support for the training of beekeepers is required. A total of 117 amendments were tabled to the draft motion for a resolution and 7 compromise amendments have been proposed.

Co-rapporteurs: [Peterle](#) (EPP), [Kadenbach](#) (S&D), [Demesmaeker](#) (ECR), [Ries](#) (ALDE), [Engström](#) (Greens/EFA), [Konečná](#) (GUE), [D'Ornano](#) (EFDD), [Goddyn](#) (ENF)

Enabling the digital transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market

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

On 24 April 2018, the Commission submitted a communication on enabling the digital transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market. The communication states that to date, the uptake of digital solutions for health and care remains slow and varies greatly across Member States and regions. Further action at EU level is crucial to accelerate the meaningful use of digital solutions in public health and healthcare in Europe. In its mid-term review on the implementation of the digital single market strategy the Commission set out its intention to take further action in three areas: (1) citizens' secure access to and sharing of health data across borders; (2) better data to advance research, disease prevention and personalised health and care; (3) digital tools for citizen empowerment and person-centred care. The Committee is now set to vote on the amendments to the Motion for a Resolution. 112 amendments were tabled.

Co-rapporteurs: [Faria](#) (EPP), [Zorinho](#) (S&D), [Krupa](#) (ECR), [Ries](#) (ALDE), [Auken](#) (Greens/EFA), [Konečná](#) (GUE), [Pedicini](#) (EFDD), [Mélis](#) (ENF)

CONSIDERATIONS

Parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies

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

AFCO is working on a report on the implementation of the legal provisions ensuring parliamentary scrutiny over decentralised agencies. The growing number and importance of agencies, as well as the EP call for a revision of the Joint Statement/Common Approach, requires a review of the mechanisms ensuring the agencies' accountability. In his draft opinion, the rapporteur underlines the role of EP representatives in agencies' Management Board meetings as they reinforce Parliament's scrutiny role. The draft opinion calls on EP's prerogatives as co-legislator to be fully respected in future decisions on the (re)location of agencies. He also stresses the need to take into account the new climate and sustainability priorities within the next MFF and the tasks attributed to particular agencies in its implementation.

Rapporteur: [Belet](#) (EPP)

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

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Transport Commissioner Bulc on CORSIA

ENVI Members will discuss with Transport Commissioner Bulc on the latest development with respect to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the adoption of the first edition of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). The First Edition of the CORSIA SARPs was adopted by the Council on 27 June 2018. The monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) requirements related to CO₂ emissions from international flights will apply from 1 January 2019. The CO₂ offsetting requirements will apply from 1 January 2021. The rules contained in the CORSIA are liable to become binding in accordance with and within the limits set out in the Convention. They are also liable to become binding upon the Union and its Member States under existing international air transport agreements. However, certain differences continue to exist between the Union rules, ETS Directive, and the adopted SARPs.

Exchange with Guido Rasi, EMA Executive Director



The annual exchange of views is part of the regular dialogue of the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) with the EP. The visit of Mr Rasi gives Members an opportunity to discuss the Agency's Work Programme 2018 and how it fits into the Multiannual

work programme of the Agency up to 2020. The multiannual work programme is structured around four themes: contributing to human health; contributing to animal health and human health in relation to veterinary medicines; optimising the operation of the network and contributing to the global regulatory environment. The activities planned in the work programme should also be considered in the context of Brexit. The UK's decision to leave the EU has significant implications for EMA. Not only will the Agency leave London for Amsterdam, it also has to find ways to comply with its legal role and continue to perform its activities on time and to the same high quality, and this in light of the loss of the UK expertise and anticipated staff loss.

Exchange of views with WHO DG Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in the light of Human Rights' Week

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The Parliament has made full use of its powers to contribute to shaping the EU's policies and instruments in advancing human rights both inside and outside the EU. To renew its commitment a Human Rights Week has been organised by the European Parliament. The exchange of views with Dr Tedros will focus mainly on the core themes related to the human rights dimension in public health, such as the EU role in global health, the access to medicines and vaccination to name a few. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus began his five-year term as WHO Director-General on 1 July 2017.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the non-CO₂ effect of aviation

As part of the negotiations on Regulation (EU) 2017/2392 amending the

EU ETS Directive, stemming from the EP position, Article 30 of that Regulation states that: "before 1 January 2020, the Commission shall present an updated analysis of the non-CO₂ effects of aviation, accompanied, where appropriate, by a proposal on how best to address those effects". Aviation has an impact on climate through releases of nitrogen oxides, water vapour and sulphate and soot particles at high altitudes which could have significant climate impact, according to scientific research. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has estimated that the total climate impact of aviation is currently two to four times higher than the effect of its past carbon dioxide emissions alone. Parliament has been insisting on ensuring an holistic approach even in previous negotiations on the ETS directive but only during the last one, the provision was concretised in the binding parts with a direct obligation on the Commission within a set deadline.

ENVI/DEVE exchange with Eurostat on SDGs in the EU

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the UN General Assembly in September 2015, have given a new impetus to global efforts for achieving sustainable development. The EU is fully committed to playing an active role to maximise progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. This publication is the second of Eurostat's regular reports monitoring progress towards the SDGs in an EU context. The analysis in this publication builds on the EU SDG indicator set, developed in cooperation with a large number of stakeholders. The presentation of the Eurostat report will also feed in the framework of the discussion in the EP agreed by ENVI and DEVE Coordinators to monitor progress towards SDGs.

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)

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency ([EEA](#))



EU reaches the Aichi target of protecting ten percent of Europe's seas. A total of 10.8 % of the surface of Europe's seas was designated as marine protected areas by the end of 2016, according to a European Environment Agency (EEA) assessment, published today. This means the EU has reached the global Aichi target of protecting at least 10 % of coastal and marine areas by 2020. However, the EEA analysis also shows that the protected area networks are skewed towards coastal waters and do not sufficiently cover the deep sea. [More](#)

European Chemicals Agency ([ECHA](#))



The UK's withdrawal from the EU will affect companies including those that manufacture or use chemicals in the UK as well as in the EU-27. ECHA's updated web section aims to help affected companies who have registered substances or use authorised chemicals in supply chains. [More](#)

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



The 18th of November was the European Antibiotic Awareness Day, an annual European public health initiative coordinated by ECDC since 2008 to raise awareness about the threat to public health of antibiotic resistance and the importance of prudent antibiotic use. The latest data estimate that about 33000 people die each year as a direct consequence of an infection due to bacteria resistant to antibiotics and that the burden of these infections is comparable to that of influenza, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS combined. 75% of the burden of disease is due to healthcare-

associated infections (HAIs). Prudent use of antibiotics can help stop resistant bacteria from developing and help keep antibiotics effective for the use of future generations. [More](#)

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



EFSA has developed a new food safety management approach that makes it simpler for small retailers to donate food. The simplified system would mean that retailers are not required to have detailed knowledge of specific hazards. It includes steps for checking that donated food is safe, such as shelf-life control, maintenance of the cold chain and ensuring communication between the donor and recipients. [More](#)

European Medicines Agency ([EMA](#))



EMA gives guidance on safety monitoring of medicines used in children. EMA has published guidance on paediatric pharmacovigilance and on how to make best use of existing tools and processes to address the specific needs and challenges of safety monitoring of medicines used in children. It covers approved medicines with a paediatric indication or with an ongoing paediatric development, but also medicines only approved for adults when they are used off-label to treat children. A dedicated approach to pharmacovigilance in children is especially important given that paediatric clinical trials are often limited in size and duration, and adverse reactions in children may substantially differ - in terms of frequency, nature, severity and presentation - from those occurring in adults. [More](#)

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