

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' RESULTS

- not to be treated in full committee -
Thursday, 18 July 2019, 9.00-11.00
Room SDM S1

18.7.2019

Mr Canfin, Chair
Mr Liese, Coordinator of the EPP group
Ms Guteland, Coordinator of the S&D group
Mr Torvalds, Coordinator of the Renew group
Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
Ms Sardone, Coordinator of the ID group
Mr Vondra, Coordinator of the ECR group
Ms Modig, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL group

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chair informed the coordinators that the constitution of the Conference of Committee Chairs (CCC) was postponed.

3. URGENT DECISIONS RELATED TO PENDING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

3.1 Confirmation of method for allocation of reports/opinions (auctioning points system)

Decision taken: *The auctioning system as described in point 1 of Annex VII has been confirmed.*

3.2 Resumption of business at the beginning of the term - dealing with pending files

Decision taken:

- *to confirm and to continue to work on all the pending legislative files for which ENVI is the lead committee;*
- *to request the Commission to withdraw the following obsolete files for which ENVI is the lead committee: the file on emissions from road vehicles (COD 2014/0012) and the file on national decisions to restrict or prohibit GMOs on their territory (COD 2015/0093);*
- *to write a letter jointly with the AGRI chair to the Council on the two blocked cloning proposals (under rule 58);*
- *to mandate the ENVI chair to speak to his AGRI counterpart on different options for the future cooperation on the CAP files;*
- *to take a decision at the next coordinators meeting whether or not do an opinion on the AGRI file on financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and on the PECH file on fisheries control;*
- *to confirm ENVI opinions for those files where an EP first reading has already been adopted, and for those opinions falling under unfinished business, take a final decision on the procedure when the lead committee has taken a decision on how it wants to handle the file,*
- *to instruct the Chair to write to the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs informing him/her of the Committee's wishes once he is consulted.*

3.3 *Confirmation of groups and rapporteurs responsible for files which were allocated during the 8th parliamentary term*

Decision taken:

- *Confirm the allocation of all pending files to the political group to which they had been allocated in the 8th parliamentary term;*
- *Confirm the allocation of the technical files allocated to the former Chair to the newly elected Chair;*
- *Political groups are invited to confirm the names of the rapporteurs, or, as appropriate, appoint a new rapporteur;*
- *Political groups are invited to inform the Chair and the secretariat of the names of the rapporteurs and shadow rapporteurs both for reports and for opinions by 2 September 2019, COB).*

3.4 *ENVI involvement in the 2020 budgetary procedure (GR)*

Decision taken:

Coordinators have decided to draft an opinion on the General budget of the EU for the financial year 2020, and have agreed on the following timetable:

- *Deadline for sending rapporteur's text to translation (EN version): 19 July, 12:00*
- *Consideration draft report in ENVI: 22-23 July (text available only in EN);*
- *Deadline for amendments to the opinion (only in EN): 23 July, 15:00*

- *Vote in ENVI: 4 September (translations will be available for the vote)*

Coordinators have appointed the Chair of the Committee as a standing rapporteur on the budget (including on the discharge) for the first half of the parliamentary term.

4. URGENT DECISIONS RELATED TO NON-LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

4.1 *Possible organisation of a general policy workshop at a future ENVI meeting in view of the hearings of the new Commissioners (LV)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators have agreed on the above proposal.*

4.2 *Possible presentation of Agencies' work and responsibilities at a future ENVI meeting (GR/MM)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators have agreed to hold an exchange of views on 7 November.*

4.3 *Possible retabling of pending oral questions and resolutions not dealt with in plenary*

Decision taken: *Coordinators have decided:*

- *not to continue work on the oral questions and resolutions on “a monitoring framework for the circular economy” and on the “mid-term evaluation of the LIFE programme”;*
- *to continue work on the oral questions and resolutions on “EU Pollinators Initiative”, “Enabling the digital transformation of health and care” and on “the illegal trade in companion animals in the EU”. For these three OQs and resolutions, a new deadline for amendments will be reopened at committee level. Political groups are asked to inform the secretariat about the names of the co-sponsors by Friday, 6 September COB;*
- *to come back to the oral question and resolution on the “European Year of Greener Cities 2020” at the next coordinators meeting.*

4.4 *UNFCCC COP 25 in Santiago, Chili (AC/ES)*

a. Composition of the 15-Member ad-hoc Delegation to COP25

Decision taken: *Political groups are invited to*

- *inform the secretariat by 22 July at 12.00 of the names of their Members participating;*
- *send topics for the side-event to the secretariat by Monday 2 September COB.*

b. Preparation of Oral Questions plus resolution

Decision taken: *The Coordinators have decided that:*

- ENVI, as the Committee responsible for climate change shall prepare, pursuant to Rule 136 (former Rule 128) of the Rules of Procedure, Oral Questions to the Council and the Commission as well as a motion for resolution in order to define Parliament's position ahead of COP25;
- the resolution should be adopted prior to COP25 in the second plenary session of November 2019 at the latest;
- each group shall nominate one "co-sponsor" (whose name would appear, in addition to the chair's name, on the cover page) for the resolution; political groups are invited to inform the secretariat by 22 July at 12.00 noon of the names of their co-sponsor;
- as has been the case for previous COPs, the resolution could include contributions from other interested Committees, in particular ITRE.

c. Policy Department study on the issues at stake in view of COP25

4.5 Appointment of contact persons for the Agencies within ENVI remit

Decision taken: Coordinators have decided to appoint liaison MEPs as contact persons responsible for the relations with the above agencies for a period of two-and-a-half years (first half of parliamentary term). Coordinators are invited to put forward their interest (with possible indication of the Member interested) by 10 September, with a view to a coordinators' decision at the end of September coordinators' meeting.

4.6 Appointment of ENVI representatives to the STOA panel (CM)

Decision taken: Coordinators to inform the secretariat of possible candidates in their groups by 10 September 2019 with a view to a coordinators' decision on the appointment of three ENVI Committee representatives on the STOA panel at the end of September (the appointments are for two and a half years).

4.7 Appointment of members responsible for petitions (SC)

Decision taken: The groups are invited to put forward by 10 September COB the names of Members interested in dealing with petitions in ENVI in view of a coordinators' decision in September.

4.8 Possible re-establishment of the Health Working Group¹ (AC/BM)

Decision taken: Coordinators have decided that the Health Working Group should be re-established. The names of candidates for the two co-chairs could be put forward by 10 September, in view of a Coordinators' decision at the end of

¹ Decisions on re-establishment of other former working groups will be taken at an upcoming coordinators' meetings

*September. Once appointed, the two co-chairs could convene the first meeting, which would be open to all interested Members.
Coordinators have decided to have an exchange of views on the work of the Health Working Group at one of the future meetings.*

4.9 Latest developments concerning CORSIA

Decision taken: *Coordinators have decided to invite Commissioner Bulc for an exchange of views on the latest developments on CORSIA, possibly on 4-5 September (tbc), and to write letters to the Council and Commission on the subject.*

4.10 Possible Oral Question to the Commission with debate on the recently concluded EU trade agreement with Mercosur

Decision taken: *Coordinators have decided to invite Commissioner Malmström for an exchange of views on the Mercosur agreement, possibly on 4-5 September (tbc)*

5. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE (See list of points in Annex IV and Annex IVa)

Reports

- 1. Global data collection system for ship fuel oil consumption data (AC/SD)**
ENVI/9/00420
***I 2019/0017(COD) COM(2019)0038 – C8-0043/2019

Decision taken: *Greens/EFA to appoint a rapporteur*

- 2. Type approval of motor vehicle with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (CM, GF)**
ENVI/9/00533
***I 2019/0101(COD) COM(2019)0208 – C9-0009/2019

Decision taken: *EPP to appoint a rapporteur*

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Opinions

None

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Documents received for information

- 3. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change (SC)**
COM(2018)0738

Decision taken: *Postponed to the next coordinators meeting*

4. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: 2nd Action Plan to fight the illicit tobacco trade 2018-2022 (IP)**
COM(2018)0846

Decision taken: *Postponed to the next coordinators meeting*

5. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Regulation (EU) No 511/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on compliance measures for users from the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization in the Union (ES)**
COM(2019)0013

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of view on biodiversity in general at a future ENVI meeting..*

6. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Floods Directive (2007/60/EC): Second River Basin Management Plans - First Flood Risk Management Plans (GF)**
COM(2019)0095

Decision taken: *No action needed.*

7. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee European Union: Strategic Approach to Pharmaceuticals in the Environment (MM and GR)**
COM(2019)0128

Decision taken: *Postponed to the next coordinators meeting*

8. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the status of production expansion of relevant food and feed crops worldwide (NP)**
COM(2019)0142

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

9. **Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP18) (ES/LV)**
COM(2019)0146

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of view on this subject after the CITES COP18 in Geneva.*

10. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life (SC) COM(2019)0149**

Decision taken: *Postponed to the next coordinators meeting*

11. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation and the impact on the environment and the functioning of the internal market of Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and repealing Directive 91/157/EEC (LV) COM(2019)0166**

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

12. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank: Fourth Report on the State of the Energy Union (AC) COM(2019)0175**

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission to present the 4th state of the energy union report together with its analysis of draft national energy and climate plans at a future ENVI meeting*

13. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank on the Implementation of the Strategic Action Plan on Batteries: Building a Strategic Battery Value Chain in Europe (LV) COM(2019)0176**

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

14. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council: A more efficient and democratic decision making in EU energy and climate policy (AC) COM(2019)0177**

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to include this document when there is an exchange of views with the Commission on a related topic.*

15. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation of the Circular Economy Action Plan (LV) COM(2019)0190**

Decision taken: *No action needed.*

16. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Renewable Energy Progress Report (AC)**
COM(2019)0225

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

17. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the evaluation of the 7th Environment Action Programme (GF)**
COM(2019)0233

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to take note of the evaluation, but no action at this stage.*

18. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Review of progress on implementation of the EU green infrastructure strategy (ES)**
COM(2019)0236

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of view on the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy at a future ENVI meeting*

19. **Report from the Commission: Annual Synthesis Report for the year 2017 on the implementation of the FLEGT licensing scheme provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 of 20 December 2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community (ES)**
COM(2019)0249

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only*

20. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Findings of the Fitness Check of the most relevant chemicals legislation (excluding REACH) and identified challenges, gaps and weaknesses (GR)**
COM(2019)0264

Decision taken: *Postponed to the next coordinators meeting.*

21. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Trade and Investment Barriers 1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018 (AC)**
COM(2019)0271

Decision taken: *No action, for information only.*

22. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the State of Play of the Common Fisheries Policy and Consultation on the Fishing Opportunities for 2020 (SC)**
COM(2019)0274

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

23. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank: State of play of preparations of contingency measures for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (ES)**
COM(2019)0276

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of view on contingency measures taken in areas falling within the Committee's remit at a future ENVI meeting.*

24. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission**
COM(2019)0284

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only*

25. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: United in delivering the Energy Union and Climate Action - Setting the foundations for a successful clean energy transition (AC)**
COM(2019)0285

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission to present the Communication and the Commission's Country Specific Recommendations at a future ENVI meeting.*

26. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council - Roadmap to an agreement on the Union's long-term budget for 2021 - 2027 The European Commission's contribution to the European Council meeting on 20-21 June 2019 (GR)**
COM(2019)0295

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

27. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors - 2018 Annual Management and Performance Report for the EU Budget (GR)**
COM(2019)0299

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

28. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Long-term forecast of future inflows and outflows of the EU budget (2020-2024) (GR)**
COM(2019)0305

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

29. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors: Annual accounts of the European Commission for the financial year 2018 (GR)**
COM(2019)0312

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

30. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Annual Report on Research and Technological Development Activities of the European Union and Monitoring of Horizon 2020 in 2018 (GF)**
COM(2019)0315

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

31. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors: Consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2018 (GR)**
COM(2019)0316

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

32. **Report from the Commission: Monitoring the application of European Union law - 2018 Annual Report (IP)**
COM(2019)0319

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

33. **Proposal for a Council decision establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, with regard to the submission of proposals for amendments to the Appendices to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) with a view to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties**
COM(2019)0321

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only*

34. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic (LV)**
COM(2019)0327

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

35. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the follow-up to the discharge for the 2017 financial year (Summary)**
COM(2019)0334

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only*

36. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Court of Auditors: Annual report to the Discharge Authority on internal audits carried out in 2018 (GR)**
COM(2019)0350

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

37. **Joint report to the European Parliament and the Council: Improving International Ocean Governance – Two years of progress**
JOIN(2019)0004

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only.*

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Other documents received

38-66: The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country reports

38. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement**
COM(2019)0269
39. **Commission staff working document: The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Belgium accompanying the document: Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0112
40. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Bulgaria Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0113
41. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - CROATIA Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0114
42. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Cyprus Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0115
43. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Slovakia Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and**

Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life
SWD(2019)0116

44. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - SWEDEN** Accompanying the document **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0117
45. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - UNITED KINGDOM** Accompanying the document **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0118
46. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - CZECH REPUBLIC** Accompanying the document **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0119
47. **Commission staff working document: The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - France** accompanying the document: **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0120
48. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - HUNGARY** Accompanying the document **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0121
49. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Ireland** Accompanying the document **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0122
50. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - ITALY** Accompanying the document **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and**

Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life
SWD(2019)0123

51. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - LATVIA Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0124
52. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Lithuania Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0125
53. **Commission staff working document: The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Luxembourg accompanying the document: Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0126
54. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - MALTA Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0127
55. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - POLAND Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0128
56. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - PORTUGAL Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0129
57. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - ROMANIA Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and**

Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life
SWD(2019)0130

58. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - SLOVENIA Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0131
59. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Spain Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0132
60. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - the Netherlands Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0133
61. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - DENMARK Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0134
62. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - ESTONIA Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0135
63. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - FINLAND Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0136
64. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Germany Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and**

Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life
SWD(2019)0137

65. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - GREECE Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0138
66. **Commission staff working document The EU Environmental Implementation Review 2019 Country Report - Austria Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Environmental Implementation Review 2019: A Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life**
SWD(2019)0139
67. **Commission staff working document Progress in Accelerating Clean Energy Innovation 2018**
SWD(2019)0157
68. **Commission staff working document Evaluation of the 7th Environment Action Programme to 2020 "Living well, within the limits of our planet" Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the Europe Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the evaluation of the 7th Environment Action Programme**
SWD(2019)0181
69. **Commission staff working document Additional information on the review of implementation of the green infrastructure strategy Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of Regions Review of progress on implementation of the EU green infrastructure strategy**
SWD(2019)0184
70. **Commission staff working document Guidance on a strategic framework for further supporting the deployment of EU-level green and blue infrastructure**
SWD(2019)0193
71. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT FITNESS CHECK of the most relevant chemicals legislation (excluding REACH), as well as related aspects of legislation applied to downstream industries Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Findings of the Fitness Check of the most relevant chemicals legislation (excluding REACH) and identified challenges, gaps and weaknesses**
SWD(2019)0199
72. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Belgium Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation**

on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Belgium covering the period 2021-2030

SWD(2019)0211

- 73. Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Czechia Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Czechia covering the period 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0214

- 74. Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Cyprus Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Cyprus covering the period 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0223

- 75. Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Croatia Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Croatia covering the period 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0224

- 76. Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Bulgaria Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Bulgaria covering the period of 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0225

- 77. Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Austria Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Austria covering the period 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0226

- 78. Commission staff working document Assessment of the National Energy and Climate Plan of the Netherlands Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of the Netherlands covering the period 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0227

- 79. Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Lithuania Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Lithuania covering the period 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0228

- 80. Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Germany Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Germany covering the period 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0229

81. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Ireland Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Ireland covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0230
82. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the National Energy and Climate Plan of Greece Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Greece covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0261
83. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Spain Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Spain covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0262
84. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of France Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of France covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0263
85. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Italy Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Italy covering the period 2021-2030**
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86. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Latvia Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Latvia covering the period 2021-2030**
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87. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Luxembourg Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Luxembourg covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0266
88. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Hungary Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Hungary covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0267
89. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Malta Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Malta covering the period 2021-2030**
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90. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Slovenia Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Slovenia covering the period 2021-2030**
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SWD(2019)0273
93. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Denmark Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Action of Denmark covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0275
94. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Estonia Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Estonia covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0277
95. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Slovakia Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Slovakia covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0274
96. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Finland Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Finland covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0276
97. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Sweden Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Sweden covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0278
98. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of the United Kingdom Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of the United Kingdom covering the period 2021-2030**

SWD(2019)0279

99. **Commission staff working document Assessment of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan of Poland Accompanying the document Commission Recommendation on the draft integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of Poland covering the period 2021-2030**
SWD(2019)0281
100. **Commission staff working document on the evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents**
SWD(2019)0298
101. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents**
SWD(2019)0299
102. **Commission staff working document on the evaluation of the Directive 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and repealing Directive 91/157/EEC**
SWD(2019)1300
103. **Council Decision (EU) 2019/... of ... on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with regard to certain amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal**
Council(2019)7863
104. **Council Decision (EU) 2019/... of ... on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as regards amendments to Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**
Council(2019)7893
105. **COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/... of ... on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as regards the listing of certain chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade**
Council(2019)7103
106. **COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/... of ... on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the International Maritime Organization during the 74th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the 101st session of the Maritime Safety Committee, on the adoption of amendments to Annex II to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011, amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance Code, amendments to Forms C, E and P of the appendix to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, and amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels**

107. **COUNCIL DECISION** on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the cooperation committee set up by the Agreement on Cooperation and Customs Union between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of San Marino, of the other part with regard to applicable provisions on organic production and labelling of organic products, and arrangements for imports of organic products

Council(2019)8996

108. **COUNCIL DECISION** on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC) with regard to the extension of the terms of reference for the IPEEC for the period from 24 may until 31 december 2019

Council(2019)9718

6. **PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

6.1 *Calendar of ENVI Committee meetings for the remainder of 2019*

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the calendar. The calendar will be sent to ENVI Members.*

6.2 *ENVI Committee linguistic profile*

Decision taken: *Coordinators approved the ENVI Committee linguistic profile.*

6.3 *Confirmation of ENVI working methods (AC/ES)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators approved the ENVI working methods as contained in Annex VII.*

6.4 *Joint ENVI-DEVE ad hoc delegation - HLPF on SDG in New York (AC/LV)*

Decision taken:

- *Coordinators have acknowledged the request for briefing to the Policy Department*
- *Political groups are reminded that the deadline set to send the names of MEPs participating has expired on Monday 15 July*

6.5 *Proposals for delegation visits for the 2nd semester 2019 and for the 1st semester 2020*

Decision taken: *- No additional missions in the second semester 2019*

- Set a deadline for proposals by political groups for delegation visits (including visits to Agencies) in the first half of 2020 by Friday 6 September 2019 COB.

6.6 Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee (AC/SC)

- **Possible intervention of the EP in Case C-389/19 P, *Commission v. Sweden***

Decision taken: *Coordinators decision postponed for next meeting on 22nd July.*

- **Case C-389 P-R - Interim measures requested in connection with the pending appeal Case C-389/19 P**

Decision taken: *Coordinators decision postponed for next meeting on 22nd July.*

- **Judgment of 13 March 2019 in Case C-128/17 *Republic of Poland v Parliament and Council* on the validity of the NEC Directive**

The file includes in Annex IX an information note from the EP Legal Service on the judgment of the Court of Justice confirming that Directive 2016/2284 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants (NEC Directive) is valid. The Court analysed the different pleas in law which related to the relevance and completeness of the impact assessments and concluded that during the legislative process, the legislature took into account the available scientific data in order to exercise their discretion properly. The adoption of a legislative act in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty, even if a minority of Member States is opposed thereto, cannot be considered as an infringement, by the institutions, of the principle of sincere cooperation. The Court also recalled the legal test on proportionality and confirmed the validity of the NEC Directive.

- **Case C-113/19, *Luxaviation* - Reference for a preliminary ruling on the validity of the ETS Directive 2003/87**

Under the system of penalties established by the ETS Directive (Art. 16(3)), any operator or aircraft operator who does not surrender sufficient allowances by 30 April each year to cover its emissions during the preceding year shall be held liable for the payment of an excess emissions penalty. The excess emissions penalty is EUR 100 for each tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emitted for which the operator has not surrendered allowances.

The company Luxaviation brought an appeal before the Cour administrative against a judgment declaring as unfounded its action against an order from the Environment Minister requiring the surrender of 6428 emission allowances and setting a fine of 642 800 EUR. The referring court raises 4 questions of interpretation regarding the carrying out of individual monitoring of surrender obligations by the competent national authority, on the procedural aspects of the surrender operation in the case at hand and whether legitimate expectations may be interpreted as constituting force majeure, on the validity of Article 16(3) in light of the principle of proportionality, equality and right to an effective remedy.

- **Case T-126/19, *Krajowa Izba Gospodarcza Chłodnictwa i Klimatyzacji v Commission*** - Plea of illegality Regulation (EU) No. 517/2014 (F-gas)

The applicant requests the annulment of the Commission decision of 12 December 2018 on the allocation of the quota of hydrofluorocarbons that it can place on the market in 2019. In this context, the applicant raises a plea of illegality of Article 16 of the F-Gas Regulation insofar as it establishes a system of allocation of quotas for HFC which introduces a discriminatory and arbitrary distinction between undertakings, depending on their previous activity on the gas market.

- **Case T-153/219, *European Union Copper Task Force v European Commission*** on the validity of the plant protection products Regulation 1107/2009

The applicant seeks the annulment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/198 adopted in accordance with Regulation 1107/2009 laying down rules for the authorisation, placing on the market, use and control in the Union of plant protection products. Plant protection product containing specific active substances are subject to regular reviews with a view to replacing them by other products containing different active substances requiring less risk mitigation. Article 24 Regulation 1107/2009 provides that specific substances may be approved as candidates for substitution if they meet the criteria laid down in Annex II point 4. The Commission Implementation Regulation is challenged insofar as it renews authorisation of copper compounds as an active substance candidate for substitution. The applicant argues Article 24 of the Regulation refers to inappropriate scientific criteria and is therefore in breach of the precautionary principle.

6.7 *Petitions received for opinion (SC)*

- Petition **No 0963/2018** by U.B-W. (German)
- Petition **No 0205/2018**, by Mariateresa Anzola, (Italian), on behalf of the Intermunicipal Committee for the Quality of Life of Dosolo
- Petition **No 0844/2018** by J.S. (British), on behalf of PIP Action Campaign
- Petition **No 0663/2018** by Francoise Côte (French)
- Petition **No 1104/2018** by Marisol Vargas (Spanish)
- Petition **No 0879/2017** by Slavomir Elias (Slovak)
- Petition **No 0510/2018** by Mary O’Leary (Irish)

Decision taken: *No opinion. The Chair will reply accordingly to the PETI Chair.*

7. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 *Unfinished business - Motions for resolution pursuant to Rule 143 (former Rule 133) of the Rules of Procedure*

Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on EU and Member State support at the 72nd WHO plenary meeting for a resolution entitled ‘Improving the transparency of markets for drugs, vaccines and other health-related technologies’ by Piernicola Pedicini - **B8-211/2019**

7.2 ***Petitions received for information (SC)***

- Petition **No 0809/2018** by Marco Bava (Italian)
- Petition **No 0819/2018** by V.D. (Romanian)
- Petition **No 0821/2018** by Thilo Hane (French)
- Petition **No 0828/2018** by Marco Bava (Italian)
- Petition **No 0854/2018** by M.K. (German)
- Petition **No 0874/2018** by Patricio Oschlies Serrano (Spanish)
- Petition **No 0880/2018** by Ł. H. (Polish)
- Petition **No 0957/2018** by E.S. (German)
- Petition **No 0959/2018** by Constantin Vlădescu (Romanian)
- Petition **No 0960/2018** by Maurizio Zinesi (Italian)
- Petition **No 0969/2018** by W.S. (German)
- Petition **No 0970/2018** by W.S. (German)
- Petition **No 0974/2018** by C.K. (German)
- Petition **No 0980/2018** by P.T. (German)
- Petition **No 0998/2018** by Alberto Cirio (Italian)
- Petition **No 1017/2018** by A.T.N. (Spanish)
- Petition **No 1030/2018** by Raffaella Scattolon (Italian)
- Petition **No 1039/2018** by Valentina Cucu (Romanian)
- Petition **No 1047/2018** by W.H. (German)
- Petition **No. 1053/2018** by Benito Lupiañez López (Spanish)
- Petition **No 1064/2018** by U.P. (German)
- Petition **No 1078/2018** by Velichka Velichkova (Bulgarian)
- Petition **No 1079/2018** by Antonio Guillamón Insa (Spanish)

- Petition **No 1087/2018** by M.K. (German)
- Petition **No 1091/2018** by Galina Tosheva (Bulgarian)
- Petition **No 1099/2018** by Józef Drzazgowski (Polish)
- Petition **No 1100/2018** by P. M. G. (Spanish)
- Petition **No 1105/2018** by Kremena Petrova (Bulgarian)
- Petition **No 1114/2018** by M. S. (Finnish)
- Petition **No 1134/2018** by Rosa Diez Tagarro (Spanish)
- Petition **No 1140/2018** by Fernando Novella Asensio (Spanish)
- Petition **No 1141/2018** by Maria Luisa Medina de Zafra (Spanish)
- Petition **No 1147/2018** by M.S. (German)
- Petition **No 1151/2018** by Holger Wagner (German)
- Petition **No 1152/2018** by Ferenc Tibor Zsák (Hungarian)
- Petition **No 1155/2018** by J.R. (Polish)
- Petition **No 1166/2018** by Andreas Kotoulas (Greek)
- Petition **No 1013/2018** by Alessandro Giovannetti (Italian)
- Petition **No 0007/2019** by Johannes Prescher (German)
- Petition **No 0015/2019** by Gianluca Primi (Italian)
- Petition **No 0017/2019** by Paolo Chirichella (Italian)
- Petition **No 0020/2019** by Marco Bava (Italian)
- Petition **No 0039/2019** by T.H. (German)
- Petition **No 0068/2019** by W.M. (German)
- Petition **No 0076/2019** by Manuela Giacomini (Italy)
- Petition **No 0077/2019** by V.B. (Slovene)
- Petition **No 0078/2019** by F.S.A. (Spanish)
- Petition **No 0082/2019** by Elena Mihaela Blejdea (Romanian)
- Petition **No 0094/2019** by S.O. (Polish)
- Petition **No 0096/2019** by Arnau Domènech Romero (Spanish)

- Petition No **0145/2019** by Ismael Antonio López Pérez (Spanish)
- Petition No **0148/2019** by A.P. (Polish)

7.3 *Update on delegated acts and upcoming expert meetings (CM, IP)*

Council objection to a delegated act

The Parliament has been informed that during the recess period the Council objected to the Commission delegated Regulation of 6.3.2019 supplementing Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards measures adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organisation for the monitoring, reporting and verification of aviation emissions for the purpose of implementing a global market-based measure. According to the Council, the reason for the objection is linked to the part of Article 7 that states that the Commission shall transmit emissions data to the Secretariat of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). According to information from the Commission, a revised version of the delegated act will be sent to the Parliament and Council as soon as possible. Once officially transmitted to the Parliament, it will be included in the regular newsletter containing delegated acts with a new deadline to object.

Upcoming expert meetings

A list with upcoming expert meetings on delegated acts was included in the file.

7.4 *Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation (SD)*

The updated rolling check-list was included in the file.

7.5 *Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors (GR)*

The following documents were recently published:

– SPECIAL REPORTS

Special report on “EU actions for cross-border healthcare: significant ambitions but improved management required” (4 June 2019)

The 2011 Cross-border Healthcare Directive seeks to guarantee EU patients’ right of access to safe and high-quality healthcare across national borders within the EU, and their rights to be reimbursed for such care. In this Special report, the Court examines whether the Commission has overseen the implementation of the Directive in the Member States well and provided guidance to the National Contact Points responsible for informing patients about their right to cross-border healthcare. The Court also assesses whether the results achieved for cross-border exchanges of patients’ data were in line with expectations and demonstrated benefits to patients. Key recent EU actions in the field of rare diseases are also examined, focusing on the creation of the European Reference Networks. The Court concludes that while EU actions in cross-border healthcare enhanced cooperation between Member States, the impact on patients was limited at the time of audit.

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to have this Special report presented in ENVI.*

Special report on “Wind and solar power for electricity generation: significant action needed if EU targets to be met” (No 08/2019) (6 June 2019)

Although both wind and solar power have recorded strong growth since 2005, there has been a slowdown since 2014. In this Special report, the Court assesses whether the share of renewables in the gross final energy consumption has progressed enough for the EU to meet the 20 % target by 2020 as set by the directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewables, and the effectiveness of EU and Member State support for electricity generation from wind and solar photovoltaic power. The Court finds that the initial support schemes oversubsidised wind and solar photovoltaic deployment, but that decreasing the levels of support deterred potential investment. Between 2005 and 2017, the share of renewables in the gross final energy consumption has increased significantly from 9.1 % to 17.5 %, with half of the Member States either already reaching or being close to reaching their 2020 target. However, the Court warns that meeting the national target for the remaining half remains a significant challenge. Therefore, there are concerns as to whether the results of the high-achievers in renewables will be enough to compensate for the under-achievers and to meet the overall EU target of 20 %.

– **AUDIT PREVIEWS**

Audit preview on “EU support for biodiversity in farming” (21 March 2019)

This report provides information on an ongoing audit of the contribution of the EU’s agriculture policy in the period 2014-2020 to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity by 2020. In particular, the Court will examine whether the EU biodiversity strategy and the CAP legal framework were well-designed, whether the Commission and the Member States have improved farming’s contribution to biodiversity and whether the Commission used pertinent, reliable and up-to-date information and data to monitor and evaluate the farmland biodiversity situation.

Audit Preview on “Ecodesign and Energy Labelling” (20 March 2019)

This report provides information on an ongoing audit of EU measures for ecodesign and energy labelling of products, including household appliances (***expected publication date***: 1st quarter of 2020). The Court will assess these measures’ contribution to the EU’s energy efficiency and environmental objectives. The audit will focus on the Commission’s management of ecodesign and energy labelling measures and on the impact of EU action on Member States’ market surveillance activities. As part of its fight against climate change, the EU is committed to improving its energy efficiency by 20% by 2020 and by 32.5% by 2030. To help achieve these goals, the Commission has taken measures focusing on greener product design and consumer information. About €0.8 billion have been allocated for the 2007-2020 period. The current ecodesign requirements cover 30 product groups ranging from household lamps to industrial solid-fuel boilers. The rules on labelling also apply, at least partly, to 13 of these product groups.

Audit Preview “Urban mobility in the EU” (25 April 2019)

This report provides information on an ongoing audit of EU action to improve the mobility of people in cities and densely populated areas (***expected publication date***: 1st quarter of 2020). The Court will examine how the European Commission and Member States use the EU funding available to put into action their urban mobility policies and whether the Commission provides effective support to Member States. The Court will also assess the progress made in recent years in managing traffic congestion. Around 70 % of Europe’s population lives in urban areas, and this figure is expected to increase. Urban mobility refers to all travel options and associated activities in a city or urban area. It depends on several factors, including land use, car ownership and mobility policies. Inefficient travel networks in urban areas cost Member State economies an estimated €110 billion each year – over 1 % of the EU Member States’ combined GDP, while the health costs of air pollution amount to several hundred billion euro per year.

Audit Preview “Roads connecting European regions” (7 May 2019)

This report provides information on an ongoing audit of EU support for the network of roads connecting Member States and regions (***expected publication date***: 1st quarter of 2020). The Court will examine whether the European Commission’s actions and funding are ensuring that Member States remain on track to complete the network on time and improve connectivity for citizens. In the 1990s, the Commission set out to develop a trans-European transport network (TEN-T), including road infrastructure. It aims, by 2030, to complete the nine core corridors covering around 40 000 kilometres of roads from the Baltics to the Atlantic and from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean. These corridors are of the highest strategic importance for achieving the policy objectives and cover most of the core network. By 2050 it aims to complete the comprehensive network, which will ensure all regions in the EU are accessible and connected.

– RAPID CASE REVIEWS

Rapid case review on “Outstanding commitments in the EU budget: a closer look (2 April 2019)

Outstanding commitments are amounts committed but not paid. After years of almost uninterrupted increase, their value had reached €267 billion by the end of 2017 (the European Structural and Investment funds contributed the largest share), of which €1.6 billion for Environment and climate action (LIFE). The level of outstanding commitments is largely influenced by the gap between commitment appropriations and payment appropriations, combined with the overlapping of multi-annual financial frameworks and the slow implementation of programmes financed by the EU. A part of the increase can also be attributed to the growth of the EU budget, including the need to adapt to the accession of new Member States. The Court highlights the significant risks that a high level of outstanding commitments can create for the EU budget. It may lead to the impossibility to settle payment requests on time due to insufficient amounts in the annual budgets and increases the financial exposure of the EU budget.

Rapid case review on “Reporting on sustainability: a stocktake of EU Institutions and Agencies” (13 June 2019)

The EU is committed to sustainability and implementing the SDGs. The Court examined whether the Commission leads by example in reporting on sustainable development and assessed whether pre-requisites such as a strategy with targets to report on are in place. It also checked whether other EU institutions publish sustainability reports. The report stresses that the Commission does not report on or monitor how the EU budget and policies contribute to sustainable development and achieving the SDGs, and that the building blocks for meaningful sustainability reporting at EU level are largely not yet in place. The Court identifies four challenges: producing an EU strategy on sustainability and the SDGs after 2020; integrating sustainability and the SDGs into the EU budget and performance plans; developing sustainability reporting in EU institutions and agencies; increasing credibility through audit.

– BRIEFING PAPERS

Briefing Paper on “EU support for energy storage” (1st April 2019)

Energy storage can help to achieve EU energy and climate goals. Energy storage technologies provide a flexible response to the imbalances caused by an increased share of variable renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, in the power grid. Fuels produced from renewable sources, such as renewable electricity or hydrogen, can help to reduce transport emissions; improved energy storage technology can support the expansion of the fleet of vehicles using such fuels. The Court identifies challenges to energy storage technologies in the EU, both for the grid and transport. It warns that EU battery manufacturing capacity lags behind international competitors and might remain below the European Battery Alliance’s 2025 target. According to the paper, the main challenges to EU support for the development and deployment of energy storage are threefold: designing an EU strategy for

energy storage, using research and innovation effectively, and establishing a supportive legislative framework.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

6. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

22 July 2019, 17.00 – 18.30