

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

### CO-ORDINATORS' RESULTS

- not to be treated in full committee -

Wednesday 4 September 2019, 16.30-18.30

**Room JAN 2Q2 (BRUSSELS)**

- 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

09/09/2019

#### **1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA**

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

#### **2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Decisions taken: Coordinators agreed to*

- *ask the Secretariat to prepare another letter to invite Commissioner Malmström to a committee meeting, insisting on the importance of having an exchange of views on the Mercosur agreement in ENVI,*
- *to deal with the allocation of agencies and the Health Working Group at the next coordinators' meeting and to set a new deadline for political groups to put forward the names of interested Members at the same meeting,*
- *ask the ENVI secretariat to prepare two letters as a follow-up to the exchange of views on CORSIA, one to be sent to the Commission and another one to be sent to the Council.*

#### **3. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE** *(see list of points in Annex I and Annex Ia)*

*Reports*

None

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## ***Opinions***

### ***Items 1 to 17 to be treated jointly***

1.     **2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission (GR)**  
ENVI/9/01030  
2019/2055(DEC)     COM(2019)0316[01] – C9-0050/2019  
  
Responsible:  
CONT
2.     **2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament**  
ENVI/9/01010  
2019/2056(DEC)     COM(2019)0316[02] – C9-0051/2019  
  
Responsible:  
CONT
3.     **2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Council and European Council**  
ENVI/9/00990  
2019/2057(DEC)     COM(2019)0316[03] – C9-0052/2019  
  
Responsible:  
CONT – (PPE)
4.     **2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice**  
ENVI/9/00970  
2019/2058(DEC)     COM(2019)0316[04] – C9-0053/2019  
  
Responsible:  
CONT
5.     **2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Court of Auditors**  
ENVI/9/00950  
2019/2059(DEC)     COM(2019)0316[05] – C9-0054/2019  
  
Responsible:  
CONT
6.     **2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee**  
ENVI/9/00930  
2019/2060(DEC)     COM(2019)0316[06] – C9-0055/2019  
  
Responsible:  
CONT
7.     **2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Committee of the Regions**  
ENVI/9/00910  
2019/2061(DEC)     COM(2019)0316[07] – C9-0056/2019  
  
Responsible:  
CONT

8. **2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Ombudsman**  
ENVI/9/00890  
2019/2062(DEC) COM(2019)0316[08] – C9-0057/2019  
Responsible:  
CONT
9. **2018 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)**  
ENVI/9/00864  
2019/2069(DEC) COM(2019)0316[14] – C9-0064/2019  
Responsible:  
CONT
10. **2018 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)**  
ENVI/9/00860  
2019/2070(DEC) COM(2019)0316[15] – C9-0065/2019  
Responsible:  
CONT
11. **2018 discharge: European Medicines Agency (EMA)**  
ENVI/9/00854  
2019/2073(DEC) COM(2019)0316[18] – C9-0068/2019  
Responsible:  
CONT
12. **2018 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)**  
ENVI/9/00844  
2019/2078(DEC) COM(2019)0316[23] – C9-0073/2019  
Responsible:  
CONT
13. **2018 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)**  
ENVI/9/00842  
2019/2079(DEC) COM(2019)0316[24] – C9-0074/2019  
Responsible:  
CONT
14. **2018 discharge: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)**  
ENVI/9/00827  
2019/2086(DEC) COM(2019)0316[31] – C9-0081/2019  
Responsible:  
CONT
15. **Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2018: performance, financial management and control**  
ENVI/9/00807  
2019/2098(DEC) COM(2019)0316[43] – C9-0093/2019  
Responsible:

CONT

16. **2018 discharge: Joint undertaking - Aeronautics and Environment (CLEAN SKY)**  
ENVI/9/00774

2019/2101(DEC) COM(2019)0316[46] – C9-0096/2019

Responsible:

CONT

17. **2018 discharge: Joint undertaking - Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI 2)**  
ENVI/9/00768

2019/2103(DEC) COM(2019)0316[48] – C9-0098/2019

Responsible:

CONT

**Decision taken:** *The Coordinators endorsed the proposal for ENVI to deliver opinions only, as in previous years, on the discharge to the Commission and to each of the five agencies under its responsibility (ECDC, ECHA, EEA, EFSA, EMA) and took note of the CONT and ENVI timetables (the Chair was confirmed as rapporteur for opinion for 0 points)*

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***Documents received for information***

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

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

19. **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 (GF)**  
COM(2019)0327

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

20. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee amending Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [RescUE] (LV)**  
COM(2019)0337

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

21. **Proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulations (EU) 2019/124 and (EU) 2018/2025 as regards certain fishing opportunities (GF)**  
COM(2019)0338

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

22. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Stepping up EU Action to Protect and Restore the World's Forests (ES)**  
COM(2019)0352

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators agreed to the principle of drawing up a legislative own-initiative report to respond to the Communication and to make sure that all aspects of the Communication would also be covered by ENVI.*

*They also agreed to take a more precise decision on the exact scope of the report and on the preparation needed (hearing...) at the next coordinators' meeting.*

23. **Report from the Commission: Annual Report on the Safety of Offshore Oil and Gas Operations in the European Union for the Year 2017 (SD)**  
COM(2019)0358

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

- 23a. **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 (ES)**  
COM(2019)321

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

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***Other documents received***

24. **Report from the Commission: Annual report 2018 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and on relations with national parliaments**  
COM(2019)0333
25. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents**  
SWD(2019)0298
26. **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
27. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EU guidance on integrating ecosystems and their services into decision-making**  
SWD(2019)0305
28. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European**

29. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION of the Entry/Exit scheme in accordance with Article 23(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy  
SWD(2019)0311
30. Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation of the Entry/Exit scheme in accordance with Article 23(3) of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy  
SWD(2019)0312

#### **4. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

##### ***4.1 Preparation of the hearings of the new Commissioners (CM)***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to propose to the ENVI Committee to delegate the decision on the questionnaires to the coordinators. Coordinators took note of the following preliminary timetable:*

- deadline to put forward a maximum of 3 or 5 draft questions depending on the structure of the Commission (for each of the following likely topics/portfolios: Health, Food safety, Environment, Climate): Wednesday 11 September 2019 at COB,*
- preliminary endorsement of the questionnaires by Coordinators at a special coordinators' meeting on 16 September 2019 in Strasbourg to be able to send them to the CCC in line with their timetable.*

*They also agreed that the timetable can be adjusted according to new information.*

##### ***4.2 Initiative reports and legislative initiative reports (MM)***

**Decision taken:** *As a general rule, coordinators confirmed the ENVI traditional approach to decide on a case-by-case basis the topics for non-legislative INI Reports. Without prejudice to earlier decisions, coordinators agreed in general to wait for the commissioners-designate' hearing process to be concluded before deciding on specific topics for legislative INI Reports.*

##### ***4.3 Monitoring and follow-up of Commission REFIT initiatives (GF)***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided in principle to hold exchange of views with the Commission on the following priority Fitness Check/Evaluations (the dates to be agreed later and depending on when the Commission presents its conclusions):*

- *Ambient Air Quality Directives*
- *Water Framework and Floods Directives*
- *Plant Protection Products and Maximum Residue Level of Pesticides*
- *Legislation on blood, tissues and cells*
- *Food Contact Materials*

➤ *Nutrition and Health Claims*

*Coordinators will come back to this issue by the beginning of next year in light of the new initiatives put forth by the Commission.*

**4.4** *COP15 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) - Kunming (2020) (ES)*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to draft an OQ + resolution and endorsed the proposed deadline Thursday 12 September at noon for political groups to inform the secretariat of the names of co-sponsors.*

**4.5** *Request from the Greens/EFA and GUE/NGL group for an exchange of views on RPS measure related to the protection of honeybees (CM)*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to hold an exchange of views during the ENVI committee meeting 25/26 September with representatives from both the Commission and the EFSA. The Coordinators therefore agreed to extend the internal deadline for possible objections to the measure until 27 September noon.*

**4.6** *Appointment of members responsible for gender mainstreaming (SC)*

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to the coordinators' meeting of 16/9*

**4.7** *Appointment of members responsible for the Network on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (IP)*

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to the coordinators' meeting of 16/9*

**4.8** *Possible joint meeting with AGRI and DEVE on FAO World Food Day 2019 "Our actions are our future. Healthy diets for a "ZeroHunger world"" (ES/NH)*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators confirmed ENVI's interest and ask the secretariat to liaise with AGRI and DEVE with a view of organising a joint AGRI-DEVE-ENVI exchange of views with the FAO in November*

**4.9** *Request from the Renew group to add to the agenda of the next ENVI meeting the written questions on "EU must protect African elephants" (LV)*

**Decision taken:** *Postponed to the coordinators' meeting of 16/9*

**5. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

**5.1** *Decisions on procedure*

**5.1.1** *Motions for resolution Rule 143*

- 1. Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on establishing a European Adherence to Therapy Day by Aldo Patriciello and others - B9-0002/2019**
- 2. Motion for a resolution on the Ebola epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo by**

**Dominique Bilde - B9-0031/2019**

**3. Motion for a resolution against a ban on synthetic turf by Markus Buchheit - B9-0033/2019**

**Decision taken:** *No follow-up needed. The Chair will reply accordingly to the author(s) of the motions for resolution.*

**5.2 Petitions for opinion (SC)**

None

**5.3 Programme for ENVI Committee hearings**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators mandated the Chair to inform the CCC that, as usual, authorisation for Public Hearings will be requested, if necessary, on an ad-hoc individual basis as foreseen by Article 3(3) of the Bureau rules on hearings.*

**6. POINTS FOR INFORMATION**

**6.1 Petitions for information (SC)**

None

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

The updated rolling check-list is attached in Annex VII.

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

None

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

The following documents were recently published:

– ***SPECIAL REPORTS***

**Special report No 13/2019 on “The ethical frameworks of the audited EU institutions: scope for improvement” (19 July 2019)**

This Special report assessed whether the ethical frameworks of the audited EU institutions were well established. It covered all the levels of staff and Members of the following institutions: the European Parliament, the Council of the EU, the European Council, and the Commission. The Court concluded that, to a large extent, the audited institutions had established adequate ethical frameworks with room for improvement. In the Council, there is no common ethical framework governing the work of the representatives of Member States. The audit identified some weaknesses with regard to: overall strategies on ethics (Parliament and Council), formalising procedures for checks on declarations and developing clearer guidance on the assessment criteria for staff (Parliament, Council and Commission), enhancing the scrutiny of Members’ declarations by establishing a written standard procedure (Parliament and Commission), gifts and entertainment



policies (Parliament, Council and Commission), whistleblowing (Parliament), and post-mandate provisions (Parliament). The Court also found areas where the ethical frameworks would benefit from cross-institutional harmonisation (e.g. outside activities for staff, and declarations on Members' spouses and partners' activities), as well as examples of good practices.

#### – **AUDIT PREVIEWS**

##### **Audit preview on “New imaging technologies for agricultural monitoring”** (27 August 2019)

Over the years, classic on-the-spot inspections have been largely replaced with remote sensing checks. However, these remote checks still require significant human interaction to interpret the satellite images. Since March 2017, the EU's Copernicus Sentinel satellite programme has provided free, high-resolution images, which are significantly better than those already freely available. The use of new technologies for monitoring should increase the effectiveness of environmental and climate measures. The new technologies also have the potential to reduce the costs of controls in Member States, while checking more beneficiaries. This on-going audit aims to identify the use of these new imaging technologies so far, the support provided by the Commission, best practices identified in the Member States already using them, and challenges hindering the faster and wider deployment of the new technologies to monitor the Common Agriculture Policy.

#### – **BRIEFING PAPERS**

##### **Briefing Paper on “Delivering performance in Cohesion”** (20 June 2019)

This briefing paper presents the Court's views on how performance orientation has evolved, from the previous programme period through to the Commission's proposals for 2021-2027. The Court considers both the legislative framework and its implementation at Commission and Member State level. At the heart of the review are 14 guiding principles, which are key to making sure that EU spending is geared towards performance. These principles cover the entire cycle of policy management, starting with strategic planning and moving through implementation until the reporting and evaluation stages. The strategic environment, in which the Cohesion policy funds are implemented, including international commitments such as the Paris Agreement, is discussed in the paper.

#### **European Court of Auditors' portfolio of publications**

**Special reports** present the results of selected audits (performance audits) on specific policy or spending areas, or on budgetary or management issues.

**Annual reports** mainly contain the results of financial and compliance audit work on the EU budget and the European Development Funds, but also budgetary management and performance aspects.

**Specific annual reports**, published separately on the EU's agencies, decentralised bodies and joint undertakings.

**Opinions** on new or updated laws with a significant impact on financial management, either mandatory under the TFEU, at the request of another institution or on our own initiative.

**Briefing papers** describe and analyse policy or management, focusing on specific topics.

**Landscape reviews**, similar to briefing papers, but focused on complex, large-scale policy areas or management issues, often from a cross-cutting perspective.

**Rapid case reviews** establish facts surrounding very focused specific issues or problems.

**Audit previews** present background information on a forthcoming or ongoing audit.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*EPP-Request for adding an exchange of views on forest fires in the Amazon rainforest with the Commission and the Brazilian ambassador to the European Union to an upcoming ENVI meeting.*

**Decision taken:** *No action needed for the moment*

## **8. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

- Monday; 16 September, extraordinary coordinators' meeting in Strasbourg (preparation of hearings of Commissioners) (tbc)
- Wednesday, 25 September 2019, (Brussels) (time tbc)