

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Wednesday, 16 October 2019, 9.00-10.00
Room ASP 5G2 (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
- Mr Fiocchi, Coordinator of the ECR group (replacing Mr Vondra)
- Ms Konecna, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL group (replacing Ms Modig)

17.10.2019

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on CORSIA: Coordinators were informed about the invitation to Director General Hololei to the ENVI Committee meeting of 6-7 November in order for him to report back about the discussions that took place in the General Assembly concerning CORSIA

Brexit: Coordinators maintained the invitation to the Commission for a possible exchange of views on the latest developments following the UK's withdrawal from the EU on areas falling within the remit of the Committee during the meeting of 6-7 November.

IPCC: Coordinators were updated about the presentation by IPCC experts of the two special reports on 6 November.

3. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

3.1 ENVI work on cancer (BM/IP)

Decision taken: *Coordinators underlined the importance of this matter to the European Parliament and to the ENVI Committee and mandated the Chair to write a letter to the Conference of Presidents on this issue, outlining that a majority*

of coordinators took the view that a strategic own-initiative report under the lead of the ENVI Committee, and in close cooperation with other committees, especially ITRE and EMPL, would be an adequate instrument for the Parliament to deal with this matter.

During the exchange of views, the EPP coordinator strongly supported the creation of a special committee on cancer. With the establishment of such a committee, he underlined that ENVI would have much more time to listen to experts and especially to patient's representatives and would also have a much better opportunity to work with colleagues from other committees, like ITRE and EMPL that are leading committee for essential parts of the necessary legislation, like Horizon Europe, protection of workers against cancer causing substances and many other issues. He also stressed that having a special committee on issues like emissions, pesticides and human genetics but not on cancer would give the wrong impression that cancer is less important than the issues mentioned above.

3.2 State of play on cooperation with other committees

3.2.1. Update conflict on hearings (NH/ES)

** AGRI hearing on CAP reform*

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to discuss this matter with the AGRI Chair to find an agreement on this hearing.*

** PETI hearing on wolf populations in the EU*

Decision taken: *Coordinators confirmed that ENVI should organise this hearing jointly with PETI and that AGRI should be associated. They also asked to organise the hearing outside ENVI committee time.
Political groups are asked to send by 12.00 on Tuesday 5 November their suggestions for two speakers/organisations to be invited to the hearing.*

** DEVE proposed hearing on food security and deforestation in developing countries*

Decision taken: *Coordinators were informed that the decision by DEVE has been postponed in view of the ongoing conflict on the attribution of the Communication on deforestation is resolved (see item 3.2.2).*

3.2.2 Update on communication on deforestation (GF/ES)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided:*
1) to challenge AGRI's request to draft an INI on the Communication on deforestation and ask for ENVI's lead instead;
2) to ask for association to AGRI's INI on "The European Forest Strategy - The Way Forward";

3) to continue the preparations of the legislative INI by ENVI on imported forest-risk commodities, also taking into account the recent Commissioner hearings.

3.2.3 Cooperation with IMCO on the RDE2 file (GF/CM)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to proceed with a joint letter, in agreement with IMCO, to be submitted to the next CCC, stating that the committees propose to follow the previous division of competence under Regulation 715/2007, provided no amendment to parts under IMCO competence impacts the environmental aspects of the proposal.*

3.2.4 Reaction to DEVE requests linked to COP25 (ES/SC)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to vote on DEVE paragraphs as much as possible ‘en bloc’ provided that these paragraphs cover specific competences of the DEVE committee.
On the composition of the EP COP25 delegation, they were informed that the Conference of Presidents will discuss the matter in the near future.*

3.3 Mission to COP15 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Kunming (China) - October 2020 (ES)

Decision postponed

3.4 Follow-up to invitation to Commissioner Malmström on Mercosur (LV)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite Commissioner Malmström for an exchange of views in an extraordinary coordinators’ meeting.*

3.5 Joint ECON-ENVI invitation to EIB President Hoyer on transforming part of the European Investment Bank into a climate bank (MM)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to send a letter to the ECON Chair proposing the organisation of a joint exchange of view with the EIB President on the transformation of the EIB into a climate bank. They also discussed the organisation of a joint hearing with ECON on green finance.*

4. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

4.1 Possible joint meeting with AGRI and DEVE on FAO World Food Day 2019 “Our actions are our future. Healthy diets for a “ZeroHunger world”” (NH)

Coordinators were informed that the joint exchange of views with the AGRI and DEVE committees will take place during AGRI Committee time on Monday, 18 November 2019, from 14h30 to 16h00 (meeting room tbc). The speaker from FAO will be its Deputy Director-General of Climate and Natural Resources, Ms Maria Helena Semedo. Ms. Semedo handles all technical Departments of

FAO including Agriculture and Consumer Protection, Climate Biodiversity Land and Water, Forestry, and Fisheries and Aquaculture.

4.2 *Update on Commission and Council responses to written questions on protection of elephants (LV)*

Coordinators were informed about the written answer by Commissioner Vella and the lack of written answer by the Council.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

6. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

Wednesday, 6 November 2019 (time tbc)