

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Tuesday, 18 February 2020, 09:00 - 11:00

Room József Antall (2Q2)

BRUSSELS

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

- 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
- Ms Sardone, Coordinator of the ID group
- Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
- Mr Vondra, Coordinator of the ECR group
- Ms Modig, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL group

21.02.2020

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

If there are no objections, the draft agenda can be adopted without modifications.

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Invitation of Commissioner Hogan for a future exchange of views on Mercosur*
- *Extended coordinators' meeting with the Brazilian President of the Chair of Deputies*
- *Mandate of the envisaged special committee on cancer*

3. FOLLOW-UP ON THE COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME

(including proposals linked to the Green Deal Communication (COM(2019)0640))

A. NEW INITIATIVES:

- **European Climate Law enshrining the 2050 climate neutrality objective** (Legislative, Article 192(1) TFEU, 4 March 2020) and **2030 Climate Target Plan** (non-legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q3 2020).

Decision taken:

Please see under point 6 Decisions on procedure.

- **The European Climate Pact** (non-legislative, Q3 2020)

Decision taken:

No further action needed at this stage.

- **European Green Deal Investment Plan** (non-legislative, 14 January 2020).

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to mandate the Chair to write to the CCC Chair in order to clarify ENVI position as associated committee under Rule 57 in view of comments made by ECON and BUDG Chairs.

- **Just Transition Fund** (legislative, Article 175 TFEU, 14 January 2020).

Decision taken:

Please see under point 6 Decisions on procedure.

- **Renewed Sustainable Finance Strategy** (non-legislative, Q3 2020)

Decision taken:

No particular action needed at this stage.

- **Review of the Non-Financial Reporting Directive** (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2020)

Decision taken:

Coordinators took note of the fact that ENVI might want to be involved in the legislative procedure.

- **New EU Strategy on Adaptation to climate Change** (non- legislative, Q4).

Point for information:

The ENVI Committee is in the process of drafting an Oral Question with resolution to provide input for the future Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change.

- **New EU Forest Strategy** (non-legislative, Q4 2020)

Decision taken:

As ENVI is contributing with an opinion on the strategy, there is no need for further action at this stage.

- “Farm to Fork” strategy (non-legislative, Q1 2020, planned for 25 March 2020)

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to request an INI after publication of the communication.

- New Circular Economy Action Plan (non-legislative, Q1 2020, planned for 10 March 2020)

Decision taken:

Decision already taken to request an INI after publication of the communication.

- A New industrial strategy for Europe (non- legislative, planned for 10 March 2020)

Decision taken::

Coordinators decided to await document to assess further action.

Empowering Consumer for the Green Transition (legislative, including impact assessment art. 114 TFEU, Q4 2020))

Decision taken::

Coordinators decided to await document to assess further action.

- EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 (non-legislative, Q1 2020, planned for 25 March 2020)

Decision taken:

No further action needed at this stage.

- 8th Environmental Action Programme (legislative, Article 192(3) TFEU, Q2 2020)

Decision taken:

Wait for the legislative proposal.

- Chemicals strategy for sustainability (non-legislative, Q3 2020)

Decision taken:

ENVI is in the process of drafting an Oral Question with resolution on chemical strategy for sustainability.

- Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan (non-legislative, Q4 2020)

- A Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe (non-legislative, Q4 2020)

Decision taken:

No action needed at this stage.

B. REFIT INITIATIVES:

Please see the list of the REFIT initiatives in the CWP.

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to postpone the discussion on this issue to the next coordinators' meeting.

C. Withdrawals

- COM(2013)892 final 2013/0433 (COD) Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the cloning of animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species kept and reproduced for farming purposes.

- COM(2013)893 final 2013/0434 (APP) Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE on the placing on the market of food from animal clones.

Decision taken:

Coordinators mandated the Chair to write a letter to the CCC Chair with regard to the planned withdrawals on the Directives on cloning (COM(2013)892 and COM(2013)893), and to invite the Commission for an exchange of views on this topic (see also point 7.1).

- COM(2015)177 final 2015/0093 (COD) Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the use of genetically modified food and feed on their territory

Decision taken:

Coordinators took note of the situation.

4. ENVI ROLE IN THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM (ES, GF)

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided

- *to appoint the Chair as ENVI standing rapporteur to follow the negotiations on the EU-UK future relationship*
- *to request political groups to appoint shadows on this issue;*

- *to invite a member of the Commission negotiation team to debrief the ENVI coordinators;*
- *to seek authorisation for a Public Hearing on the different ENVI aspects of the future EU-UK relationship in June 2020. Political groups were invited to send the names of possible speakers to the Secretariat by close of business on Friday 13 March.*

5. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

5.1 State of play with other committees

5.1.1 Update on repartition of competence with other committees

- **DEVE own-initiative report on “The impact of climate change on vulnerable populations in developing countries” (SC)**

Decision taken:

Without creating a precedent for any other INIs, coordinators decided to do an opinion to the INI “The impact of climate change on vulnerable populations in developing countries” under Rule 56.

5.1.2 Joint ENVI-DEVE hearing on food security and deforestation in developing countries (GF, ES)

Decision taken:

Coordinators endorsed the selection of experts prepared at technical level and asked the Chair to request authorisation for this joint hearing on this basis.

5.1.3 Joint BUDG-ENVI hearing on “Greening the budget: how to upgrade climate and biodiversity mainstreaming and to improve the tracking of related budget expenditure. Which role for ‘green own resources’”? (GR)

Decision taken:

Coordinators gave some input on issues to be covered by the already authorised hearing and mandated the Chair to agree with his BUDG counterpart on the programme of the hearing.

5.2 Request for an ad hoc ENVI-DEVE delegation to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York in July 2020 and decision on Oral Questions and Motion for Resolution as EP position for the delegation (LV)

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to request jointly with DEVE an ad-hoc delegation to the HLPF on 14-16 July 2020 keeping the number of Members limited on the basis of the 2018 precedent and taking into account the size of the different committees.

The coordinators also decided that the EP position should be prepared in the form of an Oral Question with Motion for Resolution jointly prepared with DEVE.

5.3 CAP Strategic Plans - response to AGRI letter of 6 February on the participation of associated committee(s) in shadows' meetings (NP, NH)

Decision taken:

Coordinators mandated the Chair to write a reply to the AGRI letter welcoming the possibility for the shadows to start joint work on plenary compromises but without any connection to future legislative procedures.

5.4 Possible further steps following the exchange of views with the Commission on (1) the Fitness Check of the Ambient Air Quality Directives, (2) the Fitness Check of the Water Framework Directive, Groundwater Directive, Environmental Quality Standards Directive and Floods Directive, and (3) the Evaluation of the Urban Waste-Water Treatment Directive, (BM, SC)

Decision taken:

On the fitness report of the Air quality Directives (1), the coordinators decided to do an implementation report on the basis of an EPRS study, looking also at the implementation of air quality legislation reducing the source of pollution.

On the fitness check on the Water Directives (2-3), the coordinators decided to do two oral questions with resolution on the issue.

5.5 Requests from the Finnish and Polish Parliaments (GR)

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to give a positive reply to these meeting requests, keeping the format for these kind of meetings limited to the coordinators with a few additional members, and to hold these meetings in camera.

6. **DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE** (see list of points in Annex IV and IVa)

Reports

1. “Proposal on a European ‘Climate Law’” (ES)

Decision taken:

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Legislative opinions

1. **Rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission’s exercise of implementing powers (CM)**

ENVI/9/00235

***I 2017/0035(COD) COM(2017)0085 – C8-0034/2017

Responsible:

JURI – József Szájer (PPE)

Decision taken:

Coordinators took note of the current state of the file and EPP will confirm the name of the Member who will take over the file.

2. **Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Just Transition Fund (MM)**

COM(2020)0022

Decision taken:

Decision postponed

3. **Amended proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument**

COM(2020)0023

Decision taken:

Decision postponed.

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Non-legislative opinions

4. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Sustainable Europe Investment Plan - the European Green Deal Investment Plan**
COM(2020)0021

Decision taken:

Decision postponed.

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Documents received for information

5. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Report on the functioning of the European carbon market**
COM(2019)0557

Decision taken:

For information only.

6. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A strong social Europe for just transitions**
COM(2020)0014
7. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Shaping the Conference on the Future of Europe (CM)**
COM(2020)0027

Decision taken:

No action needed at this stage, for information only.

8. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Commission Work Programme 2020 - A Union that strives for more**
COM(2020)0037

See point 3.

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Other documents received

9. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Annual report on the European Union's humanitarian aid operations financed in 2018**
COM(2020)0006

10. **REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP OF WISE PERSONS ON THE EUROPEAN FINANCIAL ARCHITECTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT**
COM(2020)0043
11. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: 12th Financial Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund, 2018 Financial Year**
COM(2019)0366
12. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals (CMS) with regard to proposals from various parties to amend the Appendices to that Convention, and on the withdrawal of a reservation notified to that Convention (LV, ES)**
COM(2020)0008
13. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the sixty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the addition to the list of substances in Table I of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances**
COM(2020)0017
14. **Recommendation for a Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**
COM(2020)0035
15. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION Interim Evaluation of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) for the Sustainable Development of EU Aquaculture**
SWD(2020)0006
16. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation: Interim Evaluation of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) for the Sustainable Development of EU Aquaculture**
SWD(2020)0007
17. **Commission staff working document Tax Policies in the European Union: 2020 Survey**
SWD(2020)0014
18. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION of Regulation (EC) No 1013 /2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste**
SWD(2020)0026
19. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation of Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on shipments of waste**
SWD(2020)0027

7. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

7.1 ENVI 2020 scrutiny plan (CM, NK)

Decision taken:

Coordinators endorsed the new topics for the 2020 scrutiny plan and took note of the fact that the plan will be updated on a regular basis.

Coordinators also agreed to hold a discussion on ENVI's use of its expertise budget at an up-coming coordinators' meeting.

7.2 Composition of the ad hoc delegation to the 2020 UN Ocean Conference: "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, partnerships and solutions" (2-6 June 2020, Lisbon Portugal) - LV

Decision taken:

Coordinators agreed:

- *to shorten the delegation;*
- *to request a study to the Policy Department;*
- *at the request of PECH to add one of its Member to the delegation;*
- *to request the Secretariat to transmit to the political groups the d'Hondt repartition of the seats once available and to set a deadline for the names to be provided.*

The repartition of seats allocated in this delegation between DEVE and ENVI Members should reflect the size of each committee.

7.3 Discussion on a possible ENVI response to the Coronavirus outbreak

Decision taken:

Coordinators discussed how to ensure that the EP has a united position on the Coronavirus outbreak and agreed that at this stage there was no need for additional ENVI action. This issue will be added to upcoming coordinators' meetings to ensure a regular follow-up by ENVI.

7.4 Inter-parliamentary conference on the "Environmental challenges in the Western Balkans" (SD)

Decision taken:

The item was postponed.

8. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

8.1 *ENVI d'Hondt system after Brexit*

8.2 *Decisions on procedure*

8.2.1 *Motions for resolution Rule 143*

None?

8.3 *Petitions for opinion (SC, NP)*

Decision taken:

No opinion. The Chair will reply accordingly to the PETI Chair.

8.4 *Access to classified documents – establishing an agreement with DG MOVE (MM)*

Decision taken:

Coordinators mandated the Chair to discuss a possible agreement by means of exchange of letters with DG MOVE concerning the exchange of EU Restricted and other confidential documents, along the lines of similar agreements already concluded by other Committees (such as TRAN).

8.5 *Procedure and timetable for this year's budgetary procedure (Budget 2021) (GR)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the procedure and timetables for his year's budgetary procedure.*

8.6 *Committee programming activities for the 2nd semester 2020 (committee travel, public hearings & activities with national parliaments) (CM)*

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to set Monday 2 March 2020 COB as a deadline for political groups to send the secretariat proposals for delegation visits and possible hearings in the second half of 2020.

8.7 *Workshop on "An EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation" (GF/ES)*

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to support this request for a workshop on "An EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation".

9. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 *Petitions for information (SC)*

The coordinators notes includes the list of petitions for information.

9.2 *On-going INI reports in ENVI*

The file includes the list of on-going INI reports (see Annex VII)

9.3 *Overview of ENVI-related dates for the first half of 2020*

The overview is attached in Annex VIII.

9.4 *Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation*

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

9.5 *Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee*

The coordinators notes includes the list of relevant case-law.

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

The following document was recently published:

– *SPECIAL REPORTS*

Sustainable use of plant protection products: limited progress in measuring and reducing risks (No 5/2020) (5 February 2020)

Action requested by coordinators:

Coordinators decided to have this Special report presented in ENVI.

9.7 *ENVI Opinion on the Reform Support Programme*

Decision taken:

Coordinators took note of the information that this item will be put on the agenda of the next committee meeting with Chair as the Rapporteur for opinion. The text of the old (lapsed) opinion adopted in the previous legislative term will be used as a draft opinion, no deadline for amendments will be opened, and single vote on the text will follow.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Decision taken:

Coordinators agreed to add the rapporteur for the file on “MRV for shipping” to the IMO-MEPC delegation to London in April 2020.

11. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

12 March 2020