

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Wednesday, 11 March 2020, 14:00 - 16:00

**Room Altiero Spinelli 5G3
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
- Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
- Mr Tobiszowski, replacing Mr Vondra, Coordinator of the ECR group
- Ms Bjork, replacing Ms Modig, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL group

13.03.2020

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda was adopted with the following modifications:

- Item 7, update on the COVID-19 outbreak in the presence of Commissioner Kyriakides, first item on the agenda.
- Addition requested by the Greens/EFA group on the ongoing work with AGRI on the CAP strategic plans file.
- Addition requested by the EPP group on a possible INI on medicines shortages under point 6.

2. UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Commissioner Kyriakides updated the coordinators by videoconference on the recent developments regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Coordinators agreed to hold such debriefings with Commissioner Kyriakides per visioconference or audioconference on a weekly basis.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

EP response to the COVID-19 outbreak:

- *Letter to President Sassoli to welcome measures taken so far and to stress the need to find ways for committee work to continue, in particular on important legislative proposals.*
- *Letter to the Commission and Council reiterating a number of EP positions on EU measures against pandemics such as COVID-19, including revising the mandate of the ECDC.*

4. REFIT

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the following procedure:*

- *to confirm the exchanges of views on the Nutrition and Health Claims evaluation once published*
- *to hold an exchange of views on the Fitness Check on endocrine disruptors*
- *to hold an exchange on the Food Contact Materials evaluation ahead of publication given the uncertainty on the timeline*
- *to await as a general principle for the publication of other relevant REFIT/Evaluations before taking a decision for a specific exchange of views, unless decided otherwise.*

5. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

5.1 *State of play with other committees*

- *Ad hoc ENVI-DEVE delegation to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York in July 2020 (LV)*

Decision taken: *As no agreement was found with the DEVE committee on the size of the delegation, Coordinators decided to request a 5+chair delegation on behalf of ENVI. Coordinators also underlined that the size of committees should be reflected for delegations composed of different committees.*

- *REGI own-initiative report “Cohesion Policy and regional environment strategies in the fight against climate change” (SC)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to accept the REGI proposal for an opinion under “Rule 56+”.*

- *JURI own-initiative report on “Sustainable Corporate Governance” (MM)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to accept the proposal by JURI for an opinion under Rule 56 and mandated the chair to write a joint letter with his JURI counterpart to clarify the scope of the future INI.*

- *TRAN request to be associated to ENVI implementation report on “Implementation of the Ambient Air Quality Directives: Directive 2004/107/EC and Directive 2008/50/EC” (BM/VP)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to reject TRAN request for association under Rule 57 and to invite TRAN to provide an opinion under Rule 56 with a clarification that the ENVI report will focus on the air quality legislation for which ENVI is in the lead.*

5.2 Possible request to the Legal Service for an opinion on Article 3 of the European Climate Law proposal (ES/NK)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to request an informal opinion (Non-paper) of the Legal Service on Article 3 of the Commission proposal for a European Climate Law.*

5.3 Possible reaction to the reply by Commissioner Kyriakides on bee guidance (CM)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to respond to Commissioner Kyriakides about the fact that Parliament is awaiting a new proposal on bee guidance urgently and that this should also be addressed in the future Farm to Fork strategy.*

6. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE (see list of points in Annex III and IIIa)

Reports

1. Establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law)

ENVI/9/02649

***I 2020/0036(COD) COM(2020)0080 – C9-0077/2020

Responsible:

ENVI

Opinions:

ECON

EMPL

ITRE

REGI

AGRI

Decision taken: *Coordinators were informed about the request by ITRE to have a joint committee procedure (rule 58) and mandated the chair to inform the CCC that this is not acceptable for ENVI.*

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Own-initiative reports

2. **Towards a WTO-compatible EU carbon border adjustment mechanism (GF/NK)**
ENVI/9/02638
2020/2043(INI)

Responsible:

ENVI*

Opinions:

INTA*

ECON*

Decision taken: *Greens/EFA (1 point)*

3. **New Circular Economy Action Plan (GR/LV)**

Decision taken: *Renew 2 points*

3a. Farm to Fork Strategy

Decision taken: *GUE/NGL (3 points)*

3b. EU Biodiversity Strategy

Decision taken: *S&D (1 point)*

3c. Shortage of medicines

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to request authorisation on an INI on “Shortage of medicines - how to address an emerging problem” instead of the earlier agreed oral questions with resolution.*

EPP (1 point)

3d. Strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to withdraw the request for the own initiative report on “Strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer” which was requested last November.*

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Legislative opinions

4. **Establishing the Just Transition Fund (MM)**
ENVI/9/02351
***I 2020/0006(COD) COM(2020)0022 – C9-0007/2020

Responsible:

REGI – Manolis Kefalogiannis
(PPE)

Decision taken: *a. Continue to request a Rule 57 opinion and make sure that ENVI is treated similarly to other committees.*

b. ECR (2,5 points)

5. **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 (MM)**
COM(2020)0023

Decision taken: *No further action needed.*

6. **European Year of Rail (2021)**
ENVI/9/02658
***I 2020/0035(COD) COM(2020)0078 – C9-0076/2020

Responsible:
TRAN

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to do an ENVI opinion in the form of amendments.*

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Non-legislative opinions

7. **Recommendations on the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GF/ES)**
ENVI/9/02382
2020/2023(INI)

Responsible:
AFET,
INTA

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to do an opinion in the form of a letter to the AFET-INTA INI and endorsed the proposed timeline with the vote on the adoption of the ENVI opinion at the 27-28 April meeting. Coordinators took note of the information that a member of the taskforce should brief Coordinators and Shadows on the negotiations on 15-16 April (pending confirmation by the taskforce).*

Joint decision for items 8 - 10

8. **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 (MM)
9. **BUDG own-initiative report “How to finance the Green Deal” (MM)**

10. ECON own-initiative report “Delivering the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan” (MM)

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the recommendation by the Chair of the CCC (opinion under Rule 57).*

GUE/NGL (0,5 points)

11. ITRE own-initiative report “Maximising the energy efficiency potential of the EU building stock” (NK)

Decision taken: *EPP (0,5 points) (opinion under rule 56+)*

12. AGRI implementation report “Implementation report on on-farm animal welfare” (NP/NH)

Decision taken: *EPP (0,5 points) (opinion under rule 56).
Coordinators mandated the Chair to inform the CCC Chair that the clarifications provided by AGRI are acceptable for ENVI.*

13. The impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations in developing countries (SC)
ENVI/9/02637
2020/2042(INI)

Responsible:
DEVE – (Verts/ALE)

Decision taken: *GUE/NGL (1 point) (opinion under rule 56).*

13a. REGI own-initiative report “Cohesion Policy and regional environment strategies in the fight against climate change” (SC)

Decision taken: *Renew (0,5 points) (opinion under rule 56)*

13b. JURI own-initiative report on “Sustainable Corporate Governance” (MM)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided that the Chair will be the rapporteur for ENVI.*

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Documents received for information

14. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes in the Member States of the European Union (GR)
COM(2020)0015

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

15. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council 2019 report on statistics on the use of animals for scientific purposes in the Member States of the European Union in 2015-2017 (GR)
COM(2020)0016

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

16. **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 Directive 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles for the period 2014-2017 (LV)**
COM(2020)0033

Decision taken: *For information only, no action needed.*

17. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on statistics compiled pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2150/2002 on waste statistics and their quality (LV)**
COM(2020)0054

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to have a presentation of the report in the context of the future ENVI work on the circular economy communication*

18. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 on European environmental economic accounts (GR)**
COM(2020)0056

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

19. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee: Report on the safety and liability implications of Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things and robotics (NP)**
COM(2020)0064

Decision taken: *No action, for information only at this stage and consider an opinion, if an INI is requested.*

20. **White Paper On Artificial Intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust (NP)**
COM(2020)0065

Decision taken: *No action, for information only at this stage and consider an opinion, if an INI is requested.*

21. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A European strategy for data (VP)**
COM(2020)0066

Decision taken: *No action, for information only at this stage and consider an opinion, if an INI is requested.*

22. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Shaping Europe's digital future (VP)**

Decision taken: *No action, for information only at this stage and consider to open a deadline for amendments or deal with this issue in the context of the future INI on EU circular economy*

23. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council On the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred to the Commission pursuant to Directive (EU) 2015/2203 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to caseins and caseinates intended for human consumption and repealing Council Directive 83/417/EEC (CM)**
COM(2020)0074

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only. This report will be included in an upcoming Comitology/DIA newsletter of this week (with an internal deadline for proposing revocation expiring in end of March).*

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Other documents received

24. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION of the Council Directive 2011/64/EU of 21 June 2011 on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to manufactured tobacco**
SWD(2020)0032
25. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation of the Council Directive 2011/64/EU of 21 June 2011 on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to manufactured tobacco**
SWD(2020)0033
26. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION Ex post evaluation of major projects in environment financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund between 2000 and 2013**
SWD(2020)0043
27. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation - Ex post evaluations of major projects in the transport and environmental sectors financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund between 2000 and 2013**
SWD(2020)0044
28. **Adoption of a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for a new partnership agreement (5870/20 + 5870/20 add 1 rev 3)**

7. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

7.1 *Committee programming activities for the 2nd semester 2020 (NH/VP)*

7.1.1 Delegation visits

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to postpone the decision until more information on the new timetable of the CCC would be available. However, in view of the current situation and the rescheduling of a number of already authorised ENVI delegations, a restrictive approach would be taken.*

7.1.2 Public hearings

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to postpone the decision until more information on the new timetable of the CCC would be available. However, in view of the current situation and the likely rescheduling of a number of already authorised ENVI hearings, a restrictive approach would be taken.*

7.2 Possible invitation of Professor Petteri Taalas, WMO-Secretary General (NK)

Decision taken: *Coordinators postponed the decision to a next meeting.*

8. **PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

8.1 Decisions on procedure

8.1.1 Motions for resolution Rule 143

None

8.2 Petitions for opinion (SC)

- **Petition No 0661/2018 by Matias Eduardo Diaz Crescitelli (Italian) on the alleged violation of environmental EU law by an unhealthy industry in Borgo Val di Taro (PR), Italy**

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

9. **POINTS FOR INFORMATION**

9.1 *Hearing of the candidate nominated by the EMA Management Board for Executive Director of the Agency (BM)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the information about this procedure. Should there be any change with regard to the timetable, the Secretariat will duly inform the coordinators.*

9.2 *Information on the appointment of the candidates nominated for the Management Board of EFSA (ES/NH)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the information about this procedure. The item will be put on the agenda of one of the next coordinators' meetings in the presence of the ENVI contact person for EFSA, Ms. Simona Bonafè.*

9.3 *Petitions for information*

None

9.4 *On-going non-legislative reports in ENVI*

The file includes the list of on-going non-legislative reports (see Annex XIV).

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

The overview is attached in Annex XV.

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

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

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

None

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

The following document was recently published:

– ***SPECIAL REPORTS***

Sustainable urban mobility in the EU: No substantial improvement is possible without Member States' commitment (No 06/2020) (3 March 2020)

Action requested by coordinators: *No action needed, for information only.*

9.9 *ENVI 2020 scrutiny plan (NK)*

The updated ENVI scrutiny plan is attached in Annex XVII.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion on the ongoing work with AGRI on the CAP strategic plans file

Coordinators had an exchange of views on this issue and in particular the scope of the joint AGRI-ENVI work to prepare common compromise amendments for plenary. They decided to revert to the matter at the next coordinators meeting.

11. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

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