

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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

### CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Wednesday, 1 April 2020, 14:00 - 16:00

## COORDINATORS' RESULTS

*02.04.2020*

- 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
- Mr Androulakis, rapporteur on Union Civil Protection Mechanism report (for point 3 of the agenda)

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

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

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

None

## **3. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH COMMISSIONER LENARČIČ TO FOLLOW UP ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF COVID-19**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators had an exchange of views on civil protection issues related to the COVID-19 outbreak with Commissioner Lenarčič. They agreed to send a letter to the Croatian Health Minister to call for EU Member States to offer medical personnel assistance to other Member States heavily affected by COVID-19.*

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## **4. IMPLICATIONS OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON THE ENVI WORK**

### **4.1 *Proposed revision of Medical Devices regulation***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators had an exchange of views on the future proposal by the Commission to postpone the entry into force of the Medical Devices regulation and agreed as a general principle to use the urgency procedure (Rule 163 RoP) to allow for a quick agreement with Council and a quick adoption in plenary.*

### **4.2 *ENVI delegations***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to postpone or cancel a number of upcoming delegation visits which were already planned for the first and second semester 2020. In view of the current COVID-19 outbreak, coordinators decided not to propose additional delegations for the second half of 2020 and to reassess the situation regarding postponed delegations at a later stage.*

### **4.3 *ENVI hearings and workshops***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to*

- *request authorisation from the Bureau to organise a hearing on “EU-UK relation - Putting the environment, public health and food safety at the forefront of the future EU-UK relationship” as soon as the organisation of hearings will be again possible,*
- *maintain at a later stage the joint BUDG-ENVI hearing on Greening the Budget in principle and agree on a joint programme with BUDG,*
- *cancel the joint DEVE-ENVI hearing on “Food security and deforestation in developing countries” in agreement with DEVE, and*
- *postpone the rest of the upcoming hearings or policy department workshops which were already planned for the first semester 2020.*

*In view of the current COVID-19 outbreak, coordinators decided not to propose additional hearings for the second half of 2020 and to reassess the situation regarding postponed hearings and workshops at a later stage.*

#### **4.4 Exchanges of views**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to maintain the proposed exchanges of views with Commissioners on flagship initiatives; and to mandate the Chair to send a letter to Commissioner Sinkevičius requesting written answers by the Commission on the questions collected by the secretariat from ENVI members for the planned, but cancelled, implementation session on the Birds and Habitats Directive*

### **5. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH DR. AMMON, DIRECTOR OF ECDC, TO FOLLOW UP ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF COVID-19**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators had an exchange of views with Dr. Ammon, Director of ECDC, on the latest developments related to the COVID-19 outbreak.*

### **6. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

#### **6.1 Retabling of oral question - European Year of Greener Cities 2022**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to retable the above Oral Question as soon as normal plenary business restarts.*

## 6.2 *Petitions for opinion*

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

## 7. **POINTS FOR INFORMATION**

### 7.1 *Provisional updated calendar until end of May (subject to confirmation)*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the updated calendar of meetings.*

### 7.2 *Updated table on the legislative and non-legislative work*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the updated overview.*

### 7.3 *Petitions for information*

## 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*\* Formal legal service opinion on the use of delegated acts in Article 3 in the climate law*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to request a formal legal service opinion on the use of delegated acts in Article 3 of the climate law, taking into account the general context of the regulation. They also stressed that this would not affect the foreseen timetable in ENVI.*

*\* Possible exchange of views with Commissioner Johansson*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to postpone the decision on the request by the GUE/NGL group to invite Commissioner Johansson to an exchange of views on the COVID-19 situation in refugee camps at an upcoming coordinators' meeting.*

## 9. **NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

Date and time tbc