

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Wednesday, 25 March 2020, 14.00 to 15.30

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

27.03.2020

- 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

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Extension of next week's exchange of views on the COVID-19 outbreak to Commissioner Lenarčič and to the ECDC director

3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS ON THE ENVI WORK

3.1 *Legislative work*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the overview of ongoing legislation (including legislative opinions) prepared by the secretariat and underlined the importance to make progress on legislation linked to COVID-19, such as the Decision on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism, and on the Climate Law. They were also updated on the current opinions on the Just Transition Fund and on the CAP reform. They took note that for the moment only simple single votes would be possible, and that votes on other legislative files would resume whenever possible.*

3.2 *Non-legislative work*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the overview of ongoing non-legislative work (including opinions) prepared by the secretariat and took note that work on non-legislative work would be delayed in view of the current circumstances. They however underlined the need to make swift progress on the future INI on Shortages of Medicines due to the link to the COVID-19 crisis.*

3.3 *ENVI delegations*

Decision taken: *The item was postponed to next coordinators' meeting.*

3.4 *ENVI Hearings and workshops 2020*

Decision taken: *The item was postponed to next coordinators' meeting.*

3.5 *Scrutiny of delegated and implementing acts*

Decision taken:

- 1. Coordinators decided to mandate the Chair to send a letter to Commissioner Kyriakides, pointing out the current difficulties for the Parliament to exercise its scrutiny rights under the current circumstances and asking the Commission to suspend or re-submit the draft RPS measures for which objections have been initiated as no plenary session would take place to adopt possible objections before the scrutiny deadline expires.*
- 2. In the meantime, coordinators endorsed a timetable which would allow the ENVI Committee to vote on the current objections at a possible upcoming committee meeting in April, in spite of the fact that there is no plenary foreseen to adopt any possible objection by Parliament before the scrutiny deadlines expire in May.*

3.6 *Planned exchanges of views*

Decision taken: *At the next committee meeting (to be probably organised in April), coordinators decided to hold an exchange of views with Executive Vice-President Timmermans on the state of play on the Green Deal including the proposal for a European Climate Law as well as an exchange of views with, inter alia, Commissioner Kyriakides, on COVID-19.*

Discussions on other proposals were postponed to the next coordinators' meeting.

3.7 *Temporary adaptation of working methods*

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the following proposals to adapt temporarily ENVI working methods due to the COVID-19 outbreak:*

- *In case the timetable of the lead committee does not allow the presentation of non-legislative opinions in committee and in order to deal with the limited possibilities for committee meetings in the coming months, Members could be invited to submit their amendments directly. This procedure could apply also in certain cases for legislative opinions.*
- *In order not to overload the agenda of coordinators' meetings and to allow work to proceed, decisions on issues which are not controversial (e.g. dealing with petitions sent for opinion or information) should be taken through written procedure.*

4. **EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH COMMISSIONER KYRIAKIDES TO FOLLOW UP ON THE DEVELOPMENTS OF COVID-19**

Decision taken: *Coordinators had an exchange of views with Commissioner Kyriakides on the latest developments related to the COVID-19 outbreak. They were informed about the Commissioner's intention to revise the Medical Devices Regulation in order to postpone the entry into force of the regulation and decided to come back to this issue at the next coordinators' meeting to facilitate a speedy adoption of the legislative act.*

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

6. **NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

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