

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Wednesday, 27 January 2021, 10:00 - 12:30

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

01.02.2021

- 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. Björk, replacing Ms. Modig, Coordinator of the Left group
- Ms Catalina Ionescu Dima, EP Legal Service (at 10:00 am) (item 3.1)
- Mr Luca Visaggio, EP Legal Service (at 10:00 am) (item 3.1)
- Mr Carlo Pettinelli, EC Director in charge of REACH (at approx. 11:30 am) (item 3.1)

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation to Executive Vice-President Timmermans for a broad exchange of views (Structural Dialogue) in March

3. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

3.1 *Request of Legal Service opinion on the authorisation of chromium trioxide*

Decision taken: *Coordinators had an exchange of views with the Commission on its decision granting authorisation for certain uses of chromium trioxide. On the basis of a legal opinion, which was presented by the Legal Service, a majority of coordinators decided to bring the matter to the*

attention of the JURI Committee and to recommend to the JURI Committee that an action for annulment should be brought against the Commission decision, taking into account the final judgement by the ECJ on the appeal brought by the Commission in case T-837/16 (Sweden v Commission) expected end of February.

3.2 European Semester - Inter-parliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the updated programme of the EPW 2021 and decided to invite Laurence Boone, OECD Chief Economist, as speaker to the ICM co-organised by ENVI next to the Commission representative proposed by the Portuguese Parliament.*

3.3 Committee hearings for the 1st semester 2021 (March-June 2021)

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to mandate the Chair to inform the CCC that authorisation for Public Hearings will be requested, if necessary, on an ad-hoc individual basis as foreseen by Article 3(3) of the Bureau rules on hearings.*

3.5 Relations with other committees

TRAN hearing on the inclusion of transport under the ETS

Decision taken: *Coordinators reiterated their previous position with regard to the proposed TRAN hearing as ENVI has the lead on ETS legislation.*

AGRI hearing related to methane

Decision taken: *Coordinators agreed that ENVI should organise a hearing on methane with AGRI and ITRE as associated committees.*

4. STOCK-TAKE ON THE ISSUE OF COVID-19 VACCINES

Decision taken: *Coordinators had an exchange of views to take stock on the issues of COVID-19 vaccines and decided to*

- invite the Commission for an exchange of views with coordinators to discuss in particular the delays of vaccines;*
- organise a joint hearing with ITRE on the topic "How to increase the capacity of COVID 19 vaccine production and improve delivery" inviting, inter alia, CEOs of pharmaceutical industry;*
- respond to the Commission's letter on access to the COVID-19 contracts.*

5. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE *(see list of points in Annex VI and VIa)*

Reports

None

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Own-initiative reports

1. A Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

Decision taken: *EPP group (1 point)*
Coordinators also endorsed the draft agreement reached with ITRE on the repartition of competences.

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Legislative opinions

2. Guidelines for the 2022 Budget - Section III

ENVI/9/04875

2020/2265(BUI)

Chair:

Pascal Canfin (Renew)

Responsible:

BUDG – Karlo Ressler (PPE)

Decision taken: *No action needed*

3. Guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Regulation (EU) No 347/2013

ENVI/9/04917

***I 2020/0360(COD) COM(2020)0824 – C9-0417/2020

Responsible:

ITRE – Zdzisław Krasnodębski
(ECR)

Decision taken: *Greens/EFA group (0,5 point)*

4. Regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries, repealing Directive 2006/66/EC and amending Regulation (EU) No 2019/1020

ENVI/9/04958

***I 2020/0353(COD) COM(2020)0798 – C9-0400/2020

Responsible:

IMCO

Decision taken: *S&D group (1,5 points)*
Coordinators unanimously decided to mandate the Chair to ask the Conference of President to reconsider the attribution of the file in favour of ENVI.

5. **Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information**

ENVI/9/05012

*** 2020/0382(NLE) COM(2020)0856

Responsible:

AFET, INTAKati Piri (S&D)
– Christophe Hansen (PPE)

Decision taken: *No further action needed as the ENVI vote on its opinion to the consent procedure took place on 27 January.*

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Non-legislative opinions

6. **The role of development policy in the response to biodiversity loss in developing countries, in the context of the achievement of the 2030 Agenda**

ENVI/9/04947

2020/2274(INI)

Responsible:

DEVE – Michèle Rivasi (Verts/ALE)

Decision taken: *No opinion*

7. **A new approach to the Atlantic maritime strategy**

ENVI/9/04951

2020/2276(INI)

Responsible:

REGI* – Younous Omarjee (The Left)

Decision taken: *No opinion*

8. **ITRE own-initiative report on “A European strategy for critical raw materials”**

Decision taken: *Greens/EFA group (0,5 point)*

9. **TRAN own-initiative report on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy – putting European transport on track for the future**

COM(2020)0789

Decision taken: *Appointment of rapporteur postponed.*

10. **ITRE own-initiative report on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee**

and the Committee of the Regions: An EU Strategy to harness the potential of offshore renewable energy for a climate neutral future
COM(2020)0741

Decision taken: *No opinion*
Coordinators agreed with the proposal that the scope of the ITRE report should exclude issues falling under ENVI competence.

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Documents received for information

- 11. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on exercising the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 on European environmental economic accounts**
COM(2020)0776

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

- 12. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Staying safe from COVID-19 during winter**
COM(2020)0786

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

- 13. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Recommendations to the Member States as regards their strategic plan for the common agricultural policy**
COM(2020)0846

Decision taken: *No action needed, to be taken into account in the context of the current negotiations on the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation.*

- 14. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: European Climate Pact**
COM(2020)0788

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

- 15. Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a common framework for the use, validation and mutual recognition of COVID-19 rapid antigen tests in the EU**
COM(2020)0849

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

- 16. Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and on provisional application of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part,**

and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part,
and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for
exchanging and protecting classified information
COM(2020)0855

See point 5 above

17. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the meetings of the International Seabed Authority Council and Assembly**
COM(2021)0001

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

18. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: the Second Clean Air Outlook**
COM(2021)0003

Decision taken: *No action needed, for information only, to be included in the current work on the ENVI implementation report on the air quality legislation.*

19. **JOINT COMMUNICATION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL A new EU-US agenda for global change (ES)**
JOIN(2020)0022

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

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Other documents received

20. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation and administration of Directive 2000/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors**
COM(2020)0715
21. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing (the IUU Regulation)**
COM(2020)0772
22. **Proposal for a Council decision on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of a proposal for an Executive Body decision regarding the methodology for adjustments to reflect changes in the membership of the European Union, with a view to the 41st session of the Executive Body under the Convention on Long-**

Range Transboundary Air Pollution, and on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in this session
COM(2020)0801

23. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council 2020 Annual Report On the implementation of the European Union's instruments for financing external action in 2019**
COM(2020)0804
24. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION of the White Paper Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area -Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system**
SWD(2020)0410

6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- 6.1 *Follow-up on the ENVI contribution to the preparations of the EU climate target plan*

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the proposal to request the organisation by the policy department of one or two workshops ahead of the publication of the Commission proposals.
Political groups are invited to provide input to the secretariat by 3 February 2021 for the specific aspects to be addressed so that specifications are finalised and submitted to the policy department.*

- 6.2 *Request to present a briefing by the Parliament's Policy Department to assess the opportunities of using post COVID-19 European recovery funds in transitioning towards circular and climate neutral economy*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to present the briefing to the ENVI Committee at an upcoming meeting.*

- 6.3 *Request to conduct an evaluation of the Regulation on medicinal products for paediatric use*

Decision taken: *This item was postponed.*

- 6.4 *Request to have an exchange of views with the Commission on banned pesticides*

Decision taken: *This item was postponed.*

7. PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE

- 7.1 *Decisions on procedure*

- 7.1.1 *Motions for resolution Rule 143*

1. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on incentives for electric cars to reduce CO₂ emissions by Viktor Uspaskich - B9-0450/2020
2. Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning the production of tea bags containing plastic by Ivan Vilibor Sinčić - B9-0477/2020

Decision taken: *No follow-up needed. The Chair will reply accordingly to the author(s) of the motions for resolution.*

7.2 Petitions for opinion

None

7.3 UNFCCC COP26 in Glasgow (UK) - request of a study by the policy department

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the proposal to request the Policy Department to commission a study on the issues at stake in view of the COP26.*

7.4 Requested study on access to medicines, vaccines and medical devices by the policy department - update of the scope

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the proposed action to update the mandate in light of recent developments.*

7.5 Joint PETI/ENVI hearing on “Plastics and waste management in the circular economy’ or plastics and waste management”

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the proposed date and the list of speakers as indicated in the draft programme.*

7.6 Nomination of EP representatives to the EEA Management Board

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the proposed procedure in view of the appointment of EP representatives to the EEA Management Board.*

7.7 2021 ENVI scrutiny plan

Decision taken: *Coordinators endorsed the following procedure:*

- *to set a deadline for 3 February 2021 close of business for political groups to submit to the secretariat their proposals for scrutiny-related activities to be carried out in 2021;*
- *to instruct the secretariat to prepare, in liaison with the political groups, a working draft table of the annual scrutiny plan 2021 listing the suggestions received, in time for consideration and endorsement at the next coordinators meeting.*

7.8 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to have this report presented in an upcoming ENVI meeting (jointly with CONT if CONT decides for a presentation of a review).*

8. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

8.1 *Updated list of Committee meetings in 2021*

8.2 *Updated table on the legislative and non-legislative work*

8.3 *Petitions for information*

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

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

8.6 *Letters by the Commission*

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

February 2021 - date tbc