

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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

### CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

**Monday, 1 March 2021, 16:00 - 18:30  
and of Monday 8 March 2021, 10:00-11:30**

## COORDINATORS' RESULTS

*11.03.2021*

- 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 Limmer, replacing Ms Sardone, Coordinator of the ID group (on 1 March)
- Ms Sardone, Coordinator of the ID group (on 8 March)
- Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
- Mr Vondra, Coordinator of the ECR group)
- Ms Modig, Coordinator of the Left group
- Ms Claire Bury, Deputy Director-General of DG SANTE (for item 3 dd 1 March)
- Ms Paulus, ENVI contact person for EEA (for item 4.2 dd 1 March)

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

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

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

- **COVID-19: Establishment of Vaccines Contact Group and overview of ENVI activities**
- **Planned Structural Dialogues during spring**
  - **Commissioner Kyriakides on 22 April**
  - **Commissioner Sinkevicius on 10 May**
- **Exchange of views with the Commission on the application of the Withdrawal Agreement and its Ireland / Northern Ireland Protocol and UK unilateral actions with respect to controls on agri-food products**

- Commission to request early non-objection on future Delegated act amending the current Variation Regulation (EC) 1234/2008 (amendment to the Regulation for human medicinal products – variants)
- Update by head of secretariat on critical ENVI staff situation

**\*\*\* On 1st March from 16:00 to 17:00 - in the presence of Claire Bury, Deputy Director-General of DG SANTE \*\*\***

### **3. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE COMMISSION ON FOOD SAFETY ISSUES**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators had an exchange of views with Claire Bury on the ongoing process for the review of the EFSA Bee Guidance document, taking into account the letter sent by Commissioner Kyriakides in December 2020. Based on the exchange of views, they mandated the Chair to write a response to the Commissioner as well as to the Council Presidency highlighting the EP position on the subject.*

#### **3.2 *Future legislative proposal to extend the scope of the Official Controls Regulation to official controls on compliance of imported animals and products of animal origin with Article 118 of the Veterinary Medicines Regulation***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators had an exchange of views with the Commission on the future legislative proposal to extend the scope of the Official Controls Regulation and took note of the tight timeframe for its adoption. They decided to have the Commission present the future legislative proposal at an upcoming ENVI meeting.*

#### **3.3 *Revision of the feed ban (amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001)***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the information concerning the future RPS act revising the feed ban and decided to include the subject on the agenda of an upcoming meeting.*

### **4. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS**

#### **4.1 *ENVI priorities for the 2022 work programme of the European Court of Auditors***

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators endorsed the list of topics proposed by the secretariat to be included in the letter to the CCC Chair on ENVI priorities for the 2022 Work Programme of the European Court of Auditors.*

**\*\*\* On 1th March as from 17:30 onwards \*\*\***

#### **4.2 *Candidates for EP representatives to the EEA Management Board (in the presence of Ms Jutta Paulus, ENVI contact person for EEA)***

**Decision taken:**     *Following the intervention of Ms Jutta Paulus, ENVI contact person to the EEA, the coordinators took the following decisions unanimously:*

- *to recommend the nomination of Professor Lena Neij and Professor Klaus Jacob as full members of the EEA Management Board;*
- *to recommend Professor Neij for the nomination as member of the EEA's Bureau;*
- *to recommend the nomination of Professor Tomáš Cajthaml and Professor Fernando Valladares as alternate members of the EEA Management Board.*

**4.3     *Request for a possible exchange of views with WHO in ENVI on the Health Union Package and in particular the file on Cross Border Health Threats***

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators decided to invite the WHO Regional Director for Europe for an exchange of views in Committee on the Health Union Package, including the proposal on Cross Border Health Threats, as well as on the WHO's ongoing work in dealing with the pandemic.*

**4.4     *Relations with other committees***

**\* TRAN request for an ad-hoc mission to the 76th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (IMO MEPC 76, 10-17 June 2021)**

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators decided to request authorisation for an ENVI ad-hoc remote mission to the IMO MEPC 76th session, and to oppose the TRAN request for the same mission.*

**\*TRAN INI on cleaner maritime transport**

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators took note of the state of play of the TRAN INI report on cleaner maritime transport in view of the plenary vote in March II.*

**\* TRAN INI on sustainable mobility – ENVI request for Rule 57**

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators took note of the lack of information from TRAN with regard to the ENVI request for Rule 57 with regard to the INI report on sustainable mobility and mandated the Chair to seek further clarification with his counterpart in TRAN.*

**\*Update on conflict of competences on Commission proposal on Batteries Regulation**

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators took note of the latest developments in view of a possible Conference of Presidents decision in the coming weeks.*

**\* Requested hearings by AGRI on “Enabling new technologies for viable agriculture” and on “Perspectives of animal production in EU in the context of Green Deal, Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategy”**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators mandated the Chair to:*

- *accept the proposal by AGRI coordinators to invite two ENVI MEPs to take part of the hearing on “Enabling new technologies for viable agriculture”;*
- *request authorisation for a hearing entitled “New GM techniques in the food sector - effects on health and the environment?”, offering the same arrangement to two AGRI MEPs, and*
- *to contact his counterpart in AGRI to ask for two ENVI MEPs to be given the floor during the second hearing on “Perspectives of animal production in EU in the context of Green Deal, Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategy” following the clarifications on the scope..*

**Political groups are invited to propose names of speakers by 15 March 2021 for the hearing entitled “New GM techniques in the food sector - effects on health and the environment?”.**

**\* ECON public hearing on the topic “Sustainable Finance”**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators took note of the endorsement by ECON coordinators to hold the hearing jointly with ECON with two experts nominated by each Committee. They also took note of the two experts nominated by ECON coordinators.*  
*Political groups are invited to propose names of speakers by 15 March 2021.*

**\* DEVE INI on ‘The role of development policy in the response to biodiversity loss in developing countries, in the context of the achievement of the 2030 Agenda’**

**Decision taken:** *Taking into account the agreement reached between ENVI and DEVE in December 2020, coordinators mandated the Chair to write to his counterpart in DEVE to request that*

- *the parts of the draft report which fall under ENVI competencies should be ruled inadmissible and/or*
- *the timetable should be adapted in order for the DEVI INI to be adopted only after the ENVI INI has been adopted, to ensure that DEVE can adapt the positions related to ENVI subjects in its INI to those endorsed by plenary in the ENVI report.*

## **5. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE (see list of points in Annex VIII and VIIIa)**

### ***Reports***

None

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***Own-initiative reports***

None

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***Legislative opinions***

None

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***Non-legislative opinions***

1. **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.*

2. **EMPL own-initiative report on protecting workers from asbestos**

**Decision taken:** *The Left group (0.5 points).*

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***Documents received for information***

4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL A united front to beat COVID-19**  
COM(2021)0035

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

5. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**  
COM(2021)0044

**Decision taken:** *As BECA is currently drafting a report on the same topic, no further follow-up is needed at this stage.*

6. **Proposal for a Council decision on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of a proposal for the listing of chlorpyrifos in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**  
COM(2021)0047

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

7.     **Green paper on ageing: Fostering solidarity and responsibility between generations**  
COM(2021)0050

**Recommendation:**     *No action needed, for information only.*

8.     **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe as regards the proposals for modifications to UN Regulations Nos 13, 13-H, 18, 30, 41, 46, 48, 53, 54, 67, 74, 75, 79, 86, 97, 98, 106, 107, 113, 116, 117, 118, 123, 124, 125, 141, 142, 148, 149, 150, 152, 154, 157 and UN Regulation on event data recorder, as regards the proposal for modifications to Global Technical Regulation No 9, as regards the proposal for amendments to Consolidated Resolution R.E.5, as regards the proposals for four new UN Regulations in relation to event data recorder, protection of motor vehicles against unauthorized use and the approval of the device against unauthorized use, the approval of immobilizers and approval of a vehicle with regard to its immobilizer, and the approval of vehicle alarm system and approval of a vehicle with regard to its vehicle alarm system, as regards the proposal for a new Mutual Resolution M.R.4, and as regards the proposals for interpretation documents for UN Regulations Nos 155 and 156**  
COM(2021)0058

**Recommendation:**     *No action needed, for information only.*

9.     **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury as regards the adoption of decisions amending Annexes A and B to that Convention on mercury-added products and manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 8 and Article 5, paragraph 10 of that Convention**  
COM(2021)0063

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

10.    **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Trade Policy Review - An Open, Sustainable and Assertive Trade Policy**  
COM(2021)0066

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views on the ENVI aspects of the Trade Policy Review.*

11.    **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council – HERA Incubator: Anticipating together the threat of COVID-19 variants**  
COM(2021)0078

**Decision taken:**      *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for a short presentation of this communication (possibly on 15 March).*

12.      **Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood A new Agenda for the Mediterranean**  
JOIN(2021)0002

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

14.      **COUNCIL REGULATION (EU, Euratom) 20../... of ... on the calculation of the own resource based on plastic packaging waste that is not recycled, on the methods and procedure for making available that own resource, on the measures to meet cash requirements, and on certain aspects of the own resource based on gross national income**  
Council/13142/2020)

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

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*Other documents received*

3.      **COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS The European economic and financial system: fostering openness, strength and resilience**  
COM(2021)0032
13.      **Joint communication to the European Parliament and the Council on strengthening the EU's contribution to rules-based multilateralism**  
JOIN(2021)0003
15.      **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/XXX as regards certain provisional fishing opportunities for 2021 in Union waters and non-Union waters**  
COM(2021)0031
16.      **Proposal for a Council Recommendation on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction, amending Council Recommendation 2020/912**  
COM(2021)0039
17.      **Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Partnership Council established by 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, as regards the date on which provisional application of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement shall cease**

18. **Commission staff working document Technical information Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - Kick-starting the journey towards a climate-neutral Europe by 2050 EU Climate Action Progress Report 2020**  
SWD(2020)0298
19. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT GUIDANCE TO MEMBER STATES RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLANS**  
SWD(2021)0012
20. **Commission staff working document stakeholder consultation – Synopsis report accompanying the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**  
SWD(2021)0013
21. **Commission staff working document on a Strategic Agenda for Medical Ionising Radiation Applications (SAMIRA)**  
SWD(2021)0014
22. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region ACTION PLAN [COM(2009) 248 final] Revised Action Plan replacing the Action Plan of 17 March 2017 - SWD(2017) 118 final**  
SWD(2021)0024
23. **European Environment Agency (EMA) Single Programming Document 2022 - 2024**
24. **European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Single Programming Document 2022 - 2024**
25. **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Single Programming Document 2022 - 2024**
26. **Resolution of the European Committee of the Regions on the COVID-19 pandemic vaccination campaign**

6. **DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

6.1 *ENVI 2021 scrutiny plan*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators endorsed the proposal for the ENVI scrutiny plan for the year 2021.*

6.2 *2021 Work programme of the Health Working Group*

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators endorsed the 2021 Work Programme of the Health Working Group, as proposed by the Co-Chairs.*



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

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators decided to deal with this issue in the context of the future INI report to the Pharmaceutical strategy (the request was withdrawn).*

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

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views on the topic of banned pesticides.*

**6.5     *Possible OQ/RE on extending the list of hazardous substances in the workplace to agro-toxic substances and hazardous drugs***

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators took note of the withdrawal of the request.*

**6.6     *Request for a possible presentation of the JRC report on “The use of woody biomass for energy production in the EU”***

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators decided to invite the JRC to present the report on “The use of woody biomass for energy production in the EU” at one of the upcoming ENVI meetings.*

**6.7     *Request for a possible hearing on “New GM techniques in the food sector: impacts on health and the environment”***

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators mandated the chair to request an authorisation for the organisation of a hearing on new GM techniques in the food sector.*

**6.8     *Request for an exchange of views with the European Commission on an update on the EU's position and state of play of marine protected areas on the high seas within the framework of the on the ongoing negotiations on Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (UN BBNJ)***

**Decision taken:**     *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views on the on the EU's position and state of play of marine protected areas on the high seas within the framework of UN BBNJ in one of the upcoming ENVI meetings.*

**7.     PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

**7.1     *Decisions on procedure***

**7.1.1     *Motions for resolution Rule 143***

*None*

## **7.2    *Petitions for opinion***

*None*

## **7.3    *Update on 2022 budgetary procedure***

**Decision taken:**        *The coordinators took note of the procedure and timetables in relation to this year's budgetary procedure (Budget 2022).*

## **7.4    *UNFCCC COP 26 in Glasgow, UK - Update on the latest developments and preparation of Oral Questions with resolution***

**Decision taken:**        *The coordinators took note of the uncertainties linked to the format for COP 26 in Glasgow, and decided that:*

- ENVI, as the Committee responsible for climate change shall prepare, pursuant to Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure, Oral Questions to the Council and the Commission as well as a motion for resolution in order to define Parliament's position ahead of COP26;*
- the resolution should be adopted prior to COP26 in plenary in October 2021 at the latest;*
- each group shall nominate one "co-sponsor" (whose name would appear, in addition to the chair's name, on the cover page) for the resolution; political groups are invited to inform the secretariat by 15 March of the names of their co-sponsor;*
- as has been the case for previous COPs, the resolution could include contributions from other interested Committees in line with their competences, in particular ITRE and DEVE.*

## **7.5    *Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors***

*None*

## **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 in the interest of coordinators*

8.7 *Letter from JURI concerning the Legal Service opinion on the authorisation of chromium trioxide*

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

9.1 **Scrutiny of the implementation of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement - Standing Rapporteur in ENVI**

**Decision taken:** *Coordinators decided to renew the mandate of the Chair as Standing Rapporteur for the Scrutiny of the EU-UK TCA.*

9.2. *Programming of committee travel and public hearings for the 2nd semester of 2021*

**Decision taken:** *In view of the future legislative workload, coordinators endorsed the following approach regarding hearings and committee travel in the second half of 2021:*

- no hearings to be requested at this stage;*
- no additional committee travel to be requested, except for the already authorised delegations to COP26 CBD (COP15), the regular request to attend the IMO-MEPC sessions and the rescheduling of the two visits to EFSA and ECDC (pending travel restrictions).*

10. **NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

21 April 2021 (tbc)