EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Wednesday, 29 September 2021, 14:30-16:15

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

01.10.2021

- 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
- Mr Eickhout, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA group
- Ms Limmer, replacing Ms Sardone, Coordinator of the ID group
- Mr Vondra, Coordinator of the ECR group
- Ms Modig, Coordinator of the Left group
- Mr Buşoi, ENVI contact person for EMA (for item 3.5)
- Ms Trillet-Lenoir, ENVI rapporteur for the cross-border health care proposal (for item 5.2)
- Mr Luca Visaggio, EP Legal Service (for item 5.2)

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commission briefing on Thursday 30 September 2020 on future legislative proposal on pharmaceuticals and Brexit,
- Commission briefing on Friday 8 October 2020, on the future legislative proposal to postpone the application of parts of the IVD regulation
- Invitation of Executive Vice-President Timmermans to ENVI after COP26 to discuss the results of the COP26 meeting in Glasgow and the implications for the work on the Fit for 55 package

3. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

3.1 ENVI delegation to European Food Safety Authority

<u>Decision taken</u>: Coordinators decided to postpone the physical visit to EFSA until first half of 2022.

- 3.2 ENVI missions in the first half of 2022
- 3.2.1 Missions to EU and candidate countries and ad-hoc delegations outside the EU

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators decided not to organise any delegations in addition to the IMO MEPC 78 meeting in June 2022 and the EP delegation to CBD15 (postponed from 2021).

- 3.2.2 Visits to Agencies
- <u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators decided that in the first half of 2022 they would like to visit EFSA and ECDC (postponements of missions originally foreseen for the second half of 2021). For the second half of 2022, they already decided that they would like to visit ECHA and EEA.
- 3.3 ENVI hearings in the first half of 2022
- <u>Decision taken</u>: Coordinators mandated 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.
- 3.4 Activities with National Parliaments in the first half of 2022

<u>Decision taken</u>: Coordinators confirmed the practise of not organising any activities with National Parliaments.

*** In the presence of Mr Busoi, EP contact person for EMA ***

3.5 Appointment of EP representatives in EMA Management Board

<u>Decision taken:</u> After hearing the ENVI contact person for relations with EMA, Mr Busoi, Coordinators decided to renew the mandate of Mr Borg and to propose as a new representative Ms Kadenbach for appointment by the Conference of Presidents as EP representatives on the EMA management board.

- 3.6 Consultation on the Appointment of EFSA Management Board 2021
- <u>Decision taken</u>: Taking into account the recommendation of the ENVI contact person for relations with EFSA, Ms Bonafè, the Coordinators decided to recommend

Ms Cerjak for appointment by the Conference of Presidents to the EFSA management board.

3.7 Relations with other committees

A. Request to be associated under Rule 57 in the legislative procedure concerning the Commission proposal amending Directive 2013/34/EU, Directive 2004/109/EC, Directive 2006/43/EC and Regulation (EU) No 537/2014, as regards corporate sustainability reporting

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators mandated the Chair to co-sign a letter with the JURI Chair to inform the CCC of the reached agreement on the respective competencies.

B. Request to be associated under Rule 57 in the legislative proposal concerning European Green Bonds

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators took note of the developments and mandated the ENVI Chair to contact his ECON counterpart to insist on the ENVI demands.

C. Contacts taken with LIBE on possible hearing on legal gender recognition and depathologisation of trans and non-binary persons

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators mandate the ENVI Chair to recontact his LIBE counterpart on this issue.

D. DEVE INI on "Addressing food security in developing countries"

<u>Decision taken</u>: Coordinators took note of the clarifications and mandated the Chair to co-sign a letter with the DEVE Chair on this basis to inform the CCC of the reached agreement. They reiterated their decision not to do an opinion on this INI.

4. <u>DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE</u> (see list of points in Annex I and Ia)

Reports

1. Amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013, as regards restrictions to the access to Union waters (DBR)

ENVI/9/06468

***I 2021/0176(COD) COM(2021)0356 - C9-0254/2021

Responsible:

PECH Pierre Karleskind (Renew)

Decision taken: No opinion.

2. Consultation on the Appointment of EFSA Management Board 2021 (NP/EVN)

ENVI/9/06978

2021/0801(NLE) 10837/2021 - C9-0343/2021

Responsible: ENVI

This point was dealt with under item 3.6.

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Legislative opinions

Items 3 to 18 to be treated jointly

3. 2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission ENVI/9/06489

2021/2106(DEC) COM(2021)0381[01] - C9-0258/2021

Responsible:

CONT Olivier Chastel (Renew)

4. **2020** discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament ENVI/9/06509

2021/2107(DEC) COM(2021)0381[02] - C9-0259/2021

Responsible:

CONT Daniel Freund (Verts/ALE)

5. 2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Court of Justice

ENVI/9/06530

2021/2109(DEC) COM(2021)0381[04] - C9-0261/2021

Responsible:

CONT Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

6. 2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Court of Auditors

ENVI/9/06552

2021/2110(DEC) COM(2021)0381[05] - C9-0262/2021

Responsible:

CONT Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

7. 2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - Committee of the Regions

ENVI/9/06593

2021/2112(DEC) COM(2021)0381[07] - C9-0264/2021

Responsible:

CONT Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

8. 2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Ombudsman

ENVI/9/06613

2021/2113(DEC) COM(2021)0381[08] - C9-0265/2021

Responsible:

CONT Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

9. 2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council

ENVI/9/06640

2021/2108(DEC) COM(2021)0381[03] - C9-0260/2021

Responsible:

CONT Isabel García Muñoz (S&D)

10. 2020 discharge: Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking

ENVI/9/06666

2021/2154(DEC) COM(2021)0381[49] - C9-0306/2021

Responsible:

CONT Ryszard Czarnecki (ECR)

11. 2020 discharge: Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking

ENVI/9/06675

2021/2149(DEC) COM(2021)0381[44] - C9-0301/2021

Responsible:

CONT Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (ECR)

12. Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agencies for the financial year 2020: performance, financial management and control

ENVI/9/06688

2021/2157(DEC) COM(2021)0381[52] - C9-0309/2021

Responsible:

CONT Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

13. 2020 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

ENVI/9/06733

2021/2133(DEC) COM(2021)0381[28] - C9-0285/2021

Responsible:

CONT Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

14. 2020 discharge: European Medicines Agency

ENVI/9/06736

2021/2132(DEC) COM(2021)0381[27] - C9-0284/2021

Responsible:

CONT Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

15. 2020 discharge: European Food Safety Authority

ENVI/9/06746

2021/2128(DEC) COM(2021)0381[23] - C9-0280/2021

Responsible:

CONT Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

16. 2020 discharge - European Environment Agency

ENVI/9/06750

2021/2126(DEC) COM(2021)0381[21] - C9-0278/2021

Responsible:

CONT Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

17. 2020 discharge - European Chemicals Agency

ENVI/9/06752

2021/2125(DEC) COM(2021)0381[20] - C9-0277/2021

Responsible:

CONT Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

18. 2020 discharge - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

ENVI/9/06754

2021/2124(DEC) COM(2021)0381[19] - C9-0276/2021

Responsible:

CONT Tomáš Zdechovský (PPE)

Decision taken: Coordinators confirmed that, as in previous years, ENVI will deliver

opinions only on the discharge to the Commission and on each of the five agencies under its responsibility (ECDC, ECHA, EEA, EFSA, EMA) and that the Chair will be the Rapporteur for these opinions.

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Non-legislative opinions

None

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Documents received for information

19. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic on a Decision on delineation and a Recommendation on the management of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Seamount Marine Protected Area (NACES MPA)

COM(2021)0352

<u>Decision taken</u>: No action needed – for information only

20. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Strategy for Financing the Transition to a Sustainable Economy COM(2021)0390

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators decided to request a presentation by the Commission of the Communication in ENVI, possibly combined with a presentation of the ECA Special Report 22/2021 on a related subject.

21. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the eighth Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds with regard to certain amendments to Annex 3 to the Agreement COM(2021)0426

<u>Decision taken</u>: No action needed – for information only.

22. Report from the Commission: Monitoring the application of European Union law: 2020 Annual Report COM(2021)0432

The report describes the Commission's work to ensure the proper implementation and application of EU law throughout 2020, a year where Europe and the world were struck hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The report summarises the implementation work carried out and lists a number of infringement cases.

Recommendation: No action needed, for information only.

Items 23 to 27 to be treated jointly

- 23. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Horizon Europe) COM(2021)0469
- 24. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)) COM(2021)0470
- 25. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)) COM(2021)0473
- 26. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (LIFE Programme) COM(2021)0499

27. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on be half of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (EU4Health Programme) COM(2021)0533

Decision taken: No action needed, for information only.

28. Proposal for a Council regulation fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea, and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/92 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters COM(2021)0491

<u>Decision taken:</u> No action needed, for information purposes only.

29. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention regarding compliance cases ACCC/C/2008/32 and ACCC/C/2015/128 COM(2021)0532

<u>Decision taken:</u> No action needed, for information only.

30. Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area ('Helsinki Convention') on the Adoption of a Recommendation for Amending Annex III Part II of that Convention COM(2021)0534

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

31. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions New EU Forest Strategy for 2030 COM(2021)0572

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators decided to request a presentation in ENVI of the communication and to request to be associated to the AGRI INI with exclusive and shared competences on the basis of Annex VI of the Rules of the Procedure.

32. COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS Introducing HERA, the European Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority, the next step towards completing the European Health Union COM(2021)0576

This point was dealt with under item 5.2

33. Proposal for a Council Regulation on a framework of measures for ensuring the supply of crisis-relevant medical countermeasures in the event of a public health emergency at Union level COM(2021)0577

This point was dealt with under item 5.2

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Other documents received

- 34. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Annual Report on Research and Technological Development Activities of the European Union and Monitoring of Horizon 2020 in 2020 COM(2021)0449
- 35. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Directive (EU) No 2016/2284 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2016 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants, amending Directive 2003/35/EC and repealing Directive 2001/81/EC COM(2021)0451
- 36. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council evaluating the mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance for meat of swine, poultry, sheep and goat COM(2021)0462
- 37. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the activities of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) in 2019 and 2020 COM(2021)0486
- 38. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts pursuant to Article 26 of Directive 2012/18/EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances COM(2021)0487
- 39. 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 Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury COM(2021)0488
- 40. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the experience acquired with the procedures for authorising and supervising medicinal products for human use, in accordance with the requirements set out in the EU legislation on medicinal products for human use COM(2021)0497

- 41. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the working of committees during 2020 COM(2021)0544
- 42. Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Malta COM(2021)0584
- 43. Commission Implementing Decision on the request for registration of the European citizens' initiative entitled 'Returnthe Plastics: A Citizen's Initiative to implement an EU-wide deposit-system to recycle plastic bottles' pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/788 of the European Parliament and of the Council C(2021)5953
- 44. Joint communication to the European Parliament and the Council: The EU strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific JOIN(2021)0024
- 45. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION of the mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance for fresh, chilled and frozen meat of swine, sheep, goats and poultry SWD(2021)0218
- 46. Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the evaluation of the mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance for fresh, chilled and frozen meat of swine, sheep, goats and poultry SWD(2021)0220
- 47. COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EVALUATION of the EU legal framework on food irradiation (Directives 1999/2/EC and 1999/3/EC) SWD(2021)0225
- 48. Commission Staff Working Document: Executive Summary of the Evaluation of the EU legal frame work on food irradiation (Directives 1999/2/EC and 1999/3/EC) SWD(2021)0226
- 49. Commission staff working document Sixth Progress Report on the Commission's Action Plan on Nutrition April 2020 March 2021 SWD(2021)0229
- 50. Commission staff working document Next Generation EU Green Bond Framework SWD(2021)0242
- 51. Commission staff working document First Flood Risk Management Plans Member State: Greece SWD(2021)0249
- 52. Commission staff working document First Flood Risk Management Plans Member State: Spain SWD(2021)0251

- 53. Commission staff working document European Overview River Basin Management Plans SWD(2021)0253
- 54. Commission staff working document European Overview Flood Risk Management Plans SWD(2021)0254
- 55. Commission staff working document First Flood Risk Management Plans Member State: Ireland SWD(2021)0255
- 56. Commission staff working document Second River Basin Management Plans Member State: Spain SWD(2021)0256

5. <u>DECISIONS RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE MATTERS</u>

5.1 Update on the "Fit for 55" package

A. Update on conflicts on Fit for 55 Package

Decision taken: Coordinators had an exchange of views on the ongoing conflicts of competences on the Fit for 55 Package after an update by the Chair. They endorsed the provisional agreement reached with INTA on the CBAM proposal and supported the proposed approach vis-à-vis the other committees. They also endorsed the partial agreement reached with ITRE on the Renewable Energy Directive and mandated the chair to transmit it to the CCC.

- *** In the presence of Ms Trillet-Lenoir, rapporteur for the cross-border health care proposal ***
- 5.2 Proposal for a Council Regulation on a framework of measures for ensuring the supply of crisis-relevant medical countermeasures in the event of a public health emergency at Union level (HERA)
- Decision taken: Coordinators had an exchange of views on the new Commission proposal establishing HERA, in the presence of Ms Trillet-Lenoir, rapporteur for the Cross-border Health Care proposal and the EP Legal Service. Coordinators decided to come back to the issue in the coming week.
- 5.3 Request for inviting the WHO for a presentation of the new Global Air Quality Guidelines and for a discussion about the impact of such Guidelines on relevant EU legislation

Decision taken: This item was postponed.

6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

6.1 Request for the relaunch of the ENVI-DEVE joint framework cooperation on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs)

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 reducing the impact on farm land of ground-based photovoltaic plants by Susanna Ceccardi, Marco Campomenosi, Alessandro Panza, Paolo Borchia, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Gianantonio Da Re, Marco Dreosto, Isabella Tovaglieri, Simona Baldassarre, Sergio Berlato, Carlo Fidanza, Nicola Procaccini, Vincenzo Sofo B9-0422/2021

<u>Decision taken:</u> 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 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

1. ECA Special Report 22/2021: Sustainable finance: More consistent EU action needed to redirect finance towards sustainable investment

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators decided to have this report presented in Committee (possibly also with ECON and CONT).

2. ECA Special Report 20/2021: Sustainable water use in agriculture: CAP funds more likely to promote greater rather than more efficient water use

<u>Decision taken:</u> Coordinators decided to have this report presented in Committee (possibly also with AGRI and CONT).

7.4 Composition of the ENVI delegation to IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (IMO MEPC 77)

Decision taken: This item was postponed.

7.5 Recommendations by coordinators taken by written procedure

Coordinators endorsed through written procedure the following recommendations:

- 1. Invitation to the next committee meeting in September IPCC representative and Commissioner Lenarčič (deadline: Wednesday, 1 September 2021)
- 2. Proposed competences for the requests to CCC for application of Rule 57 with regard to two opinions (RED and Aviation Fuels) (deadline: Friday, 10 September 2021)

8. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

- 8.1 Next workshop of the Health Working Group on "Integrative medicine and complementary therapies for patients affected by chronic diseases", Monday 11 October, 12:00 13.30
- 8.2 ENVI-BUDG workshop on climate and biodiversity mainstreaming, Monday 25 October
- 8.3 Meeting by the Delegation for Relations with the Pan-African Parliament on the "Roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccines", Thursday 28 October
- 8.4 Updated list of Committee meetings in 2021
- 8.5 Updated table on the legislative and non-legislative work
- 8.6 Petitions for information
- 8.7 Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation
- 8.8 State of play of the 2021 ENVI scrutiny plan
- 8.9 Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee
- 8.10 Possible intervention of the European Parliament in Case T-381/21, D&A Pharma v European Medicines Agency
- 8.11 Letters of interest for the coordinators

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. <u>NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING</u>

Week 43 (27 or 28 October 2021)