

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

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

Room: József Antall (2Q2)

and with remote participation of ENVI coordinators (interactio)

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

30.11.2021

- 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 Sardone, Coordinator of the ID group
- Mr Vondra, Coordinator of the ECR group
- Ms Modig, Coordinator of the Left group

1. ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGENDA

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

2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Invitation of Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius, 1 to present the future legislative proposal on commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation in ENVI
- Joint letter from the Chair and ENVI rapporteur to EVP Timmermans on the implementation of internal Commission provisions of climate law.
- Debriefing on meeting with the EP Secretary-General on ENVI secretariat staff situation

3. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

3.1 *Nomination of speakers' names to IMCO hearing on Sustainable Public Procurement*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the following two speakers to the IMCO hearing on the sustainable public procurement:*

- *Mr Stéphane Arditi, Director of Policy Integration and of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) Circular Economy*
- *Professor Harri Kalimo, Institute for European Studies, VUB, University of Eastern Finland, University of Turku and University of Tampere*

In case any of the two others experts would not be available for the hearing, Mr Andrew Farmer, Senior Fellow, Low-carbon Circular Economy at the Institute for the European Environmental Policies (IEEP), will be invited.

3.2 *Composition of the virtual delegation to IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (IMO MEPC 77)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the CoP decision to authorise on an exceptional basis up to seven TRAN Members to join the delegation. The deadline for political groups to send the Secretariat the names of the ENVI Members who will participate to the delegation is 8 November 2021.*

Coordinators also decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views ahead of the IMO MEPC meeting.

3.3 *Cross-Border Health Threats and HERA – Amendments for Plenary*

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to write to the President to inform him about the next steps. Political groups are invited to table the agreed additional compromise amendments to Plenary (Nov. I session).*

3.4 *Relations with other committees*

A. AGRI INI on the New EU Forest Strategy

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of ongoing discussions with AGRI on the repartition of competences of the own-initiative report.*

B. AGRI oral question and motion for resolution on large predators

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to contact his AGRI counterpart to clarify the nature and scope of the AGRI initiative in view to reiterate ENVI competences on this matter, especially on the issue of the protection of large predators.*

C. IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) – 78th session

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the ENVI chair to reply to his TRAN counterpart, underlining that ENVI has been the responsible committee in the last years for IMO MEPC sessions.*

D. Update on association of ENVI to hearings organised by other committees

** ENVI association to BUDG hearing on “biodiversity tracking methodologies for the EU budget and EU policies”*

** ENVI association to EMPL hearing on “Social justice and employment: state of play, challenges and opportunities of the Green Deal and the ‘Fit for 55’ package”*

** ENVI association to the PETI public hearing on the environmental and societal impact of mining*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took stock of the discussions with other committees on the ENVI involvement in different hearings, including the specific suggestions for its association in the PETI and EMPL hearings.*

4. **DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE** (see list of points in Annex IV and IVa)

Reports

1. **Amending Regulation (EU) 2017/746 as regards transitional provisions for certain in vitro diagnostic medical devices and deferred application of requirements for in-house devices**

ENVI/9/07442

***I 2021/0323(COD) COM(2021)0627 – C9-0381/2021

Responsible:

ENVI

Opinions:

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IMCO

Decision taken: *Coordinators postponed the decision at this stage on how to deal with the legislative proposal in order to have clarifications on the preliminary Council position and will come back to this issue, possibly through written procedure.*

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Legislative opinions

2. **Amending Directive 2009/138/EC as regards proportionality, quality of supervision, reporting, long-term guarantee measures, macro-prudential tools, sustainability risks, group and cross-border supervision**

ENVI/9/07228

***I 2021/0295(COD) COM(2021)0581 – C9-0367/2021

Responsible:

ECON

Decision taken: *No opinion.*

3. **Draft amending budget no 6 to the general budget 2021 Additional vaccines doses to low and lower-middle income countries, UCPM reinforcement and other adjustments to expenditure and revenue**

ENVI/9/07363

2021/0326(BUD)

Responsible:

BUDG Pierre Larrousurou (S&D)

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

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Non-legislative opinions

4. **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

Decision taken: *EPP group (1 point).*

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Documents received for information

5. **Communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - New European Bauhaus: Beautiful, Sustainable, Together**

COM(2021)0573

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

6. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on European Missions**

COM(2021)0609

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission (DG RTD) for an exchange of views on the implementation of the five above-mentioned missions. With a view to a close cooperation with ITRE, they also proposed to invite Mr Buşoi in his capacity as ITRE Chair and former ENVI rapporteur on Horizon Europe.*

7. **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 Tackling rising energy prices: a toolbox for action and support**
COM(2021)0660

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the ENVI chair to liaise with his ITRE counterpart to see if the Commission could be invited for an exchange of views on this subject from an ENVI perspective.*

8. **Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A stronger EU engagement for a peaceful, sustainable and prosperous Arctic**
JOIN(2021)0027

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission/EEAS for an exchange of views on the joint communication.*

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Other documents received

9. **Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the 72nd session of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with regard to the adoption of the conclusion on international protection and durable solutions in the context of a public health emergency**
COM(2021)0597
10. **Report from the Commission: Annual Report on the Safety of Offshore Oil and Gas Operations in the European Union for the Year 2019**
COM(2021)0585
11. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation and efficient functioning of Directive 2012/18/EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances for the period 2015-2018**
COM(2021)0599
12. **Proposal for a Council implementing decision on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Romania**
COM(2021)0608

13. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Annual Monitoring Report on the implementation of the 2019 Structural Reform Support Programme**
COM(2021)0622
14. **Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Finland**
COM(2021)0624
15. **Proposal for a Council implementing decision on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Estonia**
COM(2021)0625
16. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the review of the application of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species**
COM(2021)0628
17. **AMENDING LETTER No 1 TO THE DRAFT GENERAL BUDGET 2022 Pre-financing of the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Continued humanitarian support to refugees in Turkey and beyond Updated estimated needs for agricultural expenditure Other adjustments and technical updates**
COM(2021)0642
18. **Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the implementation of Council Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources based on Member State reports for the period 2016–2019**
COM(2021)1000
19. **Commission staff working document Second River Basin Management Plans – Member State: Lithuania**
SWD(2021)0248
20. **Commission staff working document Second River Basin Management Plans – Member State: Ireland**
SWD(2021)0250
21. **Commission staff working document Second River Basin Management Plans – Member State: Greece**
SWD(2021)0252
22. **Commission staff working document on the territorial just transition plans**
SWD(2021)0275
23. **Commission staff working document For a resilient, innovative, sustainable and digital energy-intensive industries ecosystem: Scenarios for a transition pathway**
SWD(2021)0277
24. **Commission staff working document Green paper on ageing - Public consultation Synopsis report**

25. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the implementation of Council Directive 91/676/EEC concerning the protection of waters against pollution caused by nitrates from agricultural sources based on Member State reports for the period 2016–2019**
SWD(2021)1001
26. **Council Adoption of a 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, Accc/C/2015/128, Accc/C/2013/96, Accc/C/2014/121 And Accc/C/2010/54 (12238/21)**
27. **Council Adoption of a Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Commission established by the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic as regards a decision on the establishment of the North Atlantic current and Evlanov seamount marine protected area (NACES MPA) and a recommendation on the management of the NACES MPA (11270/21 rev 1)**
28. **Council adoption of a 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) (docs. 11527/21 and 11528/21)**
29. **Adoption of a 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)) (11254/21 and 11255/21)**
30. **Adoption of a 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) (11228/21 and 11229/21)**
31. **Council adoption of a Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA joint committee concerning an amendment to protocol 31 on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms, annexed to the EEA Agreement (EU4HEALTH programme) (doc. 11534/21, 11535/21)**
32. **Council adoption of a Decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA joint committee concerning an amendment to protocol 31 on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms, annexed to the EEA Agreement (European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)) (doc. 11232/21, 11233/21)**

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 *Update on the Fit for 2030 package*

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the current situation with regard to the attribution of competences on the “Fit for 2030 package”. Coordinators agreed that a number of key files linked to the carbon market should be dealt as a package in ENVI as far as possible and that those draft reports should be submitted by rapporteurs by 14 January 2022 or earlier if possible, to allow for a presentation in committee as soon as the translations are ready. Coordinators also underlined the importance to have an EP mandate adopted on these texts in plenary in June and to therefore vote in ENVI on 11-12 May and 16-17 May respectively.*

5.2 *Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland: Commission proposals for bespoke arrangements with respect to SPS and medicines*

Decision taken: *Coordinator confirmed the invitation to DG SANTE Director-General Gallina to attend an exchange of views on the approach suggested in the Commission non-papers.*

5.3 *Invitation to attend the high-level roundtable on the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for sustainability*

Decision taken: *This item was postponed.*

5.4 *Request for an exchange of views with the Commission on the draft implementing act reserving certain antimicrobials for human use*

Decision taken: *This item was postponed.*

6. DECISIONS RELATED TO NON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

6.1 *Request for an exchange of views with the Commission on the health impacts of 5G*

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 creating a European compensation fund for victims of the ‘COVID-19 vaccines’ (Comirnaty Pfizer, BioNTech - Janssen COVID-19 vaccine - Spikevax (Moderna) - Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca)) by Virginie Joron - B9-0475/2021**

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

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

7.3 Documents recently published by the European Court of Auditors

Special Report 21/2021: *EU funding for biodiversity and climate change in EU forests: positive but limited results*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to have this report presented in Committee, possibly in a joint meeting with AGRI.*

7.4 Recommendations by coordinators taken by written procedure

Coordinators endorsed through written procedure the following recommendations:

- 1. 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) - possible steps and suggested timeline (deadline: 6 October 2021 cob)**
- 2. 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 (deadline: 6 October 2021 cob)**
- 3. Request for the relaunch of the ENVI-DEVE joint framework cooperation on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs) (deadline: 6 October 2021 cob)**
- 4. Preliminary agreement with AGRI on the requested INI report about the Action Plan for the development of organic production (deadline: 15 October 2021 cob)**
- 5. Preliminary agreement with ITRE on the requested INI report about the EU industrial policy (deadline: 15 October 2021 cob)**
- 6. Input for Decision by the Conference of Committee Chairs on a programme of public hearings for the first half of 2022**
 - Proposals by AGRI to organise with ENVI public hearings on the Farm to Fork and EU Forest Strategies (deadline: 15 October 2021 cob)**
 - BUDG public hearing on social and biodiversity tracking methodologies for the EU budget and EU policies (deadline: 15 October 2021 cob)**
 - EMPL public hearing on Social justice and employment in the frame of the European Green Deal (deadline: 15 October 2021 cob)**
 - ECON public hearing on Sustainable Finance (deadline: 15 October 2021 cob)**
- 7. PECH request for extended participation in the delegation to the UN Oceans Summit. (deadline: 15 October 2021 cob)**

8. POINTS FOR INFORMATION

- 8.1 *Updated list of Committee meetings in 2021***
- 8.2 *Calendar of ENVI meetings in the first half of 2022***
- 8.3 *Updated table on the legislative and non-legislative work***
- 8.4 *Petitions for information***
- 8.5 *Rolling check-list on reporting and review clauses in EU legislation***
- 8.6 *State of play of the 2021 ENVI scrutiny plan***
- 8.7 *Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee***
- 8.8 *Possible intervention of the European Parliament in Case T-518/21, European Paper Packaging Alliance v Commission***
- 8.9 *Letters of interest for the coordinators***

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. ENVI's participation at the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union and ENVI opinion on ECON INI on AGS**

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to abstain next year from participating in the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union in view of the current workload. They also confirmed the principle of doing an opinion to the ECON own-initiative report on the Annual Growth Survey (if request confirmed by ECON).*

10. NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING

End November 2021 (Week 48)