

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- not to be-treated in full committee -

Tuesday, 30 November 2021, 12:30-14:00
(Webex)

COORDINATORS' RESULTS

2.12.2021

- 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
- Mr Vondra, Coordinator of the ECR group
- Ms Björk, replacing 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

- Follow-up on the implementation of the “consistency check provision” in article 6(4) in the Climate Law in the Better Regulation Toolbox
- Follow-up to exchange of views in ENVI with DG SANTE on Brexit
- Letter to Commissioners Kyriakides and Hahn to emphasize the need to reinforce EMA staff due to continuous increased work related to COVID-19.

3. DECISIONS ON URGENT MATTERS

3.1 *Relations with other committees*

3.1.1 PETI request for authorisation to draft a short motion for a resolution of the Committee on Petitions on measures against water pollution caused by nitrates, including improvements in the different nitrate measuring systems in member states

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to write to the President expressing ENVI's concerns to the request for authorisation of a motion for a resolution and reminding about the positions expressed in the EP motion for resolution of December 2020.*

3.1.2 Treatment of petition No. 1466/2020 on the alleged non-compliance by the French government with the judgement of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 25 July 2018 in Case C-528/16 (NP)

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to respond to the PETI Chair, explaining that ENVI coordinators took note of the request for an INI report and decided not to offer any follow-up due to the ongoing preparatory legislative work by the Commission and the heavy ENVI workload. Coordinators agreed to revert back to the raised issue at one of the next Coordinators' meetings.*

3.1.3 AGRI INI on the New EU Forest Strategy

Decision taken: *Coordinators underlined the importance of ENVI competences and mandated the Chair to send a joint letter with AGRI Chair to the CCC, requesting a recommendation on those aspects where an agreement could not be found and informing about those aspects where a partial agreement was found.*

3.1.4 AGRI oral question and motion for a resolution on large predators

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to send a letter to his AGRI counterpart, underlining the ENVI responsibility in the protection of large carnivores.*

3.1.5 Joint hearing with AGRI on Farm to Fork Strategy

Decision taken: *Coordinators mandated the Chair to propose a change in the title of the hearing to reflect that this is a joint ENVI – AGRI hearing with a broader scope. Political groups are requested to send their proposals for possible studies to be presented at the joint hearing, including possible names of experts for their presentations, to the Secretariat by 10 December cob.*

3.1.6 Feedback on contacts with DEVE on SDGs

Decision taken:

ENVI Coordinators mandated the Chair:

- to request, jointly with the DEVE Chair, the authorisation of a joint own-initiative report on the implementation of the SDGs; and

- to request a joint delegation to the HLPF in New York in July 2022 (further details to be specified).

Coordinators agreed to organise an exchange of views on SDGs with Commissioner Gentiloni in a joint session with DEVE.

3.1.7 BUDG-ECON joint implementation report on the Recovery and Resilience Facility

Decision taken:

Coordinators decided to do an opinion in form of a letter under rule 57 (with the same shared competence than for legislative procedure) on the BUDG-ECON implementation report. They also decided that the same negotiation team should be appointed as for the RRF regulation.

4. DECISIONS ON PROCEDURE

Reports

1. Amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants

ENVI/9/07538

***I 2021/0340(COD) COM(2021)0656 – C9-0396/2021

Responsible:
ENVI

Decision taken:

Renew group (2 points)

2. Shipments of waste and amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) No 2020/1056

ENVI/9/07721

***I 2021/0367(COD) COM(2021)0709 – C9-0426/2021

Responsible:
ENVI

Opinions:
BUDG
IMCO

Decision taken:

EPP group (3 points)

Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views on this proposal.

3. Making available on the Union market as well as export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010

ENVI/9/07774

***I 2021/0366(COD) COM(2021)0706 – C9-0430/2021

Responsible:

ENVI

Opinions:

INTA

Decision taken:

EPP group (8 points).

Coordinators mandated the Chair to negotiate INTA's association under Rule 57 taking into account the past work on the ENVI legislative initiative-report.

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Own-initiative reports

None

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Legislative opinions

4. Guidelines for the 2023 Budget - Section III

ENVI/9/07742

2021/2226(BUI)

Responsible:

BUDG

Decision taken:

Coordinators confirmed that ENVI will contribute to the Guidelines for the 2023 Budget with an opinion in the form of a letter.

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Non-legislative opinions

See point 3.1.7

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Documents received for information

5. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Commission work programme 2022 - Making Europe stronger together (CM)**
COM(2021)0645

This point will be dealt with under item 5.1

6. **Proposal for a Council regulation fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters**
COM(2021)0661

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

Items 7 to 12 to be treated jointly

7. **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 and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (the ‘Barcelona Convention’) on the adoption of a Decision to amend the Annex to the Protocol for the Prevention and Elimination of Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft or Incineration at Sea (the ‘Dumping Protocol’)**
COM(2021)0666
8. **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 and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (the ‘Barcelona Convention’) on the adoption of a Decision to amend Annexes I, II and IV to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities (the ‘LBS Protocol’)**
COM(2021)0667
9. **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 and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (the ‘Barcelona Convention’) on the adoption of a Decision to amend the Annexes to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution Resulting from Exploration and Exploitation of the Continental Shelf and the Seabed and its Subsoil (the ‘Offshore Protocol’)**
COM(2021)0668
10. **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 and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (the ‘Barcelona Convention’) on the adoption of a Decision to designate the Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an emission control area for sulphur oxides (‘MED SO_x ECA’) pursuant to Annex**

VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (the ‘MARPOL Convention’)
COM(2021)0669

11. **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 and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (the ‘Barcelona Convention’) on the Adoption of a Decision to adopt the amendments to the Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the framework of Article 15 of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (the ‘LBS Protocol’)**
COM(2021)0677
12. **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 and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (the ‘Barcelona Convention’) on the Adoption of a Decision to adopt Regional Plans in the framework of Article 15 of the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources (the ‘LBS Protocol’) on Urban Wastewater Treatment and Sewage Sludge Management**
COM(2021)0678

Decision taken: *No action needed (documents 7-12), for information purposes only.*

13. **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Contingency plan for ensuring food supply and food security in times of crisis**
COM(2021)0689

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

14. **Communication from the Commission to the European parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions EU Soil Strategy for 2030 Reaping the benefits of healthy soils for people, food, nature and climate (SD/DBR)**
COM(2021)0699

Decision taken:: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission to present this Communication in the ENVI Committee and confirmed that no further action linked to this Communication is needed, as Parliament already adopted a resolution on the subject on 28 April 2021.*

15. **Commission staff working document Better Regulation Guidelines**
SWD(2021)0305

Decision taken:

For information purposes, especially in relation to the ongoing process of preparing ENVT's opinion on the JURI INI report 'Better regulation: Joining forces to make better laws'.

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Other documents received

- 16. 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 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)
COM(2021)0638**
- 17. 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 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment
COM(2021)0641**
- 18. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic
COM(2021)0649**
- 19. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the state of the transposition and implementation of Directive (EU) 2019/633 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain
COM(2021)0652**
- 20. Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Implementation and Enforcement of EU Trade Agreements
COM(2021)0654**
- 21. 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 0, 14, 16, 22, 24, 37, 45, 48, 49, 55, 58, 67, 79, 83, 86, 90, 94, 95, 100, 101, 110, 116, 118, 125, 128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 137, 145, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 157, 158 and 159, as regards the proposals for amendments to Consolidated Resolutions R.E.3 and R.E.5, as regards the proposals for amendments to Mutual Resolutions M.R.1 and M.R.2, and as regards the proposals for authorisations to amend UN GTR on pedestrian safety, and to develop UN GTRs on Global Real Driving Emissions and on brake particulate emissions**

COM(2021)0657

22. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Implementation of the third Programme of Union Action in the field of health in 2019**

COM(2021)0680

23. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the exercise of the delegation conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market (the EU Timber Regulation)**

COM(2021)0687

24. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions State of the Energy Union 2021 – Contributing to the European Green Deal and the Union’s recovery (pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action)**

COM(2021)0950

25. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Progress on competitiveness of clean energy technologies**

COM(2021)0952

26. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Speeding up European climate action towards a green, fair and prosperous future - EU Climate Action Progress Report 2021**

COM(2021)0960

27. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Quality of petrol and diesel fuel used for road transport in the European Union (Reporting year 2019)**

COM(2021)0961

28. **Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Functioning of the European Carbon Market in 2020 pursuant to Articles 10(5) and 21(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC (as amended by Directive 2009/29/EC and Directive (EU) 2018/410)**

COM(2021)0962

29. **REGULATORY SCRUTINY BOARD OPINION - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants**

SEC(2021)0379

30. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EU green public procurement criteria for road transport**

SWD(2021)0296

31. **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 and the Committee of the Regions Speeding up European climate action towards a green, fair and prosperous future EU Climate Action Progress Report 2021**
SWD(2021)0298
32. **Commission staff working document Subsidiarity Grid Accompanying the document Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants**
SWD(2021)0299
33. **COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT Accompanying the document Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants**
SWD(2021)0300
34. **Commission staff working document: Executive summary of the impact assessment report accompanying the document Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants**
SWD(2021)0301
35. **Commission staff working document [...] Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the Functioning of the European Carbon Market in 2020 pursuant to Articles 10(5) and 21(2) of Directive 2003/87/EC (as amended by Directive 2009/29/EC and Directive (EU) 2018/410)**
SWD(2021)0308
36. **Commission staff working document Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Implementation of the third Programme of Union action in the field of health in 2019**
SWD(2021)0311
37. **Commission staff working document Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2021**
SWD(2021)0333
38. **Commission Implementing Decision on the request for registration of the European citizens' initiative entitled 'Call to Action – Environmental protection in all policies' pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/788 of the European Parliament and of the Council**
C(2021)7742
39. **Commission Implementing Decision on the request for registration of the European citizens' initiative entitled 'Stop (((5G))) - Stay Connected but**

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

5.1 *2022 Commission work programme - implications for ENVI*

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Commission work programme 2022 - Making Europe stronger together
COM(2021)0645

Decision taken: *Coordinators took note of the information above for planning purposes and reiterated their previous decision to focus their work on ENVI's legislative work.*

5.2 *Nomination of a representative of ENVI to the EP delegation for the budgetary scrutiny procedure on HERA*

Decision taken: *Coordinators nominated Véronique Trillet-Lenoir, the rapporteur of the Cross-Border Health Threats proposal, to take part in the HERA budgetary scrutiny procedure on behalf of ENVI.*

5.3 *Request for a further exchange with the EP legal service on HERA*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to schedule a further in camera exchange with the EP legal service about the Commission's HERA proposal.*

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: *Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of view on the health impacts of 5G in an upcoming meeting.*

6.2 *Request for a presentation of the study by the Policy Department on "The relation between different zoonotic pandemics and the livestock sector"*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to have a presentation of the aforementioned in-depth analysis in ENVI in the presence of the Commission in an upcoming meeting.*

- 6.3 *Request to invite EMSA & EEA to an upcoming ENVI meeting to hold a joint presentation of the first European Maritime Transport Environmental Report (EMTER)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to invite EEA and EMSA for a joint presentation of the first European Maritime Transport Environmental Report in an upcoming ENVI meeting.*

- 6.4 *Request for a study on HIV policies (situation but also foresight)*

Decision taken: *Coordinators decided to request a study on HIV policies.*

7. **PROPOSALS FOR DECISION WITHOUT DEBATE**

7.1 *Decisions on procedure*

7.1.1 *Motions for resolution Rule 143*

1. **Motion for a resolution on the reimbursement of costs for the compulsory testing of employees for COVID 19 by Victor Uspaskich - B9-0540/2021**
2. **Motion for a resolution on setting ambitious labelling standards to provide information to consumers by Emmanuel Maurel - B9-0542/2021**

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*

None

7.4 *Recommendations by coordinators taken by written procedure*

Coordinators endorsed through written procedure the following recommendations:

1. ***Use of the urgency procedure for the Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2017/746 as regards transitional provisions for certain in vitro diagnostic medical devices (IVDs) and deferred application of requirements for in-house devices (deadline: 18 November 2021)***

2. *Request for an exchange of views with the Commission on the draft implementing act reserving certain antimicrobials for human use (deadline: 18 November 2021)*
3. *Answer to invitation to attend the high-level roundtable on the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for sustainability (deadline: 18 November 2021)*
4. *ENVI concerns on decision to return to full physical meetings in light of current epidemiological situation (deadline: 22 November 2021)*
5. *Exchange of views with Ms Joyce Msuya, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UNEP (deadline: 22 November 2021)*
6. *Debriefing by the Commission on World Health Assembly and update on preparations of a new international treaty on pandemics in ENVI (deadline: 22 November 2021).*

8. **POINTS FOR INFORMATION**

- 8.1 *Updated list of ENVI Committee meetings in 2021 and first half of 2022*
- 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 *State of play of the 2021 ENVI scrutiny plan*
- 8.6 *Case-law of interest for the ENVI Committee*
- 8.7 *Letters of interest for the coordinators*

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Request for ENVI participation in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Decision taken:

Coordinators mandated the Chair to contact his FEMM counterpart to request the participation of ENVI in the future hearing or exchange of views organised by FEMM to prepare the next CSW meeting, in view of this year's subject. They also mandated him to discuss a possible participation of ENVI Members in the future FEMM delegation to the CSW.

10. **NEXT COORDINATORS' MEETING**

Tbd.