

CHAIR'S WELCOME



Dear all,

We have a very busy week ahead with ENVI meetings from 22 to 25 May!

On 22 May, we will start with an exchange of views with Commission Executive Vice-President, Frans Timmermans, as part of his structural dialogue with ENVI. It will be the opportunity to take stock of the latest development on climate, focusing in particular on COP28 and the impact of the

war in Ukraine. He will also likely present to Members the progress made on legislative files which are currently being dealt by co-legislators, such as legislation on substances that deplete the ozone layer, fluorinated greenhouse gases and carbon removals, packaging waste or legislative files in the area of zero-pollution, sustainable food systems and biodiversity protection. All key components of the European Green Deal.

On 23 May, in a joint meeting with DEVE, we will vote on the joint DEVE-ENVI own initiative report on the implementation and delivery of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The report aims to set out Parliament's position for the next UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) taking place from 10 to 19 July 2023 and where the Parliament will send a Delegation of ten MEPs.

On 24 May, we will start with the consideration of amendments to the draft report on the proposal for a Regulation on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products. The proposal includes EU wide targets to reduce by 50% the use and risk of chemical pesticides by 2030, in line with the EU's Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies. During a Joint public hearing with AGRI, Members will also have the opportunity to discuss with experts in the field, the integrated pest management works (IPM).

We will also focus on climate with the consideration of the draft report on the Regulation establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals. The Commission proposal aims to encourage innovative carbon removal technologies and sustainable carbon farming solutions, while contributing to the EU's climate, environmental and zero-pollution goals. On industrial emission reduction, we will vote on two key draft reports, the first on the revision of the Directive on industrial emissions and the second on the proposal of a Regulation on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations and establishing an Industrial Emissions Portal. During the meeting, members will exchange with the Commission on the new proposal on a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials, a key component of the so-called industrial package, on which ENVI is preparing an Opinion with some exclusive competences.

On 24 May, waste management will also be on the spotlight. Members will hear from the European Court of auditors on its review of EU actions to address the increasing amount of hazardous waste developed in the Waste Framework Directive as part of the EU's efforts to reduce environmental pollution and ensure a high level of human health protection.

ENVI will tackle the issue of public health and research with the presentation of two STOA studies "on Fostering coherence in EU health research: Strengthening EU research for better health" and "on European pharmaceutical research and development: Could public infrastructure overcome market failures?". The studies, together with a recent in-depth analysis requested by ENVI "on the potential measures to facilitate the production of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) in the EU Member States" will be valuable data to inform the upcoming ENVI work on the pharmaceutical package recently adopted by the Commission.

Finally, on 25 May, ENVI will hold a hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI): 'Save cruelty-free cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without animal

testing'. The initiative calls upon the European Commission to commit to a legislative proposal plotting a roadmap to phase-out all animal testing in the EU before the end of the current legislative term (June 2024). The AGRI and PETI Committees will also be associated to the public hearing.

As always, you can follow the ENVI Committee meeting live at: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/envi/home.html>

You can also follow the activities of the ENVI Committee on its official Twitter account @EP_ENVIRONMENT

Pascal Canfin, 22 May 2023

MEETING ITEMS

Exchanges of views:

- Exchange of views with Executive Vice-president Mr Timmermans, as part of the structure dialogue (22/5)
- Establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020 (24/5)
- STOA studies: on "Fostering coherence in EU health research: Strengthening EU research for better health" and on "European pharmaceutical research and development: Could public infrastructure overcome market failures ? " (24/5)

Presentations:

- Presentation by ECA of the Review 02/2023 EU actions to address the increasing amount of hazardous waste - CONT Members invited.

Hearings:

- Joint hearing with AGRI Committee on Integrated Pest management (23/5).
- Public hearing on the State of the implementation of the Habitats Directive (in association with PETI) (24/5)
- ECI hearing "Save Cruelty Free Cosmetics - Commit to a Europe without animal testing"(ENVI lead - AGRI and PETI) (25/5)

Considerations:

- Draft report: on Establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals. (PEREIRA)(24/5)
- Amendments on The sustainable use of plant protection products and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 (WIENER) (24/5)

Votes:

- Implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (BULLMANN, KOKKALIS) (jointly with DEVE)
- Amending Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) and Council Directive 1999/31/EC of 26 April 1999 on the landfill of waste (KANEV)(24/5)
- Regulation on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations and establishing an Industrial Emissions Portal (KANEV) (24/5)

ENVI IN THE NEXT PLENARY

Draft agenda of the Plenary available [here](#).

EXCHANGES OF VIEWS

Exchange of views with Executive Vice-president Mr Timmermans, as part of the structured dialogue



On 22 May, ENVI Members will hold their annual structured dialogue exchange with Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for the European Green Deal. During this exchange, the Commissioner is expected to take stock of legislative files currently being dealt with by the European Parliament and the Council, such as legislation on substances that deplete the ozone layer, fluorinated greenhouse gases and carbon removals, as well as on Packaging and Packaging Waste and microplastics. He will also likely present progress on legislative files in the area of zero-pollution as well as progress towards sustainable food systems and biodiversity protection. These legislation are key components of the European Green Deal and the European Chemicals Strategy to address pollution of the environment, protect human health and reach the European objectives of emissions reductions. He will also address international developments in the area of climate, with special focus on COP28 and the impact of the war in Ukraine.

HEARINGS

Joint hearing with AGRI Committee on Integrated Pest Management



In a joint meeting, AGRI and ENVI committees will hold a Public Hearing on the IPMWORKS networks. The hearing will fall within Parliament's current work on the Commission proposal on the sustainable use of plant protection products, on which ENVI will hold an exchange of views on the proposed amendments on 24 May (WIENER). The hearing gathering experts on the subject will be an opportunity for members to discuss on the purpose and achievement of IPMWORKS and learn from some concrete examples that will be presented by experts.

ECI Hearing "Save Cruelty Free Cosmetics - Commit to a Europe without animal testing"(ENVI lead - AGRI and PETI)



European Citizens' Initiative:
"SAVE CRUELTY-FREE COSMETICS -
COMMIT TO A EUROPE WITHOUT
ANIMAL TESTING"



On 25 May, ENVI will hold a hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI): 'Save cruelty-free cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without animal testing'. The initiative calls upon the European Commission to commit to a legislative proposal plotting a roadmap to phase-out all animal testing in the EU before the end of the current legislative term (June 2024). The AGRI and PETI Committees will be associated. Following a presentation of the ECI, Members will hold a debate with the ECI organisers on the protection and strengthening of the cosmetics animal testing ban, before discussing the EU chemicals regulation, and the need to

modernise science in the EU. European Commission Vice-President Jourová is expected to take part in the debate.

CONSIDERATIONS

Establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals



On 24 May, ENVI Members will consider the draft report on the Regulation establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals. The Commission proposal aims to encourage innovative carbon removal technologies and sustainable carbon farming solutions, while contributing to the EU's climate, environmental and zero-pollution goals. It builds upon the directive on the geological storage of CO₂ (CCS Directive), and on the recently revised LULUCF Regulation and introduces a voluntary framework for a carbon removal certification in the European Union and the methodology for certification. The proposal was preceded by a Communication on Sustainable Carbon Cycles, which introduced a business model for carbon recycling in line with ecological principles. In her draft report, rapporteur Ms. Pereira (EPP, PT) suggests the creation of a single Union registry for the voluntary certification process to ensure consistency, transparency and to avoid regulatory duplication and administrative burden; emphasises the need for emissions reductions, high quality and long-term carbon removals, and aims to create a transparent and reliable voluntary marketplace for long-term carbon removals that supports the EU's efforts to combat climate change while creating new opportunities for investment and innovation.

Rapporteur: [PEREIRA \(EPP\)](#)

Shadows : [WÖLKEN \(S&D\)](#), [WIESNER \(RENEW\)](#), [NIINISTÖ \(Greens/EFA\)](#), [GRISSET \(ID\)](#), [ZALEWSKA \(ECR\)](#), [WALLACE \(The Left\)](#)

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by ECA of the Review 02/2023 EU actions to address the increasing amount of hazardous waste



On 24 May, the ECA Member in charge, Ms Eva Lindström, will present to ENVI Members the ECA review on the EU actions to address the increasing amount of hazardous waste, which is defined by the EU as waste displaying one or more hazardous properties, such as explosive, irritant or toxic. These actions, developed in the Waste

Framework Directive, are part of the EU's efforts to reduce environmental pollution and ensure a high level of human health protection. In its review, ECA identified challenges such as dealing with the increasing amount of hazardous waste, improving its classification, ensuring traceability from generation to final treatment, limiting its disposal by increasing recycling, and addressing its illegal trafficking. It also identifies opportunities to tackle the increase of hazardous waste, for instance by adopting eco-design practices and reducing the use of hazardous substances in production processes, and providing more information to consumers on the presence of hazardous substances in products, enabling them to make more sustainable choices. Another way to tackle the problem is for the Commission to address shortcomings in the

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application of the polluter pays principle, which it intends to do in the context of the 2021 EU Action Plan on zero pollution, and to make polluters pay for their waste.

VOTES

Implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (BULLMANN, KOKKALIS) (jointly with DEVE)



On 23 May, the DEVE and the ENVI committees will vote jointly on the DEVE-ENVI own-initiative report on the implementation and delivery of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The draft report aims at contributing to the overall EU efforts towards the SDGs implementation

and sets a number of recommendations, focussing on governance, multilateralism and partnerships. The draft report is intended to set out Parliament's position in time before the next High Level Political Forum (HLPF) taking place from 10 to 19 July 2023 and where the EP will send a 10-Member Delegation. The HLPF is the main UN platform on sustainable development that oversees the implementation of SDGs at global level. This year, the HLPF will focus on "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels". The HLPF will review in depth Goals 6 on clean water and sanitation, 7 on affordable and clean energy, 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure, 11 on sustainable cities and communities, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals. In their draft report, the co-Rapporteurs underline the importance for the EU to show leadership in the implementation of the SDG to deliver the 2030 Agenda, particularly as the EU presented its first Voluntary Review on 15 May 2023. The 17 SDGs are the key tools to address the challenges of inequality, climate change and biodiversity emergencies. 470 AM were tabled and 39 compromise amendments negotiated, which were supported almost entirely by all the groups.

Rapporteur ENVI: KOKKALIS (LEFT)

Shadows ENVI: MARTUSCIELLO (EPP), PLUMB (S&D), ORVILLE (RENEW), GALLÉE (Greens/EFA), DE BLASIS (ID), ROOS (ECR), COMÍN I OLIVERES (NA)

Draft reports on Industrial Emission Directive and on Industrial Emissions Portal (KANEV)



On 24 May, ENVI will vote on the draft reports on the Revision of Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions and on the Regulation on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations and establishing an Industrial Emissions Portal. The industrial Emissions directive is a key tool to help better

protect ecosystems and human health from the adverse effects of pollution from large agro-industrial installations by tackling pollution at its source and improve transparency on tracking progress on pollution impacts, while contributing to the European Green Deal's objectives of reaching carbon neutrality, increased energy efficiency, a non-toxic environment and a circular economy. The proposal also aims to promote innovative technologies. It will also increase transparency, public participation and access to justice in relation to permitting, operation and control of the regulated installations. The proposed new regulation on reporting of environmental data from industrial installations and establishing an Industrial Emissions Portal repeals and

replaces existing provisions to better align with the EU's zero pollution ambition, as well as its energy, climate and circular economy policy goals. The Portal will provide the public with free-of-charge and online access to a further integrated and coherent dataset on key environmental pressures generated by industrial installations. Along with information on releases of pollutants, off-site transfers of waste and of pollutants in waste water, it would also include data on the use of water, energy and raw materials by the concerned installations for monitoring progress towards a circular, resource-efficient economy. ENVI draft report further strengthens the role of the portal in facilitating public access to environmental information, increasing the range of the data and documents to be made easily accessible, such as summary of the permit, while respecting confidentiality of business information.

Rapporteur ENVI: KANEV (EPP)

Shadows ENVI: CHAHIM (S&D), WIEZIK (RENEW), PAULUS (Greens/EFA), LANCINI (ID), ZAŁEWSKA (ECR), MATIAS (LEFT)

COMING UP ON 5 JUNE

- Amending Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 as regards introducing new environmental economic account modules (CANFIN) – Consideration of draft report
- The Net Zero Industry Act proposal (WÖLKEN) - Presentation by the Commission and exchange of views
- European State of the Climate Report- presentation by the Copernicus Climate Change Service
- Policy Department study on the Independence and transparency policies of EFSA - presentation by the Policy Department in the presence of EFSA

NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

Recent publications:

- Study on [the Independence and transparency policies of the European Food Safety Authority \(EFSA\)](#)
- [Study on potential measures to facilitate active pharmaceutical ingredients \(APIs\) production in Member States](#)
- In-depth analysis on [Issues at stake at the COP15 Conference to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montréal, Canada, December 2022](#)
- In-depth analysis on [Health-related quality of life in people living with HIV](#)
- Study on the [COP27 climate change conference: status of climate negotiations and issues at stake, Sharm El-Sheikh \(Egypt\), 6-18 November 2022](#)
- Briefing on the [19th Conference of the Parties \(COP19\) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\), 23 to 25 November 2022, Panama](#)
- Briefing on [Tracking the EU Commissioners' commitments - Von der Leyen Commission, 2019 - 2024: Frans Timmermans](#)
- Briefing on [Tracking the EU Commissioners' commitments - Von der Leyen Commission, 2019 - 2024: Stella Kyriakides](#)
- Briefing on [Tracking the EU Commissioners' commitments - Von der Leyen Commission, 2019 - 2024: Virginijus Sinkevičius](#)
- Briefing on [the UN High Level Political Forum, New-York, 13-15 July 2022](#)
- Briefing on the [UN Ocean's Conference, 28 to 30 June 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal](#)
- Briefing on the [75th World Health Assembly - "Health for peace and peace for health", Geneva - Switzerland - 22-28 May 2022](#)

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- Study on [Carbon farming: making agriculture fit for 2030](#) (also its At a glance version in [EN](#), [FR](#), [DE](#), [IT](#), [ES](#) and [PL](#))
- Study on [the Access to medicinal products](#)
- In depth analysis on [the link between biodiversity loss and the increasing spread of zoonotic diseases](#) (also available in [DE](#))
- Briefing on [the Farm to Fork strategy - An overview of Parliament's positions](#)
- Workshop proceedings on [2030 climate target plan: extension of European Emission Trading System \(ETS\) to transport emissions](#)
- Workshop proceedings on [2030 climate target plan: review of Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry \(LULUCF\) Regulation](#)

- Briefing on [the Greenhouse gas emissions from shipping: waiting for concrete progress at IMO level](#)

Upcoming publications:

- Briefing on key issues at stake at the IMO MEPC 80, 3-7 July 2023, London, UK
- Briefing on the UN High Level Political Forum, New-York, 17-19 July 2023
- Briefing on the 76th World Health Assembly, Geneva - Switzerland – 21-30 May 2023

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency (EEA)

The importance of restoring nature in Europe



Nature, along with its inherent biodiversity, is key to functioning societies and economies. It provides the food we eat, filters the water we drink, cleans the air we breathe, and is important for our mental

and physical health. It contributes to food security and effective climate action. Yet, European nature is not in a good state, and it has shown few signs of improvement over the past years. European ecosystems are in urgent need of concerted restoration efforts both inside existing designated protected areas but also outside these spaces, such as in managed forests, agricultural lands, seas, and urban areas. More details can be found in a new European Environment Agency (EEA) briefing '[The importance of restoring nature in Europe](#)'.

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



EFSA's latest report on pesticide residues in food in the European Union was published on 26 April 2023. It gives a snapshot of the residue levels found in a selection of commonly consumed products. The report

suggests that the food commodities analysed in 2021 are unlikely to pose a concern for consumer health. Nevertheless, the report includes a number of recommendations to increase the efficiency of European control systems for pesticide residues. More info [here](#).

European Medicines Agency (EMA)



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EMA annual report 2022

On 15 May 2023 EMA published its annual report 2022. The report provides an overview of the Agency's activities to protect and promote public and animal

health in the European Union (EU).

The [digital report](#) outlines the most important highlights regarding the evaluation and monitoring of human and veterinary medicines and a selection of key figures. It also contains an interactive timeline of important milestones in 2022, with advanced functionalities that allow readers to explore each topic in more depth by accessing additional documents, audio-visual materials and infographics. More info [here](#).

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



ECHA advice on new hazard classes Three new hazard classes (endocrine disruptors, persistent, bio accumulative and persistent, mobile and toxic) for classifying, labelling and packaging (CLP) substances and mixtures entered into force on 20 April 2023. Information on the application dates

and related guidance are now available on ECHA's website. <https://echa.europa.eu/new-hazard-classes-2023> (Press release: <https://echa.europa.eu/-/echa-provides-advice-on-new-hazard-classes-for-substances-and-mixtures>)

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

World Hand Hygiene Day



Each year on 5 May, the "Save lives: Clean Your Hands" campaign takes place as part of a major global effort led by the World Health Organization (WHO) to mobilise people around the world to increase adherence to hand hygiene in all

healthcare settings. This protects healthcare workers and patients from healthcare-associated infections caused by various pathogens.

ECDC supports this campaign and highlights the importance of infection prevention and control measures, especially hand hygiene, as key strategies to tackle the growing threat posed by antibiotic resistance. Listen to the dedicated podcast of the ECDC [here](#).

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