

CHAIR'S WELCOME



Dear all,

I am pleased to update you on the latest and upcoming activities in the ENVI committee.

On 12 October, ENVI held a meeting, where we voted on the draft reports on the Euro 7 proposal to reduce air pollution from new motor vehicles sold in the EU and on the proposal on new environmental economic accounts modules, as well as on a draft Opinion on promoting the repair of goods, as part of the Circular Economy Action Plan.

The next ENVI meetings will take place on 23-24 October and on 6-7 November 2023.

As we are advancing at a high pace towards the end of the Parliament's mandate, we will take stock of the Spanish Council Presidency with two mid-term exchanges of views. First on Monday 23 October, Members will have the opportunity to exchange on health priorities with José Manuel Miñones Conde, Minister of Health, and on Tuesday 24 October on environmental issues with Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, third Vice-President of the Government of Spain and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge.

We will continue with the Annual exchange of views with Emer Cooke, the EMA executive Director, as part of the structural dialogue with Agencies. Following the ENVI delegation to the EMA on 20 February 2023, Ms Cooke will update Members on the latest activities of the Agency, from pharmaceutical surveillance, marketing authorisations for medicines for human use and veterinary to staff, budget and administration issues, as well as on the latest developments on COVID-19, influenza or the roll-out of new vaccines, the implementation of the reinforced role for the EMA in health crisis.

On Tuesday 24 October, Members will vote on several key reports, such as the revision of Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment ("WEEE Directive"), the proposal for a new Regulation establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals, the proposal for a new Regulation on packaging and packaging waste, repealing the current Directive in force since 1994, and the proposal for a Regulation on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products to reduce the use and risk of chemical pesticides by 2030, in line with the EU's Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies. We will also confirm in committee the provisional agreements reached with the Council on the Regulation on the EMA fees, on the Ozone Regulation and on the Regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases.

In the afternoon, ENVI will be associated to a Public hearing organised by the Committee on Fisheries on "Decarbonising EU fisheries and Aquaculture" to discuss with relevant experts and stakeholders on the state of play and challenges to provide operational solutions to the fisheries and aquaculture sector, while supporting the transition towards an effective decarbonisation.

Finally, during the meeting on 6 and 7 November, ENVI will vote on a draft resolution on the UN Climate Change Conference 2023 (COP28), setting Parliament's priorities and recommendations for the COP28. ENVI, together with the ITRE committee, will also send a delegation of 15 Members to the COP28 in Dubai from 7 to 12 December 2023. ENVI will continue to work on health issues with the consideration of the draft reports on the proposals for the Pharmaceutical Directive and for the Pharmaceutical Regulation, and will vote on the two own Initiative reports on Mental Health and on Non-Communicable Diseases, prepared by the Subcommittee for Health.

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MEETING ITEMS

Exchanges of views:

Mid-term Spanish Council Presidency

- Exchange of views with José Manuel Miñones Conde, Minister for Health (23/10)
- Exchange of views with Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Third Vice-President of the Government of Spain and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (24/10)
- Annual Exchange of views with Emer Cooke, Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) (23/10)

Public Hearings:

- Public hearing organised by the Committee on Fisheries (ENVI associated) on Decarbonising EU fisheries and aquaculture (24/10)

Votes:

- Provisional interinstitutional agreement - EMA Fees and charges Regulation (BUSOI)
- Provisional interinstitutional agreement - Substances that deplete the ozone layer and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 (POLFJÄRD)
- Provisional interinstitutional agreement - Fluorinated greenhouse gases, amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 (EICKHOUT)
- Objection pursuant to Rule 112(2) and (3) to Commission Implementing Regulation renewing the approval of the active substance glyphosate in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 (ARENA, TOUSSAINT, HAZEKAMP)
- Objection pursuant to Rule 112(2) and (3) to Commission Implementing Regulation renewing the approval of propiconazole as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 8 in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (ARENA, TOUSSAINT, HAZEKAMP)
- Adoption of draft Report - Amending Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (ZALEWSKA)
- Adoption of draft Report - Establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals (PEREIRA)
- Adoption of draft Report - Amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 as regards strengthening the CO₂ emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles and integrating reporting obligations, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/956 (EICKHOUT)
- Adoption of draft Report - Packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC (RIES)
- Adoption of draft Report - The sustainable use of plant protection products and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 (WIENER)

ENVI IN THE NEXT PLENARY

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

EXCHANGES OF VIEWS

Exchange of views with José Manuel Miñones Conde, Minister for Health



ENVI invited José Manuel Miñones Conde, Spanish Minister of Health, to update Members on the state of play of the Spanish Presidency's priorities in relation to public health. Members will have the opportunity during this exchange to ask questions on key health files, such as the European Health Data Space, the Regulation on standards of quality and safety for substances of human origin intended for human application or the pharmaceutical package. The Spanish Presidency's

priorities on public health included improving, *inter alia*, the protection of vulnerable groups in the European Union, fostering preparedness and response initiatives for facing new health alerts, and aligning the European health agenda with the 2030 Agenda and the One Health approach.

Exchange of views with Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Third Vice-President of the Government of Spain and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge



ENVI invited Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, third Vice-President of the Government of Spain and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, to update Members on the achievements and challenges of the Spanish Presidency in relation to the fight against climate change and pollution, and to the protection of the

environment. Advancing the green transition and environmental adaptation was one of the priorities for the Spanish Presidency, together with a clear commitment to achieve the target of reducing emissions at least by 55% by 2030 and to further accelerate climate and energy action to prevent global warming from exceeding the 1.5°C target.

Annual Exchange of views with Emer Cooke, Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency (EMA)



Ms Emer Cooke, the Executive Director of the European Medicine Agency (EMA), will brief ENVI Members on the latest activities of the Agency, notably on pharmaceutical surveillance, marketing authorisations for medicines for human use and veterinary, issues related to the EMA staff, budget and administration, as well as on the latest developments on COVID-19, influenza or the roll-out of new vaccines. Members will be able to ask questions to the Executive Director, among others, on the

implementation of the reinforced role for the EMA in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices, including in relations to ongoing key legislative proposals, such as the pharmaceutical package. Ms Cooke appeared before the ENVI committee already several times since her appointment in November 2020 to brief Members on EMA's activities,

vaccines' evaluations and authorisations, and the COVID-19 pandemic management. This exchange of views is her third of its kind.

HEARINGS

Public hearing organised by the Committee on Fisheries (ENVI associated) - Decarbonising EU fisheries and aquaculture



The Commission recently published a 'fisheries and oceans' package, which includes an action plan on decarbonising EU fisheries and aquaculture, which fosters the EU's Green Deal objectives and aims at contributing to climate neutrality objectives. On 16 June the Commission launched an energy transition partnership for EU fisheries and aquaculture (ETP)

involving stakeholders (industry, shipbuilders, ports, energy providers, research centres, governmental authorities, national institutions, non-governmental organisations and the general public).

The objective of this hearing is to listen to various stakeholders on the way to overcome existing regulatory and technical obstacles to provide attractive operational solutions to the fisheries and aquaculture sector, while supporting the transition towards decarbonisation.

VOTES

Fees and charges payable to the European Medicines Agency, amending Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 297/95 and Regulation (EU) 658/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council



The EMA founding Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 (EMA Regulation) provides that fees and charges are part of the revenues of the Agency. The current legal framework for EMA fees had become complex over the years and on 13

December 2022, the Commission published a proposal to review the framework. On 25 September 2023, Co-legislators reached an agreement on the EMA fees Regulation. ENVI will vote to confirm the provisional agreement reached with the Council, while Parliament will have to confirm it in the plenary session in December 2023. The new Regulation will replace the existing separate legislative instruments with one single instrument and thus simplify the regulatory framework on the EMA fees.

Rapporteur ENVI: [BUŞOL](#) (EPP)

Shadows ENVI: [CIUHODARU](#) (S&D), [SOLÍS PÉREZ](#) (Renew), [RIVASI](#) (Greens/EFA), [KOPCIŃSKA](#) (ECR), [KONEČNÁ](#) (THE LEFT)

Substances that deplete the ozone layer and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009



ENVI will vote on the provisional agreement reached by co-legislators on the proposal on substances that deplete the ozone layer (ODS), the so-called Ozone Regulation proposal published by the Commission on 5 April 2023. The proposal targets products in which ODS were legally used in the past. The aim of this

new Regulation is to prevent the equivalent of 180 million tonnes of CO₂ and 32 000 tonnes of ozone depleting potential (ODP) emissions by 2050.

Rapporteur ENVI: [POLFJÄRD](#) (EPP)

Shadows ENVI: [PLUMB](#) (S&D), [KNOTEK](#) (Renew), [HOLMGREN](#) (Greens/EFA), [ZALEWSKA](#) (ECR), [HAZEKAMP](#) (THE LEFT)

Fluorinated greenhouse gases, amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 517/2014



ENVI Members will vote on the provisional agreement reached with the Council on the proposals on Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (F-gases). The new legislation aims at reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 and making Europe climate-neutral by 2050. Today F-gas emissions amount to 2.5 % of EU's total GHG emissions but doubled

from 1990 to 2014 in contrast to other GHG emissions, which fell. This is because F-gases in the past typically replaced ozone-depleting substances in areas where the latter became prohibited to use in the EU to protect the stratospheric ozone layer, as required under the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

Rapporteur ENVI: [EICKHOUT](#) (Greens/EFA)

Shadows ENVI: [KYMPOUROPOULOS](#) (EPP), [SIDL](#) (S&D), [KNOTEK](#) (Renew), [VONDRA](#) (ECR), [LANCINI](#) (ID), [VILLUMSEN](#) (THE LEFT)

Amending Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)



ENVI members will vote on the draft report on the revision of Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment ("WEEE Directive"). Following the 25 January 2022 Court of Justice judgement, the Commission presented a proposal amending several articles of that Directive, concerning *inter alia* the principle of non-retroactivity and the related interests of economic actors as

regards the time when the WEEE Directive did not yet apply to products placed newly in its scope.

Rapporteur ENVI: [ZALEWSKA](#) (ECR)

Shadows ENVI: [MELBÄRDE](#) (EPP), [FRITZON](#) (S&D), [ROZA THUN UND HOHENSTEIN](#) (Renew), [GALLEE](#) (Greens/EFA), [GANCIA](#) (ID), [MARISA MATIAS](#) (THE LEFT)

Packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC



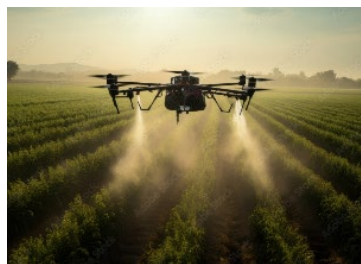
ENVI will vote on the draft report on the proposal for a Regulation on packaging and packaging waste replacing the current Directive in force since 1994. The EU rules regulate what kind of packaging can be placed on the EU market, as well as packaging waste management and packaging waste prevention

measures. All packaging placed on the EU market must comply with essential requirements related to its manufacturing, composition, and reusable or recoverable nature. The proposal aims to contribute to the objectives of the European Green Deal and the new Circular Economy Action Plan to ensure that "all packaging on the EU market is reusable or recyclable in an economically viable way by 2030" and the commitment of the 2018 Plastics Strategy to ensure that by 2030 all plastics packaging placed on the market can be reused or recycled in a cost-effective manner. 2473 amendments have been tabled in ENVI and the ITRE and IMCO committees adopted an opinion.

Rapporteur ENVI: [RIES](#) (Renew)

Shadows ENVI: [SALINI](#) (EPP), [BURKHARDT](#) (S&D), [O'SULLIVAN](#) (Greens/EFA), [FIOCCHI](#) (ECR), [SARDONE](#) (ID), [PIMENTA LOPES](#) (THE LEFT)

The sustainable use of plant protection products and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115



ENVI will hold a vote on the draft Report on the Sustainable Use of Plant Protection Products. The proposal, published by the Commission on 22 June 2022, 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. The proposal aims at reducing the use

and the risk of chemical pesticides and promoting the use of alternatives to chemical pesticides. In ENVI, 2959 amendments have been tabled, and AGRI and DEVE committees adopted Opinions.

Rapporteur ENVI: [WIENER](#) (Greens/EFA)

Shadows ENVI: [BERNHUBER](#) (EPP), [ARENA](#) (S&D), [HUITEMA](#) (Renew), [VONDRA](#) (ECR), [LIMMER](#) (ID), [HAZEKAMP](#) (THE LEFT)

Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

COMING UP ON 6-7, 9 NOVEMBER

- Detergents and surfactants, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 (RIPA) – Consideration of draft report
- Regulation on Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human use and establishing a European Medicines Agency (WÖLKEN) - Consideration of draft report
- Directive on the Union Code relating to medicinal products for human use and repealing Directives 2001/83 and 2009/35 - (WEISS) - Consideration of draft report
- UN Climate Change Conference 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (COP28) (PEREIRA, CHAHIM, HOJSIK, HOLMGREN, ROOS, GRISET, MODIG) - Vote of draft resolution
- Revision of the EU Pollinators Initiative - A new deal for pollinators – (BERNHUBER, BRGLEZ, HOJSIK, RIVASI, HAZEKAMP) - Vote of draft resolution
- Mental health INI (CERDAS) - Vote of draft report
- Non-communicable diseases INI (POULSEN) - Vote of draft report
- Regulation on European Health Data Space (SOKOL/TARDINO) - Vote of draft report (Joint ENVI-LIBE CJ43) (9 November)

NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT

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- Briefing on the [UN High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Goals](#), New-York, 17-19 July 2023
- Briefing on [Raising ambition levels at the IMO for 2050](#) - An overview of the key issues at stake at the MEPC80, 3-7 July 2023, London, UK
- Briefing on the [76th World Health Assembly, Geneva](#) - Switzerland – 21-30 May 2023
- 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](#)
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- Briefing on [Tracking the EU Commissioners' commitments - Von der Leyen Commission, 2019 - 2024: Frans Timmermans](#)
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- Briefing on [Tracking the EU Commissioners' commitments - Von der Leyen Commission, 2019 - 2024: Virginijus Sinkevičius](#)
- 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](#)

Upcoming publications:

- Study on the COP28 climate change conference: status of climate negotiations and issues at stake, Dubai (UAE), 30 Nov - 12 Dec 2023
- Briefing on developments which took place since the Convention on Biological Diversity's COP 15 conference in Montreal in December 2022

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

European Environment Agency (EEA)

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The case for public participation in sustainability transitions: how do we make Europe's shift to sustainability

inclusive?

EU policies and programmes, including the European Green Deal and [the 8th Environment Action Programme](#), highlight the importance of public engagement in closing knowledge gaps and call for public participation on all levels of decision-making. Public participation can unleash creativity, generate knowledge and mobilise agency. It can provide a means for environmental and social concerns and conflicts to be expressed and debated, even if not necessarily resolved. In its recent briefing, EEA looks into different forms of public participation from a sustainability transitions perspective, highlights its core tenets, principles and pitfalls. More details can be found in [‘The case for public participation in sustainability transitions — European Environment Agency \(europa.eu\)’](#).

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



EFSA's new [dashboard](#) provides interactive online access to the results of its horizon scanning activities for plant pests that may pose a threat to European Union territory.

In collaboration with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES), EFSA systematically screens scientific literature and media sources to identify new, emerging, or recurring pests that may be a potential concern for EU territory. These horizon scanning activities feed into a monthly [newsletter](#) published in the EFSA Journal, which is shared with the European Commission and Member States' plant health authorities to bolster the EU's preparedness to address emerging plant health risks. The newly created dashboard provides online access to the latest and past horizon scanning results in an interactive format. More info [here](#).

European Medicines Agency (EMA)



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New treatment option for heavily pre-treated multiple myeloma patients

EMA's human medicines committee (CHMP) has recommended a conditional marketing authorisation in the European Union for Elrexfio (elranatamab) as a monotherapy (used on its own) for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma who have received at least three prior therapies and whose cancer has

worsened since they received their last treatment. Multiple myeloma is a rare cancer of the plasma cells, a type of white blood cell that produces antibodies and is found in the bone marrow. In multiple myeloma, the proliferation of plasma cells is out of control, resulting in abnormal, immature plasma cells multiplying and filling up the bone marrow. When plasma cells become cancerous, they no longer protect the body from infections and produce abnormal proteins that can cause problems affecting the kidneys, bones, or blood. [More info here](#)



ECHA to prepare restriction proposal on chromium (VI) substances

upon the request of the Commission. The restriction proposal aims to address the challenges posed by the current and possible future workload both for ECHA and the Commission, stemming from the high number of applications for authorisation to use these substances, already submitted or potentially coming from hundreds of companies. For ECHA, evaluating the applications and concluding opinions on them would go beyond the available resources of the committees for Risk Assessment (RAC) and Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC) and would affect their work in regulating other hazardous chemicals. More at <https://echa.europa.eu/-/echa-to-prepare-restriction-proposal-on-chromium-vi-substances>

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)



WHO/Europe, EC and ECDC urge eligible groups to get vaccinated or boosted to save lives this autumn and winter

Last winter, the cumulative impacts of influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus or RSV hit the very young and the very old the hardest. Paediatric and intensive care wards felt the strain, and excess mortality was observed. As autumn moves to winter, the WHO Regional Office for Europe, the European Commission and the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC) are issuing a clear, urgent message: people who remain unprotected against both COVID-19 and seasonal influenza – especially the most vulnerable and at-risk – should take up any offer for vaccination to prevent or mitigate the impact of these co-circulating respiratory infections. More [here](#)

Next meetings of the ENVI Committee: 6 -7 November 2023.

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