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CHAIR'S WELCOME



The next meeting of the ENVI Committee will be taking place in Brussels on 15 September 2015.

Members will vote on a draft report on emission limits for non-road mobile machinery, on a draft opinion on the energy union, as well as on an objection to the extension of the approval period of glyphosate. In the context

of the preparations for the COP21 climate conference in Paris, the Committee will hold an exchange of views with Ms Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Members will also consider a draft opinion on transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institutions, as well as exchange views on country of origin labelling for certain foods and on the foodborne bacterium campylobacter.

Giovanni La Via

MEETING PREVIEW

Emission limits and type-approval for internal combustion engines for non-road mobile machinery

Adoption of [draft report](#)

The proposal covers a large variety of **combustion engines** installed in machines ranging from handheld equipment to railcars, locomotives and inland waterway vessels. All of those engines together are accountable for **15% of the NOx** and **5% of the Particulate Matter** emissions.



Currently emission limits are set out in Directive 97/68/EC, which is proposed to be replaced by a **Regulation**. Technology has evolved considerably since the last emission stages were introduced in 2004, showing that the **particle size of particulate matter** is crucial for the health effects. Hence the new proposal introduces a **Particulate Number** limit in line with the developments in the road sector.

The rapporteur asks for temporary exemptions in the case of **mobile cranes**, engines for **inland waterway vessels** and heavy machines manufactured by **SMEs**.

Engines which have a very long life time should also be allowed to be replaced by an engine of an older emission stage. The report also aims to **simplify procedures** for manufacturers.

227 amendments were tabled, and the rapporteur proposed **19 compromise amendments**.

Rapporteur: [Gardini](#) (EPP)

[Procedure file](#)

Shadows: [Dance](#) (S&D), [Duncan](#) (ECR), [Huitema](#) (ALDE), [Eck](#) (GUE), [Eickhout](#) (Greens/EFA), [Evi](#) (EFDD)

Towards a European Energy Union

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

The Communication "A Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy" is centred on 5 "dimensions":

- **Energy security, solidarity and trust;**
- A fully integrated **European energy market;**
- **Energy efficiency** contributing to moderation of demand;
- **Decarbonising** the economy, and
- **Research, Innovation and Competitiveness.**



In his draft opinion, the Rapporteur focuses on **decarbonisation** and on an **ambitious climate policy**. He stresses the need for an ambitious agreement at **COP 21** to limit the temperature increase within 2°C. The ETS plays a key role as a cost-effective tool to reach the EU's 2030 emission reduction target. He also calls for new initiatives in the **non-ETS sectors** and supports the introduction of an **energy efficiency target** for 2030 of at least **30%**. He stresses the need for stimulating the roll-out of **alternative fuels**, completing the **single energy market** and supporting low-carbon innovation.

201 amendments were tabled, covering all aspects of the draft report and expanding on different dimensions of the Energy Union. The rapporteur has proposed **9 compromise amendments**.

Rapporteur: [Belet](#) (EPP)

[Procedure file](#)

Shadows: [Guteland](#) (S&D), [Duncan](#) (ECR), [Torvalds](#) (ALDE), [Konečná](#) (GUE), [Škrlec](#) (Greens/EFA), [Affronte](#) (EFDD), [D'Ornano](#) (ENF)

Objection pursuant to Rule 106: Extension of the approval period of the active substance glyphosate

Consideration and adoption of [draft motion for a resolution](#)

The implementing measure extends the **approval periods** for a number of **active substances** used in plant protection products, which expire on 31



December 2015. Applications for renewal were submitted in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 1141/2010 but, due to the fact that the assessment of the substances has been delayed, the approvals are likely to expire before a decision has been taken. It is therefore necessary to **extend their approval periods by 6 months**, until 30 June 2016.

The objector opposes the draft measure concerning **glyphosate** on the grounds of incompatibility with the aim of the basic instrument, which is to ensure a high level of **protection of both human and animal health** and the environment and to improve the functioning of the internal market through the harmonisation of the rules on the placing on the market of plant protection products.

Objectors: [Konečná](#) (GUE), [Hazekamp](#) (GUE), [Eck](#) (GUE), [Boylan](#) (GUE), [Forenza](#) (GUE/NGL), [Poc](#) (S&D), [Pedicini](#) (EFDD), [Affronte](#) (EFDD), [Evi](#) (EFDD), [Zullo](#) (EFDD)

Towards a new international climate agreement in Paris: Exchange of views with Ms Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC



In preparation for the 21st Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP21) taking place in Paris in December 2015, the ENVI Committee is scheduling a series of high-level debates with key

actors in international climate change negotiations.

In this context, Ms Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, will exchange views with the ENVI Members on the **progress on the negotiations** prior to COP21 and the expectations for an **international agreement** to be reached in Paris. The exchange of views is also very timely since on 23 September 2015 the Committee will vote on an **own-initiative report** entitled "Towards a new international agreement in Paris", which will constitute the **mandate for Parliament's delegation** to the high-level segment of COP21.

Transparency, accountability and integrity in the EU institutions

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Since the beginning of the year, the AFCO committee has organised a series of events on **transparency and accountability in the EU institutions**, with the aim to create **clear rules of behaviour** and make a better use of the Transparency register.

In her draft opinion, the rapporteur expresses concern about **expert groups**, asking the Commission to ensure that it gets balanced advice in line with European Ombudsman's recommendations, and to

regularly issue public calls for the selection of expert group members, to be registered in the Transparency register in compliance with OECD guidelines. She also urges EU institutions and agencies to establish stricter criteria against **conflicts of interest**. The vote in ENVI is foreseen for 9 November 2015.

Rapporteur: [Childers](#) (S&D)

[Procedure file](#)

Shadows: [Nagy](#) (EPP), [Demesmaeker](#) (ECR), [Gerbrandy](#) (ALDE), [Flanagan](#) (GUE), [Javor](#) (Greens/EFA)

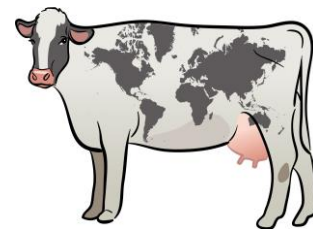
Exchange of views with the Commission, ECDC and EFSA on the foodborne bacterium campylobacter

The bacterium campylobacter can cause an illness in humans, **campylobacteriosis**. Usual symptoms are fever, diarrhoea and abdominal pain. **Raw poultry meat** is often contaminated with campylobacter, and eating undercooked chicken, or ready-to-eat foods that have been in contact with raw chicken, is the most common source of infection. **Broiler meat** may thus directly account for **20-30% of human cases**.

With between 2.4 and 9 million clinical human cases in the EU/EEA annually, this disease is the **most frequently reported food-borne illness** in the EU. The cost to public health systems and to lost productivity in the EU is estimated by EFSA to be around EUR 2.4 billion a year. To protect consumers from this threat, the EU has adopted an **integrated approach to food safety** from the farm to the fork, consisting of both risk assessment and risk management measures and involving the Member States, the Commission, Parliament, EFSA and ECDC.

Exchange of views with the Commission on the mandatory indication of the country of origin or place of provenance for certain foods

On 11 February 2015, the Parliament adopted a **resolution** on country of origin labelling for meat in processed food. On 20 May 2015, the Commission adopted



two reports on **mandatory country of origin labelling** covering six food categories: types of meat other than beef, swine, sheep, goat and poultry; milk; milk used as an ingredient in dairy products; unprocessed foods; single ingredient products; and ingredients that represent more than 50 % of a food.

A survey to analyse the impact of **4 different labelling scenarios** was conducted. Considering aspects like supply chain structure, consumer attitudes, implementation costs, administrative burden, and trade, the Commission concluded that **voluntary origin labelling** combined with the already existing **mandatory origin labelling regimes for specific foods or categories of food** appears as the suitable option for all six food categories.



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European Environment Agency (EEA)



The annual European Union emission inventory report 1990-2013 under the UNECE Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution confirms a long-term downward trend for most air pollutants, even if the rate at which emissions are decreasing for these pollutants has slowed over the last decade. For the first time, this year's report also documents black carbon (BC) emissions, an air pollutant which is also an important short lived climate forcer. [More](#)

European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)



ECHA has published new material to support SMEs with EU chemicals legislation: an introductory guide and "getting started" web pages. They provide valuable step-by-step help for small companies getting started with EU chemicals legislation. Both the pages and the guide are available in 23 EU languages. [More](#)

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)



In a set of reports published very recently ECDC gives an overview on how European countries have been responding to the HIV epidemic since 2004 based on the commitments as outlined in the Dublin Declaration on Partnership to Fight HIV/AIDS in Europe and Central Asia. [More](#)

European Medicines Agency (EMA)



The EMA has revised its guidelines on the implementation of accelerated assessment and conditional marketing authorisation, two key tools in the European legislation to accelerate patients' access to medicines that address unmet medical needs. Accelerated assessment and conditional marketing authorisation are intended for innovative medicines that target a disease for which no treatment is available, or that provide patients with a major therapeutic advantage over existing treatments. [More](#)

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)



The EFSA Panel on Plant Health reviewed Italian technical guidelines and a French opinion on the use of hot water treatment (HWT) on Vitis species planting material, assessing its efficacy in the elimination of the xylem-invading bacterial pathogen, Xylella fastidiosa. EFSA's experts concluded that HWT is a reliable method for controlling Xylella fastidiosa in dormant grapevine planting material and in grapevine. The quality of the entire process, however, relies on the proper application of operating procedures to guarantee vigorous growth and pathogen freedom of planting material. [More](#)

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Next meeting of the ENVI Committee

22-23 September 2015 (Brussels)

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