MINUTES

Meeting of 6 July 2023, 9.00-12.30,
BRUSSELS

With the Council and Commission

The meeting opened at 09.05 on Thursday, 6 July 2023, with Norbert Lins (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of agenda

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

2. Chair’s announcements

Interpretation was available in 20 languages: DE, EN, FR, IT, NL, DA, EL, ES, PT, FI, SV, CS, ET, LT, HU, PL, SK, SL, BG and RO, no interpretation in HR today.


*** Voting time ***
3. **Unitary supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products**

AGRI/9/11902

*** I 2023/0126(COD) COM(2023)0221 – C9-0152/2023

Rapporteur for the opinion:
Norbert Lins (PPE)

Responsible:
JURI – (S&D)

- Adoption of draft opinion in letter form

**Decision:** The draft opinion was adopted: 32 votes in favour to 5 against, with 0 abstention

4. **Supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products (recast)**

AGRI/9/11949

*** I 2023/0128(COD) COM(2023)0223 – C9-0149/2023

Rapporteur for the opinion:
Norbert Lins (PPE)

Responsible:
JURI – (S&D)

- Adoption of draft opinion in letter form

**Decision:** The draft opinion was adopted: 32 votes in favour to 5 against, with 0 abstention

*** End of vote ***

5. **Exchange of views with the Commission on droughts and floods in the Southern part of Europe and the activation of the agricultural crisis reserve**

**Speakers:** Norbert Lins, Pierre Bascou (DG AGRI, European Commission), Herbert Dorfmann, Clara Aguilera, Ulrike Müller, Martin Häusling, Mazaly Aguilar, Gilles Lebreton, Thomas Waitz, Benoît Biteau, Anne Sander, Asger Christensen, Daniel Buda, Irène Tolleret, Maria Noichl, Sarah Wiener, Marlene Mortler.

6. **Exchange of views with the European Patent Office (EPO)**

**Speakers:** Norbert Lins, Heli Pihlajamaa (EPO), Herbert Dorfmann, Isabel Carvalhais, Ulrike Müller, Sarah Wiener, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Gilles Lebreton, Asger Christensen, Thomas Waitz, Irène Tolleret, Daniel Buda, Claude Gruffat, Maria Noichl.
7. Amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009 as regards conversion of the Farm Accountancy Data Network into a Farm Sustainability Data Network

AGRI/9/09480
***I 2022/0192(COD) COM(2022)0296 – C9-0206/2022

Rapporteur:
Jérémy Decerle (Renew)

Responsible:
AGRI

• Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))

Speakers: Norbert Lins, Jérémy Decerle, Catherine Geslain-Lanéelle (DG AGRI, European Commission), Camilla Laureti, Daniel Buda.

8. Exchange of views with Commissioner Kyriakides on new Genomic techniques and plant reproductive material

Claire Bury replaced Commissioner Kyriakides

Speakers: Norbert Lins, Claire Bury (European Commission), Herbert Dorfmann, Clara Aguilera, Irène Tolleret, Martin Häusling, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Elena Lizzi, Gilles Lebreton, Michaela Šojdrová, Asger Christensen, Isabel Carvalhais, Sarah Wiener, Anne Sander, Maria Noichl, Claude Gruffat, Mazaly Aguilar, Daniel Buda, Franc Bogovič, Benoît Biteau.

9. Any other business

10. Next meetings

• 19 July 2023, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)
• 30 August 2023 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 12.29.

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Draft recommendations issued by Coordinators of Political Groups during their meeting of 28 June 2023.

1. OPINIONS


Decision: Coordinators decided to give an opinion in the form of a letter
1.2. To IMCO - Green claims proposal - 2023/0085(COD)

Decision: Coordinators decided to give an opinion, allocated to the EPP for 1 point

1.3. MFF package

On 20 June, the Commission adopted the proposals regarding the so-called ‘MFF package’, consisting of the files listed here below.

1.3.1. To BUDG - Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (2023/0201 (APP))

Decision: Coordinators decided to issue an opinion in the form of a letter


Decision: Coordinators to issue an opinion in the form of a letter

1.3.3. To AFET - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the Ukraine Facility (2023/0200 (COD))

Decision: Coordinators decided to give an opinion in the form of a letter

2. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDAS

2.1. EU Advisory Board on Climate Change report on “Scientific advice for the determination of an EU-wide 2040 climate target and a greenhouse gas budget for 2030–2050”

Decision: Coordinators decided to invite the EU Advisory Board on Climate Change for an exchange of views on this topic at a future ComAGRI meeting

2.2. Invitation to EFSA

Decision: Coordinators decided to invite the EFSA Director for a general exchange of views on plant protection at a future ComAGRI meeting
2.3. New marketing standards for cider and perry and for dried leguminous vegetables and soy bean

Decision: Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views on this topic at a future ComAGRI meeting

2.4. Waste-based and advanced biodiesel from China

Decision: Coordinators decided to invite the Commission for an exchange of views on this topic at a future ComAGRI meeting

2.5. Invitation to the Agricultural Development team of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Decision: Coordinators decided not to invite a representative of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and will consider at a later stage whether to have the foundation participating as expert in a joint hearing with DEVE on food security

2.6. Hearing on New Genomic Techniques

Decision: The decision is not to organise this hearing on New Genomic Techniques and wait for the Commission proposal is published

3. MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

3.1. Re-table IED AMs to plenary

Decision: Coordinators endorsed the rapporteur’s proposal to table to plenary the amendments 22, 23, 76 and 77 referring to the definitions (exclusive competence) and the amendments 32 and 80 on key articles (shared competences)

3.2. Table NRL opinion for rejection in Plenary

Decision: Coordinators decided to follow the plenary services indication that comAGRI may not table a rejection amendment of the Commission proposal, as this is not considered an amendment as foreseen in rule 57 of Rules of Procedure.

3.3. Date for the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on “Food Security in the EU”

Decision: Coordinators decided to hold the ICM in January 2024
4. PETITIONS

4.1. Petition No 0689/2022 by Andreas Feuerer (German) on the protected status of beavers in Bavaria (Germany)

4.2. Petition No 0983/2022 by P.A. (German) on compliance with Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive) in Germany as regards the handling of the wolf situation

4.3. Petition No 1017/2022 by U.F.V. (Spanish) on the impact of the war in Ukraine on the Spanish agricultural and livestock sector

4.4. Petition No 1042/2022 by Giovanni Fabbris (Italian), on behalf of Altragricoltura Confederazione per la Sovranità Alimentare, on the implementation of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689 with regard to buffalo and bovine diseases in Italy

4.5. Petition No 1066/2022 by Volker Cleeves (German) on the use of pesticides by farmers in the EU

4.6. Petition No 1190/2022 by Esther Dufaure (French) on land-based intensive salmon farming mega-farm project in the Gironde estuary

4.7. Petition No 1204/2022 by S. M. (French), on behalf of the department of Charente-Maritime, on certain salt production methods qualifying for organic certification

Decision: Coordinators took note of the above-mentioned petitions and will inform the PETI Committee that we have done so.

In relation to the item 4.6., the ID Coordinator expressed an interest in following-up this petition. The Chair clarified that this petition falls under the remit of PECH.

5. OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION

Decision: No action with respect to any of the documents included in Annex I

6. FOR INFORMATION

6.1. Mercosur

Following up on the proposal from Mr Dorfmann to hold an exchange of views on Mercosur during the Coordinators’ meeting of 23 May, Coordinators were informed that this topic will be touched upon by DG AGRI during the ComAGRI of 28-29 June.

6.2. STOA briefing on “A preparedness plan for Europe: Addressing food, energy
and technological security”

Coordinators found in Annex II the STOA study relating to the project ‘A preparedness plan for Europe: Addressing food, energy and technological security’. There are lessons to be drawn from recent crises and risk management strategies need to be revised to take EU open strategic autonomy from concept to reality. The overall aim of the study is to identify drivers, barriers and recommend coordinated solutions for building up open strategic autonomy at EU level, and address supply chains resiliency in four critical areas: food security, energy security, semiconductors and satellite communications. The findings were presented to the STOA Panel at its meeting on 16 March 2023.

Coordinators decided in April to have a STOA presentation in committee about Artificial intelligence in the agri-food sector. As this study concerns other topics beyond agriculture, the Chair suggested not to invite STOA to present it in committee.

6.3. Request for associated status under Rule 57 as regards the Commission proposal for amending Council Directives 2001/110/EC relating to honey, 2001/112/EC relating to fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption, 2001/113/EC relating to fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée intended for human consumption, and 2001/114/EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption (Breakfast directives)

Coordinators found in Annex III the AGRI letter to the CCC requesting an associated status on the above mentioned directive.

6.4. Updated AGRI calendar of meetings for 2023

Coordinators found in Annex IV the updated AGRI calendar of meetings for 2023.

6.5. Agricultural Market crisis caused by the influx of Ukrainian products

Coordinators found in Annex V a letter to the President of the Polish Council of Agricultural Chambers regarding the postulates of Central and Eastern European Farmers regarding the Agricultural Market crisis caused by the influx of Ukrainian products.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Exchange of views with DG SANTE on the recent animal health alarm over non-compliance with EU rules on the control and surveillance of bovine tuberculosis

Topic raised by S&D, to which the Chair confirmed it could fit in the ComAGRI agenda of 19 July.
7.2. Blow against European rice, the EU bans the main pesticide for its production while authorizing it for imported Indian rice

Topic raised by ECR, which will be discussed at a upcoming ComAGRI meeting.

ANNEX I

5.1. **Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee** on the proposal of regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry purposes as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland

5.2. **Opinion of the Romanian parliament** on the proposal of regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals


5.4. Proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2278 suspending the Common Customs Tariff duties referred to in Article 56(2), point (c), of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 on certain agricultural and industrial products - **COM(2023) 255**


5.6. Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the International Grains Council with regard to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995 - **7998/23**


5.8. Proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2283 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products - **COM(2023) 263**

5.9. Letter from the Council as regards the adoption at first reading of the Specific rules relating to the entry into Northern Ireland from other parts of the United Kingdom of certain consignments of retail goods, plants for planting, seed potatoes, machinery and certain vehicles operated for agricultural or forestry
purposes, as well as non-commercial movements of certain pet animals into Northern Ireland


5.12. Commission decision of 6.6.2023 approving, on behalf of the European Union, the amendment to Tables III and IV of Protocol 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972, as amended - C(2023) 3533

5.13. Political opinion of the French Parliament on the Nature restoration law

5.14. Council decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union with regard to certain resolutions to be voted on at the 21st General Assembly of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine, to be held on 9 June 2023 - 9414/23


5.16. Proposal for a Council decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community as regards the adoption of a decision adding two newly adopted Union acts to Annex 2 to the Windsor Framework - COM(2023) 321

5.17. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a comprehensive approach to mental health - COM(2023) 298
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