The meeting opened at 15:07 on Monday, 17 July 2023, with Yana Toom (Vice-Chair) presiding.

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Monday 17 July 15:00 -18:30

1. Adoption of draft agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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1 In accordance with the committee’s Guidelines 2016, items in sections B of the draft agenda will not be discussed during the current meeting. However any PETI Member may ask before the end of the meeting for an item in section B to be kept open; it will then be automatically included in the Coordinators’ agenda for a decision on its further treatment at a subsequent Coordinators’ meeting.
2. Approval of minutes of the meeting of: PV – PE749.284
   
   • 26-27 June 2023

   The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's announcements

In the presence of the European Commission

A. Petitions for discussion in committee on the basis of the Commission's written reply or other documents received

Equal Opportunities and Gender

4. Petition No 0642/2022 by M.K. (Greek), signed by 32 other persons, on an alleged discrimination based on gender in the Cypriot armed forces

Speakers: Alvaro Oliveira (EC JUST), Yana Toom

Decision: Keep open and ask the EC for an updated reply on its assessment.

5. Petition No 0291/2018 by A.N.M. (Spanish) bearing 3 signatures, on gender price discrimination

Petition No 0018/2019 by Eleonora Stancato (Italian) on abolishing 22% VAT on diapers and sanitary products

Petition No 0435/2019 by Arianna Campagnuolo (Italian) on tax on women’s products

Petition No 0440/2021 by Svetla Pencheva (Bulgarian) on the reduction or abolishment of VAT on sanitary products intended for women in the EU

Speakers: Svetla Pencheva (petitioner), Klara Kronsteiner (EC TAXUD), Yana Toom, Margaret Auken,

Decision: Decision postponed to Coordinators meeting on 20 September 2023

At 16:30

Study
6. Presentation of the Study on “Cross-Border Legal Recognition of Parenthood in the EU” Commissioned by Policy Department C for the Committee on Petitions, presented by Alina Tryfonidou, Professor of European Law, Neapolis University Pafos (Cyprus).

Speakers: Alina Tryfonidou (Neapolis University Pafos (Cyprus), Maria Vilar Badia (EC JUST), Yana Toom, Margaret Auken, Angel Dzhambazki, Marc Angel

In the presence of the European Commission

A. Petitions for discussion in committee on the basis of the Commission's written reply or other documents received

Justice

7. Petition No 1300/2019 by Julie Grace (Irish) on the process of administration of Protected Disclosures in Ireland

Speakers: Julie Grace(petitioner), Paula-Alexandra Boteanu (EC JUS), Ibán García Del Blanco, Luke Ming Flanagan

Decision: Keep open and ask the Commission for an updated written reply on the transposition measures of Directive (EU) 2019/1937 in Ireland

Fundamental Rights

8. Petition 0311/2023 by Piotr Nowacki (Polish), on behalf of Łódzka Sieć Lokalnych Grup Działania, on an alleged violation of EU law in the field of spending funds from the European Union budget

Speakers: Piotr Nowacki (petitioner), Simone Donzelli (EC AGRI), Jarosław Duda, Ibán García Del Blanco.

Decision: Keep open and ask the Commission for a written answer, forward to AGRI, REGI and LIBE committees for information, send a letter to the Polish Supreme Audit Office (NIK), send a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland and send a letter to the Management Board of the Łódź Voivodeship

The meeting closed at 17:41

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The meeting opened at 9.05 on Tuesday, 18 July 2023, with Dolors Montserrat (Chair)
Tuesday 18 July 2023 9.00 – 11.30

at 09:00

*** Voting time *** (electronic vote)

9. **POSTPONED!**
   Short Motion for Resolution "Harmonising the rights of people with autism"
   PETI/9/12151
   * 2023/2728(RSP)
   Rapporteur:
   Dolors Montserrat
   Responsible:
   PETI
   • Adoption of draft resolution (TBC)

10. Amendments to the Budget 2024
    - adoption of amendments

The Amendment was adopted with 15 votes in favour, 0 vote against and 0 abstentions.

*** End of voting ***

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 and resumed at 9:18 with Ryszard Czarnecki (Vice-Chair) presiding

Study

11. Presentation of the Study on “Compensation for Victims of climate change disasters” Commissioned by Policy Department C for the Committee on Petitions, presented by Michael Faure, Professor, Maastricht University and Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Speakers: Michael Faure (Professor, Maastricht University and Erasmus University), Anna Dimitrijevics (Deputy HoU EC CLIMA), Peter Jahr, Ulrike Müller, Cristina Maestre Martín
De Almagro

*Dolors Montserrat presiding at 09:59*

**In the presence of the European Commission**

A. Petitions for discussion in committee on the basis of the Commission's written reply or other documents received

Environment

12. Petition 0478/2023 by Jean-Claude Oliva (French), on behalf of Coordination Eau Ile-de-France, on alleged violations by France of the Drinking Water Directive

Speakers: Jean-Claude Oliva (Petitioner), Hans Stielstra (EC ENVI), Alexander Bernhuber, Cristina Maestre Martin De Almagro, David Cormand

Decision: Keep open and ask the Commission for the written reply and send a letter to the local authorities

13. Petition No 0090/2017 by A. G. (Italian) on the building of complex road infrastructure in protected areas

Speakers: A.G. (petitioner), D.O. (co-petitioner), F.C. (co-petitioner), D.F. (co-petitioner), Laura Tabellini (EC ENVI), Alexander Bernhuber, Rosa D'Amato, Cristina Maestre Martin De Almagro, Sabrina Pignedoli

Decision: Keep open and ask the Commission for a written update

14. Petition 0148/2020 by L.C. (Italian), on behalf of GreenSando, on a request to put an end to excessive land use in southern Milan

Speakers: L.C. (petitioner), Mirco Barbero (EC ENVI), Peter Jahr, Rosa D'Amato, Sabrina Pignedoli

Decision: Keep open, ask the petitioner for further update and ask the Commission for a written updated.

15. Petition 0504/2020 by Elena Alquati (Italian), on behalf of the Ordine dell’Universo (‘Order of the Universe’) on support of healthy and environmentally friendly food systems and lifestyles

Speakers: Rada Chehlarova (EC SANTE), Heidi Moens (EC SANTE), Peter Jahr

Decision: To be closed
The Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:32

The coordinators meeting started at 11:35 with Dolors Montserrat (Chair) presiding

18 July 2023 11.30 – 12.30

*** In camera ***
16. Coordinators' meeting
*** End of in camera ***

18 July 2023, 14.30 – 18.30

The meeting resume at 14:35 with Dolors Montserrat presiding

17. Chair's announcements concerning Coordinators' decisions

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Chair’s announcements

None

3. Adoption of the draft agenda of the PETI meeting of 20-21 September 2023

Coordinators approved the proposed draft agenda.

4. Proposals for future meetings

Coordinators agreed to close Petition No 0482/2022.
Coordinators agreed to include Petitions Nos 0195/2023 (EPP request) and 1118/2022 (The Left request) in the agenda of October.
Coordinators agreed to include Petition No 0146/2023 in the agenda of November (EPP request).
Coordinators agreed to include Petitions Nos 1078/2022 (S&D request), 0594/2022 (Greens request) and No 0353/2023 (The Left request) in the agenda of September.
Coordinators agreed to apply the urgency procedure to petition No 0604/2023 and to include it in the September agenda (Renew request).
Coordinators did not approve the urgency procedure for petition No 0574/2023 (Renew request). However, Coordinators agreed to include petition No 0574/2023 in the October agenda.
Coordinators agreed to include petition No 1015/2022 in a future agenda (Renew request).
Coordinators agreed to apply the urgency procedure to Petition No 0628/2023 and to include it
in the September agenda (Greens request).

Coordinators did not agree to include petition No 0166/2023 in the agenda of September (The Left request).

Coordinators decided not to deal with the request of MEP Danzi (NI) to include petition No 0480/2018 in the agenda of September or October and decided to inform NI MEP of the following options:
- NI MEPS can ask one of PETI Coordinators to take over their requests for the Coordinators’ agendas, or
- NI MEPS can put forward their requests for adding petitions to future agendas during PETI committee meetings.

5. Requests for specific action

Coordinators agreed to close Petitions Nos 0814/2022 0884/2022 related to Pegasus on the basis of the recommendations adopted by Parliament.

Coordinators decided to close open petitions on Jugendamt from 2013 to 2022 on the basis of the PETI report on the FFV to Germany on the functioning of the “Jugendamt”.

Coordinators agreed to close petitions Nos 1093/2018, 0872/2018, 0862/2018 and 0889/2021 (Renew request).

6. Programme of the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting to deepen the cooperation with the petitions committees in national parliaments with a view to exchanging best practices and reflecting on new approaches

Coordinators endorsed the draft program of the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting, which will take place on 20 September 2023.

7. EMPL letter replying to PETI on the EP CRPD Network and Disability Rights Coordinator

PETI Coordinators agreed to reply to EMPL letter along the following lines:

- express PETI's discontent for the EMPL reply that does not address PETI's concerns;
- recall PETI's involvement in disability issues and in the UN CRPD Framework and the need to take due account of it when dealing with questions related to disability;
- ask EMPL to clarify how the Disability Rights Coordinator would be appointed;
- Insist that PETI be associated in EMPL Implementation and Mainstreaming Report.

8. Requests concerning B-items

Coordinators agreed to keep open petitions Nos 0098/2015, 1134/2015, 0742/2018 and add them to one of the forthcoming meetings (Greens request).

Coordinators took note of the B item - petition 0625/2018 - from June agenda requested to be
kept open for which the petitioner has a 2 months-time to provide additional information.

9. **New Bureau Decision governing the participation of interest representatives in events held on EP premises**

Coordinators took note of the New Bureau Decision governing the participation of interest representatives in events held on EP premises

10. **Registration of a new ECI**

Coordinators took note of registration of a new ECI entitled ‘Taxing great wealth to finance the ecological and social transition’.

11. **Letters**

Coordinators took note of the replies received.

12. **Any other business**

   None.

14:30-16:30

18. **PETI Public Hearing on ‘Schengen Borders - issues raised by petitioners’ in association with LIBE Committee**

   **Speakers:** Dolors Montserrat, Ms Corinna Ullrich, (HoU, DG HOME), Stefan Salomon (expert), Elspeth Guild (expert), Mr Gülzau (expert), Sylvie Guillaume, Emil Radev, Maria Grapini, Vlad Gheorghe, Nicolae Ștefanuță, Cristian Terheș, Tatjana Ždanoka, Ana Miranda, Angel Dzhambazki, Antoni Comín i Oliveres, Yana Toom, Margrete Auken, Paulo Rangel

   *Yana Toom Chairing the meeting from 15:15 to 15:20*

   **At 16:30**

   **In the presence of the European Commission**

   **A. Petitions for discussion in committee on the basis of the Commission's written reply or other documents received**

   Schengen agreement
19. Petition 0037/2023 by Tor Valstrøm (Danish) on controls at the Danish-German border allegedly violating the Schengen Borders Code

Speakers: Tor Valstrøm (petitioner), Corina Ullrich (EC HOME), Emil Radev, Sylvie Guillaume, Margrete Auken

Decision: Keep open and ask the Commission for information.

20. Petition 0496/2023 by Neno Dimov (Bulgarian), on behalf of Консервативен Институт (Conservative Institut), on the right of Bulgaria to join the Schengen area

Petition 0504/2023 by Ivaylo Dermendjiev (Bulgarian) on allowing Bulgaria to join the Schengen area

Speakers: Neno Dimov (Petitioner), Corina Ullrich (EC HOME), Emil Radev, Petar Vitanov, Angel Dzhambazki, Asim Ademov, Tsvetelina Penkova.

Decision: Keep open and ask the Commission for a written reply

Peter Jahr Chairing the meeting from 17:15

Institutions

21. Petition No 0061/2023 by Laura Maria Cinquini (Italian), on behalf of the association “Citizens and civil society component of the Conference on the Future of Europe”, on the follow-up to the Conference on the Future of Europe

Speakers: Annemieke De Clerck (representative), Beata Kolecka (SG A5), Peter Jahr, Laura Maria Cinquini (Petitioner)

Decision: Keep open and ask the Commission for information

22. Any other business

Kindly take note of the following decisions taken by the Coordinators by written procedure:

• Contested recommendations petitions 0152-0300/2023:

  – Petitions 0188/2023, 0222/2023 and 0242-23 were adopted in the form proposed by the Chair.

• The PETI opinion on JURI report on Monitoring the application of European
Union Law 2020, 2021 and 2022 will be prepared in the form of a letter and will be voted during the committee PETI meeting on 20 September 2023.

23. Date and place of next meeting

- Wednesday 20 September 2023, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- Thursday 21 September 2023, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

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The meeting closed at 17:34

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B. Petitions which it is proposed to close in the light of the Commission’s written reply or other documents received

The following petitions will be closed:


The following petitions will remain open:

# Results of roll-call votes

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