

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

### CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

Thursday 17 March 2011, 11.30 - 12.30

**JAN 2Q2**

**Brussels**

**RESULTS**

**18.3.2011**

*Revised version - changes in yellow*

#### Present

Mr Leinen, Chairman  
Mr Seeber, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group  
Mr Liese, Co-coordinator of the EPP Group  
Ms McAvan, Coordinator of the S&D Group  
Mr Davies, Coordinator of the ALDE Group  
Mr Ouzký, Coordinator of the ECR Group  
Ms Hassi, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA Group  
Ms de Brún, representative of the coordinator of the GUE/NGL Group  
Mr Rossi, Coordinator of the EFD Group

#### Apologies

Ms Liotard, Coordinator of the GUE/NGL Group

#### Also present

Ms Lepage, 1st vice-chair  
Mr Sonik, 3rd vice-chair  
Ms Rosbach

### **A.0. Consequences of Ms Rosbach's new group affiliation**

#### **A.0.1. Statement by the ECR coordinator**

Mr Ouzký, Coordinator of the ECR Group, announced that Ms Rosbach would act from now on as co-coordinator. Ms McAvan stated that this would over-represent the ECR Group (two coordinators for six Members). **The coordinators decided that the situation should be re-assessed in the context of the midterm reconstitution of the committee.**

#### **A.0.2. Statement by the EFD coordinator**

Mr Rossi, Coordinator of the EFD Group, declared that following the departure of Ms Rosbach, his group had a remaining score of only 0.5 points; he asked the coordinators of the other groups for their leniency in future auctions of reports or opinions.

**A. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS AND DRAFTSPERSONS**  
**DECISION ON PROCEDURES**

***Reports***

**A.1. A resource-efficient Europe**  
ENVI/7/05435

**Decision: Rapporteur to be nominated by the ALDE Group**

***Opinions***

**A.2. International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006**  
ENVI/7/05514

2006/0263(NLE) 05812/2011 – C7-0061/2011

Responsible: INTA

**Decision: Not to draw up an opinion**

**A.3. Increasing the impact of EU development policy**  
ENVI/7/05497

2011/2047(INI) COM(2010)0629

Responsible: DEVE

**Decision: Interested Members could table amendments directly to DEVE  
(deadline for amendments 24 March).**

**A.4. Modernisation of public procurement**  
ENVI/7/05501

2011/2048(INI) COM(2011)0015

Responsible: IMCO

**Recommendation: Rapporteur for opinion to be appointed by the S&D Group**

**A.5. The European Platform against poverty and social exclusion**

ENVI/7/05572

2011/2052(INI) COM(2010)0758

Responsible: EMPL

**Decision: Not to draw up an opinion**

**A.6 Facing the challenge of the safety of offshore oil and gas activities**

ENVI/7/05555

**Decision:**

- 1. Rapporteur for opinion to be appointed by the ALDE Group.**
- 2. The coordinators agreed to the necessity of seeking support within their respective groups for the ENVI position (Rule 50 with a limited number of *exclusive* ENVI competences)**

***Documents received for information***

*None for the time being*

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**B. DECISIONS ON ADDITIONAL REPORTS/OPINIONS/RESOLUTIONS**

**B.1. Information on non-legislative activities**

**B.1.1. Ongoing own-initiative reports (no more than 6 at any given time)<sup>(1)</sup>:**

<sup>1</sup> The following INI reports were adopted recently:

- Commission Green Paper with the title "On Forest Protection and Information in the EU: Preparing forests for climate change" (COM(2010)66) - authorised by CoP on 1.7.2010; Rule 50 with AGRI - S&D rapporteur Mr Arsenis; was adopted on 16<sup>o</sup>March 2011

- GDP and beyond (authorised by CoP on 10.6.2010; Rule 50 with ECON; Rapporteur Ms ROSBACH, EFD, rejected on 25 January 2011, a fresh report was submitted for 16-17 March 2011, **to be adopted on 19 April 2011**)
- Commission communication "Analysis of options to move beyond 20% greenhouse gas emission reductions and assessing the risk of carbon leakage"; Rule 50 with ITRE, approved by CoP on 13 January 2011; rapporteur: Mr EICKHOUT, Greens/EFA; **adoption scheduled for May 2011 in ENVI, tbc**
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance (COM(2010)0600) - decision of 30 November 2010 by coordinators to seek authorisation for an own-initiative report; agreement with DEVE to apply Rule 50 in CCC on 19 January 2011 - rapporteur Ms Gardini, EPP; adoption **tentatively scheduled for 13 July 2011**
- On 17 February 2011, the coordinators decided to request the authorisation of an own-initiative report with the title "Resource Efficient Europe" - **request pending**

#### B.1.2. Ongoing implementation report (only one per year)<sup>2</sup>

- implementation report for the year 2010 on "EU legislation on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) and on related feed and food controls - implementation and outlook" - decisions of the coordinators of 20 September 2010 - authorised by Conference of Committee Chairs on 19 October 2010 - rapporteur: Ms ROTH-BEHRENDT, S&D

#### **B.2. Short-list of possible candidates for own-initiative reports:**

- Communications on implementing the biofuel sustainability scheme (coordinators' decision of 14 July 2010) together with the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the feasibility of drawing up lists of areas in third countries with low greenhouse gas emissions from cultivation (COM(2010)0427) - coordinators' decision of 9 September 2010

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- Solidarity in health: Reducing health inequalities (COM(2009)0567) - authorised by CoP on 10.6.2010; ENVI rapporteur: Ms ESTRELA, S&D; adopted on 25 January 2011
  - "Evaluation of the management of H1N1 influenza in 2009-2010 in the EU"; authorisation by CoP of 2.9.2010; rapporteur: Ms RIVASI, Greens/EFA, adopted on 25 January 2011
  - Action plan on Organ Donation and Transplantation (2009-2015): Strengthened cooperation between Member States (PERELLO - adopted on 16 March 2010)
  - White Paper: Adapting to climate change: Towards a European framework for action (PRODI - adopted on 16 March 2010)
  - Action against Cancer: European Partnership (PETELE - adopted on 7 April 2010)
  - Management of bio-waste in the European Union (FERNANDES - adopted on 2 June 2010)
  - A Community approach on the prevention of natural and man made disasters (FERREIRA - adopted on 22 June 2010)
  - A European initiative on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (COM(2009)0380) - authorised by CoP on 10.6.2010; ENVI rapporteur: Ms MATIAS, GUE/NGL, adopted on 30 November 2010

<sup>2</sup> The implementation report for 2009 was adopted in ENVI on 14 July 2010: The DE LANGE report on the Implementation of EU legislation aiming at the conservation of biodiversity

- on 20 September 2010, the coordinators agreed that the issue of 'the review of the 6th EAP and the setting of priorities for the 7th EAP' should be short-listed as a candidate for a possible own-initiative report
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Marine knowledge 2020 - marine data and observation for smart and sustainable growth COM(2010)0461 - coordinators' decision of 5 October 2010
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Mid-term review of the LIFE+ Regulation (COM(2010)516) - coordinators' decision of 28 October 2010
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Towards an enhanced market oversight framework for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (COM(2010)0796) - coordinators' decision of 26 January 2011

**B.3. For information: Table on 1st and 2nd reading agreements - possible application of Rule 70**

The papers for the meeting included updated table of 14 March 2011 on the state of negotiations with a view to achieving possible first and second reading agreements.

**B.4. Appointment of a rapporteur for 'Honeybee health'**

AGRI has requested to draw up an own initiative report *entitled "Honeybee Health and the challenges for the beekeeping sector"*(AGRI/7/05284) on the basis of Commission Communication COM(2010)714 on Honeybee Health

**Decision: Rapporteur for opinion to be nominated by the ECR Group.**

**B.5. Petitions received for information/comment**

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**C. DECISIONS ON OTHER ISSUES**

**C.1. Structured dialogue 2011 - implementation of the Commission Work Programme 2011, ENVI priorities for CWP 2012**

The papers for the meeting included a letter of 9 March 2011 from Mr Lehne as well as a form.

**Decision**

The coordinators instructed the secretariat to submit a draft list, circulate it for comments and finalise a proposal in a meeting with political group staff. The coordinators would then take a final decision on the draft proposal at their next meeting .

### **C.2. Revision of the Drinking Water Directive**

The papers for the meeting included letter of 3 February 2011 from Commissioner Potočník on the revision of the Drinking Water Directive.

#### **Decision**

The coordinators invited the chairman to write to the Commissioner and to invite the Commission to the committee for further explanations.

### **C.3. Workshop on the Seveso III Directive**

#### **Decision**

The coordinators decided to organise a workshop on the Seveso III Directive, taking place outside a formal committee meeting, to be financed from the committee's expertise budget. The detailed specifications shall be agreed upon in a follow-up written procedure.

### **C.4. Proposal to invite EIB President Maystadt to an ENVI meeting**

#### **Decision**

The coordinators decided to invite the President of the European Investment Bank, Mr Philippe Maystadt, to a future ENVI meeting in order to discuss EIB support for the coal industry and its role in meeting the 2020 GHG reductions and energy savings targets.

### **C.5. Budget 2012: ENVI contributions**

#### **Decision**

The coordinators took note of the procedural arrangements applying to (a) the EP Resolution on the Mandate for the Trilogue on the 2012 Draft Budget and (b) pilot projects and preparatory actions. That information shall be circulated by email to all ENVI Members

#### **C.6. Sustainable energy prize 2011**

The papers for the meeting included a letter of 18 February 2011 from Mr Rübige to Mr Leinen on the Sustainable Energy Prize 2011.

#### **Decision**

**The coordinators invited the chairman to represent the ENVI committee on the coordination group for the Sustainable Energy Prize award ceremony.**

#### **C.7. Ad-hoc delegation to Calabria (river, sea and soil contamination)**

The papers for the meeting included letter of 15 January 2011 to Mr Leinen from Ms McAvan on toxic waste in the valley of the river Oliva as well as further documentation on this issue.

#### **Decision**

**The coordinators decided to ask the Conference of Presidents to authorise the sending of an ad-hoc delegation to Calabria.**

#### **C.8. For information - Swapping dates between Hearings Rio+20 and Baltic Sea**

#### **Decision**

**The coordinators noted that the hearing on Rio+20 would take place on 25 May and the hearing on the Baltic Sea on 21 June.**

#### **C.9. For information - delegation to European Environment Agency (EEA)**

#### **Decision**

**The coordinators noted that due to calendar constraints the delegation would take place on 1-2 September. The groups were invited to provide the secretariat with names of interested Members**

#### **C.10. For decision - delegation to the ECDC (Stockholm)**

#### **Decision**

The coordinators decided to request authorisation for a delegation to ECDC. The coordinators noted the tentative timing (1-2 September 2011). The groups were invited to provide the secretariat with names of interested Members

### C.11. For information: Overview of committee delegations and hearings

The papers included an updated overview of ENVI delegations and hearings.

#### C.11.1 - Preliminary information on delegation to Turkey

##### Decision

Since general elections had been called for 12 June 2011, the coordinators decided to postpone the mission to Turkey until after summer break (i.e. after the appointment of the new Government), tentatively in October (October 5-7, or 10-11, or turquoise week (Week 44))

#### C.11.2. - Preliminary information on delegation to Poland

The papers for the meeting include a preliminary draft programme of the delegation.

##### Decision

The coordinators noted that the delegation would take place on 18-20 May 2011. The groups were invited to provide the secretariat with names of interested Members

### C.12 Mediator - request by Ms Hassi to invite French inspectorate "IGAS" to ENVI

##### Decision

The coordinators

- recalled their previous decision of 17 February 2011 ("*The coordinators decided to invite representatives of the EMA and of the European Commission to present the matter at a future committee meeting.*")
- agreed on the basis of Rule 193(2) that the "*Inspection générale des affaires sociales*" (IGAS<sup>3</sup>) should also be invited to the exchange of views so as to complement the presentations to be given by the European Commission and the EMA by presenting also the IGAS report<sup>4</sup> on "*Médiator*".

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.igas.gouv.fr/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://lesrapports.ladocumentationfrancaise.fr/BRP/114000028/0000.pdf>



### C.13. ENVI debate on the Commission's ILUC report - request by Ms Hassi

#### Decision

The coordinators

- recalled that ITRE had been the lead committee for the Renewable Energy Directive whereas ENVI had been the lead committee for the Fuel Quality Directive;
- noted that both Directives require the Commission to report to the European Parliament and to the Council by 31 December 2010, reviewing the impact of indirect land-use change on greenhouse gas emissions and addressing ways to minimise that impact<sup>5</sup>; and that the report should, if appropriate, be accompanied by a proposal, based on the best available scientific evidence, containing a concrete methodology for emissions from carbon stock changes caused by indirect land-use change<sup>6</sup>;
- decided to invite the Commission to a future committee meeting (May) in order to present its report on indirect land-use change related to biofuels and bioliquids (COM(2010) 811 of 22.12.2010).

### C.14. Authorisation of two workshops proposed by the ENVI Health Working Group

#### Decision

The coordinators noted that the Health Working Group had requested to organise two workshops (respectively on "*Health In All Policies (HIAP) approach: Developing synergies with all sectors is crucial for a strong Community health policy*" and on "*Rare Cancers: The added value of closer co-operation*").

The details shall be agreed in a follow-up written procedure.

### C.15. Statements by Ms Harms in relation to Commissioner Oettinger's appearance before the ENVI committee on 16 March 2011

The coordinators heard Ms Hassi, Coordinator of the Greens/EFA Group, who explained the background of a statement made by Ms Harms at the beginning of the ENVI meeting on 17 March 2011 in relation to the alleged consequences of Mr Oettinger's appearance before the ENVI committee the day before. The coordinators held an exchange of views, noted that Ms Harms had not been present at the hearing with Mr Oettinger and reached the conclusion that the Environment Committee was not the competent body for giving any follow-up to Ms Harms's statement.

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<sup>5</sup> The requirement in the Renewable Energy Directive also applies to bioliquids.

<sup>6</sup> Article 7d(6) of Directive 2009/30/EC and Article 19(6) of Directive 2009/28/EC

### ***C.16. Timing of the Oral Question on Tar Sands in the Plenary***

**The coordinators unanimously endorsed Ms McAvan who asked the chairman to write to the President of the European Parliament in order to have the Oral Question on Tar Sands included in the agenda of the plenary session of 23-24 March 2011.**

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### **D. DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) Letter of 25 February 2011 from Ms Testori Coggi to Mr Leinen on EFSA MB selection criteria
- 2) Letter of 10 March 2011 from Mr Leinen to Mr Lehne on change of legal basis of GMO file
- 3) Letter of 1 March 2011 from Ms McGlade (EEA) to Mr Leinen on Europe' GHG emissions
- 4) Letter of 3 March 2011 from President of the Commission, Mr Barroso, to President Buzek on the extension of Ms Geslain Lanéelle's mandate as EFSA Executive Director
- 5) Letter of 28 February 2011 from Mr Hontelez, Secretary-General of the EEB, to President Buzek on his departure from the EEB
- 6) Letter on Ms Rosbach's change from the EFD Group to the ECR Group
- 7) Letter on Mr Rossi becoming the new EFD coordinator.