

ENVI-News

Newsletter from the European Parliament Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee

Meeting in Brussels

Thursday, 8 September 2011, 15.00 – 18.30

The Committee meeting will be web-streamed and can be watched live on the EP web site at: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/eplive/public/default_en.htm or on Europarl TV: www.europarltv.europa.eu

Past meetings can be watched or extracts downloaded via the EP Live multimedia library: http://europarl.europa.eu/eplive/archive/default_en.htm

LEGISLATIVE WORK **ENVIRONMENT**

➤ **THE PLACING ON THE MARKET AND USE OF BIOCIDAL PRODUCTS**

*Co-decision, second reading 2009/0076(COD)
Consideration of draft recommendation for second reading*

The ENVI Committee will consider a draft recommendation for second reading on the proposal for a Regulation on the placing on the market and use of biocidal products (Christa Kläß, EPP, Germany).

The draft recommendation contains 101 amendments to the Council Common Position.

The amendments focus on the procedure for the authorisation of active substances, the scope of the EU-wide authorisation, animal testing, sustainable use of biocidal products, and certain definitions, including that of nanomaterials.

*Deadline for AMs: 12 September 2011, 18.00
Vote in ENVI: 4 October 2011
Vote in Plenary: January 2012*

➤ **WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

*Co-decision, second reading 2008/0241(COD)
Consideration of draft recommendation for second reading*

The ENVI Committee will consider a draft recommendation for second reading on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE, recast version) (Karl-Heinz Florenz, EPP, Germany).

The specific objectives of the review (recast) of the WEEE Directive are:

- Reduced administrative costs through the removal of all unnecessary administrative burdens, without lowering the level of environmental protection,
- Improved effectiveness and implementation of the Directive through increased compliance and reduced free-riding,
- Reduced impacts on the environment from the collection, treatment and recovery of WEEE at the levels where the greatest net benefit to society results.

The rapporteur introduces 81 AMs in its draft recommendation for second reading agreement aiming to re-establish the EP position.

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OPINION

➤ **PARLIAMENT'S POSITION ON THE 2012 DRAFT BUDGET AS MODIFIED BY THE COUNCIL - ALL SECTIONS**

Adoption of draft opinion and of budgetary amendments 2011/2020 (BUD)

The ENVI Committee will vote on a draft opinion to BUDG on the Parliament's position on the 2012 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - all sections (Jutta Haug, S&D, Germany).

43 Budgetary Amendments have been tabled and 16 amendments to the Opinion.

The 2012 Draft Budget shows for Title 07 "Environment and Climate Action" an overall amount of operational expenditure of 401,792 M€, an increase of 2,60 % in commitment appropriations in comparison to the voted 2011 budget. The high priority given to both Environment and Climate Action under the 2012 draft budget is translated into the level of appropriations proposed under the LIFE + programme and corresponding budget lines.

From a level of appropriations of EUR 340,2 million Euros in 2011, the Commission is proposing to increase the overall level of appropriations of the LIFE + programme to EUR 354,755 million, i.e. an increase of 4,3 % compared to 2011 budget levels. This is in line with the financial programming.

Vote in ENVI: 8 September 2011

Vote in BUDG: 4-6 October

RESOLUTION

➤ DRAFT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION IN VIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (RIO+20)

Adoption of motion for resolution

In view of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), it was decided to adopt oral questions accompanied by a motion for a resolution.

The draft motion for a resolution stresses the urgency to act and that to achieve the transition towards the green economy in the context of poverty eradication, the following three interlinked policy dimensions need to be addressed:

- Investing in the sustainable management of key resources and natural capital;

- Establishing the right market and regulatory conditions;
- Improving governance and private sector involvement.

Vote in Plenary: September II

RECENTLY ADOPTED IN ENVI COMMITTEE

At its meeting of 13-14 July 2011 the ENVI Committee adopted:

- report (Tatarella) on amendment of Directive 2000/25/EC as regards the application of emission stages to narrow-track tractors;
- opinion (Girling) to AGRI on honeybee health and the challenges for the beekeeping sector;
- report (Gardini) "Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance".

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EEA)

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/pressroom>

Big potential of cutting greenhouse gases from waste

There is a big potential to cut greenhouse gases (GHGs) from municipal solid waste management, according to a new report from the European Environment Agency (EEA). The report, 'Waste opportunities – Past and future climate benefits from better municipal waste management in Europe', covers the EU-27 (excluding Cyprus), Norway and Switzerland. It estimates that these countries could make GHG savings of up to 78 million tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-e) by 2020, or 1.53 % of Europe's emissions in 2008.

Read more

http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/big-potential-of-cutting-greenhouse?utm_campaign=big-potential-of-cutting-

[greenhouse&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EEASubscriptions](#)

EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY (ECHA)

http://echa.europa.eu/news/press_en.asp

EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY (EMA)

http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/news_and_events/landing/news_and_events.jsp&murl=menus/news_and_events/news_and_events.jsp&mid=

EUROPEAN CENTRE OF DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL (ECDC)

<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/press/news/Pages/News.aspx>

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY (EFSA)

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/news.htm>

EFSA is currently working on an integrated policy on independence and scientific decision-making processes, which brings together all

measures it has put in place to safeguard the independence of its scientific work. This integrated policy notably incorporates EFSA's 2007 Policy on Declarations of Interests, benchmarked by an independent consultancy as being one of the most robust systems in existence, and should provide greater explanation on how conclusions over conflicts of interest are reached. In line with its commitments to openness, transparency and dialogue, EFSA has launched a public consultation on this policy (the consultation closes by 16 September 2011) and is organising a stakeholder consultative meeting on 12th of October 2011 in Brussels.

EUROPEAN FOOD AND VETERINARY OFFICE

http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/index_en.cfm

<u>Date of next meetings:</u>

12 September 2011, 19.15 – 20.45 (Strasbourg)
