

ENVI-News

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

Meeting in Brussels:

Wednesday 30 September 2009, 09.00 – 12.30
and 15.00 – 18.30



**NEW ENVI COMMITTEE MEMBERS
JULY 2009**

OPINIONS

➤ 2010 BUDGET - SECTION III - COMMISSION

Adoption of draft opinion

The ENVI Committee will adopt the draft opinion on the 2010 budget: Section III - Commission (Jutta Haug, S-D, Germany).

For environmental activities, the 2010 Projet de Budget (PDB) foresees an overall amount of operational expenditure of EUR 363,963 million. Taking into account the funds foreseen for civil protection interventions in Third countries, the overall funds to be managed under DG ENVI's responsibility amount to EUR 371,96 million. For activities 'Public Health' and chapter 17 04 'Food and Feed Safety' a total of EUR 405 million is foreseen to implement European measures which complement actions on national level. Moreover ENVI has been assigned responsible for the European Medicines Agency, the European

Chemicals Agency, the European Environment Agency, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the European Food Safety Authority.

Adoption in Lead Committee: 8 October 2009

ORAL QUESTIONS / RESOLUTIONS

➤ COP15 - UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN COPENHAGEN (7-19 DECEMBER 2009)

Exchange of views on the basis of motion for a resolution and adoption of questions for oral answer

This draft motion for a resolution and the oral questions provide the EP's response to the EU position for the ongoing international negotiations which will culminate in Copenhagen next December. The draft resolution emphasises the need to maintain a high level of ambition and covers core elements of the COP15 negotiations, such as the emission reduction targets for developed countries, commitments for developing countries, financing mitigation and adaptation actions in developing countries, etc. The overall resolution aim is to ensure that any agreement in Copenhagen should be consistent with the objective of limiting the overall global annual mean surface temperature increase to 2°C above pre-industrial levels. Moreover, the EP urges the Council and the Commission to maintain a "leading by example" role in the negotiations at COP 15 and the bilateral discussions with its international partners.

The Oral Questions (OQs) addressed to the Council and Commission concern the strategy to ensure that an ambitious agreement will be reached by both developed and developing countries at the Copenhagen Climate Change

The Environment Committee website:

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/comparl/envi/default_en.htm

Conference. Moreover, the OQs request that this agreement should impose binding emission targets which would lead to global emission reductions in the industrialised countries at the range of 25-40 % for 2020 compared to 1990, as recommended by the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Finally, the level of finance Europe plans to commit to support mitigation and adaptation and reduce deforestation in developing countries, in order to enable a comprehensive agreement in Copenhagen is questioned.

Deadline for amendments: 1 October - 18.00

Adoption ENVI: 19 October

Adoption in Plenary: November

EXCHANGES OF VIEWS

➤ A(H1N1) INFLUENZA

*Exchange of views with Androulla Vassiliou
(Commissioner)*

The ENVI Committee will hold an exchange of views with **Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou** on the A(H1N1) influenza. Commissioner Vassiliou will present what action can be taken, what is being done, the role of the Commission, etc.

➤ AUTHORISATION OF VACCINES AGAINST A(H1N1) INFLUENZA

*Exchange of views with Mr Thomas Lönngren,
Executive Director of the EMEA*

The ENVI Committee will hold an exchange of views with the **Executive Director of the EMEA, Mr Thomas Lönngren**, on the authorisation of vaccines against A(H1N1) Influenza.

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

The EEA published a report on climate change and water-related adaptation issues in the Alps entitled '*Regional climate change and adaptation — The Alps facing the challenge of changing water resources*'.

Drawing on the most recent knowledge of climate change impacts in the Alps and experiences across the region, this report analyses the risks that climate change presents to the region's water supply and quality, identifying needs, constraints, opportunities, policy levers and options for adaptation. It extracts policy guidance on adaptation practice and aims to assist regional and local stakeholders in developing robust adaptation strategies.

Download the report at the following links:
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/alps-climate-change-and-adaptation-2009>

<http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/the-alps-europe2019s-cherished-but-endangered-mountains>

Date of next meeting:

Monday 5 October 2009, 15.00 – 18.30

Tuesday 6 October 2009, 09.00 – 12.30