

ENVI-News

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

Extraordinary meeting in Strasbourg

Monday, 12 September 2011, 19.15 – 20.45

Deadline for AMs: 13 September 2011, 12.00

Vote in ENVI: 3-5 October 2011

Vote in PECH: 22 November 2011

Vote in Plenary: December 2011

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OPINIONS

➤ **MULTIANNUAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR BLUEFIN TUNA IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN**

Consideration of draft opinion 2011/0144(COD)

The ENVI Committee will consider a draft opinion to PECH on the amendment of Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 concerning a multiannual recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (Daciana Octavia Sârbu, S&D, Romania).

At its Annual Meeting in 2010, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) adopted a Recommendation amending the recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean. The aim of this Recommendation is notably to provide for a further reduction of the total allowable catch (TAC), to strengthen measures to reduce the fishing capacity and to reinforce the control measures, particularly as regards the transfer and the caging operations.

This Recommendation is binding to the EU and therefore should be transposed. So the purpose of this proposal is to transpose into Union law the ICCAT recommendation modifying the recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

➤ **THE EUROPEAN DIMENSION IN SPORT**

Adoption of draft opinion 2011/2087 (INI)

The ENVI Committee will vote on a draft opinion to CULT on the European Dimension in Sport (Sophie Auconie, PPE, France).

Physical activity is one of the most important health determinants in modern society and can make a major contribution to the reduction of overweight and obesity and the prevention of a number of serious diseases. In 2008, EU Sport Ministers informally endorsed EU Physical Activity Guidelines recommending how policies and practices at EU, national and local levels can be used to make it easier for citizens to be physically active as part of their daily lives. A number of Member States have used them as a basis for national policy initiatives. Consultations with the Member States revealed a high level of consensus that the following topics should be priorities in the EU agenda for sport: health-enhancing physical activity; the fight against doping; education and training; voluntary activity and non-profit sport organisations; social inclusion in and through sport, including sport for people with disabilities and gender equality in sport; sustainable financing of grassroots sport; and good governance.

50 amendments and 4 proposals for compromise have been tabled.

Vote in ENVI: 12 September 2011

Vote in CULT: 5 October 2011

The Environment Committee website:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/committees/homeCom.do?language=EN&body=ENVI>

➤ **THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
DIRECTIVE 2005/36/EC**

Consideration of draft opinion 2011/2024(INI)

The ENVI Committee will consider a draft opinion to IMCO on the Implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC (Mario Pirillo, S&D, Italy).

Directive 2005/36/EC, adopted on 7 September 2005, consolidates and modernises the rules currently regulating the recognition of professional qualifications, including health professions and regulated professions having public health or safety implications. On 20 October 2007, at the end of the transposition period, this Directive has replaced fifteen existing Directives in the field of the recognition of professional qualifications. It constitutes the first comprehensive modernisation of the Community system since it was conceived forty years ago. A number of changes have been introduced compared with the existing rules, including greater liberalisation of the provision of services, more automatic recognition of qualifications and increased flexibility in the procedures for updating the Directive. The Commission currently conducts a major evaluation of the Professional Qualifications Directive.

*Deadline for AMs: 14 September 2011, 10.00
Vote in ENVI: 4 October 2011
Vote in CULT: 17 October 2011*

**RECENTLY ADOPTED IN
ENVI COMMITTEE**

At its meeting of 8 September 2011 the ENVI Committee adopted:

- opinion (Haug) to BUDG on the Parliament's position on the 2012 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - all sections ;
- draft motion for a resolution in view of the United Nations conference on sustainable development (Rio+20).

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (EEA)
<http://www.eea.europa.eu/pressroom>

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>

EUROPEAN FOOD AND VETERINARY OFFICE
http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/index_en.cfm

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

19 September 2011, 15.00 – 18.30 (Brussels)
