

# The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) of the European Parliament

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# Outline

- The work in the ENVI committee :  
Role, composition and working  
methods
- Main areas of activities

# The EP Committees

- Their role

- Preparation of decisions in plenary
- React on proposals/communications from the European Commission (EC)
- Own initiatives to address general questions of interest
- Involvement in nomination/election of COM and members of MB of agencies

- Their activities

- Reports and opinions
- Oral questions and draft resolutions
- Public hearings and conferences
- Participation of Commissioners, Ministers in the meetings of the EP committees
- Fact finding missions and delegations
- Participation in major international conferences

# The ENVI Committee

- **Composition of the committee**
  - Chairman (Jo Leinen – S & D, D)
  - 4 Vice-Chairmen
  - Co-ordinators (one MEP per Group)
  - Full Members (64)
  - Substitute Members (64)
- **Secretariat**
  - Head of Unit + 8 administrators
  - 7 secretaries
  - 2 assistants

# Legislative procedures (1)

- 3 types of procedure
  - **Codecision** (by far the highest share for ENVI)
  - Simple consultation
  - Assent

# Legislative procedures (2)

- **Codecision procedure**
  - 3 readings
  - Parliament – Council : on an equal footing
  - the EP decides with majority voting

# The way of a report in committee

- Attribution of a dossier to the responsible committee according to the internal rules of procedure
- Appointment of a rapporteur + shadow rapporteur
- Draft report
- Tabling amendments
- Vote in committee
- 'Dépôt' of the final report to the Plenary session

# Main competences (I): Environment policy and environmental protection measures:

Environmental policy and environmental protection measures, in particular concerning:

- (a) air, soil and water pollution, waste management and recycling, dangerous substances and preparations, noise levels, climate change, protection of biodiversity,
- (b) sustainable development,
- (c) international and regional measures and agreements aimed at protecting the environment,
- (d) restoration of environmental damage,
- (e) civil protection,
- (f) the European Environment Agency,
- (g) the European Chemicals Agency;



## Main competences (II): Public health, in particular:

Public health, in particular:

- (a) programmes and specific actions in the field of public health,
- (b) pharmaceutical and cosmetic products,
- (c) health aspects of bioterrorism,
- (d) the European Medicines Agency and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control;

## Main competences (III): Food Safety, in particular

Food safety issues, in particular:

- (a) the labelling and safety of foodstuffs,
- (b) veterinary legislation concerning protection against risks to human health; public health checks on foodstuffs and food production systems,
- (c) the European Food Safety Authority and the European Food and Veterinary Office.

# "Currently in the pipeline"

- Placing on the market of biocidal products
- Integrated pollution prevention and control
- Standards of quality and safety of human organs intended for transplantation
- "Pharma-Package"
- Food information to consumers
- Novel Food

# Useful information

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