

Hi all,

Yesterday the ENVI committee had its last debate about Waste Framework Directive before voting in committee next Tuesday 8th at 14h. There was a strong backing for our demands from the side of the greens, socialists and independents.

In any case, if you haven't done so, please contact your MEPs that are in the ENVI committee before next Monday 7th of April! -you can find them <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/members/expert/committees/search.do?committee=2353&language=EN> -.

For your information; below a brief summary of the positions expressed by the speakers in the yesterday debate.

080402 ENVI debate on WFD

Rapporteur MEP C. Jackson - UK conservative-:

TARGETS

In favour of inserting quantitative targets for recycling and prevention in the text (NEW!).

In favour of 50% target for household and similar waste with advice from the EC. Countries with low recycling rates should get 5 years more to meet targets.

In favour of carrying out impact assessments before implementing targets.

Against (together with the Commission) having targets for industrial waste.

HIERARCHY

Jackson agrees with the greens to move hierarchy fro article 7 to article 1.

EC and council want hierarchy as guiding principle and EP wants general rule.

Jackson wants deviation from the Waste Hierarchy by life cycle thinking, greens want deviation with Life Cycle Assessment.

RECLASSIFICATION

Jackson believes incineration is useful to deal with residual waste.

Willing to exchange targets for incineration.

Jackson doesn't think incineration pollutes or is dangerous for human health or the environment.

Formula in Annex II - she doesn't understand why people oppose.

Doesn't want to upset the council.

END of WASTE

General support for Jackson list (compost

BY-PRODUCTS

Since the WFD is the right place to have definitions, Jackson wants definition for by-products.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Supports that more control for hazardous waste is needed.

CONSULTATIVE WASTE FORUM

Jackson absolutely against. The forum is the European Parliament.

MEP SACCONI - Italian/Socialists-

Prevention and recycling of waste are the most important parts of this legislation -also for industrial waste-. The EP should not accept any other option.

Waste hierarchy supports Jackson.

Supports Consultative Waste Forum and bio-waste measures.

Socialist will support all amendments against the efficiency formula debate. This is not the priority though. Wants to analyse the Musachio amendments.

Reclassification should be in the incineration directive and not in the WFD.

MEP DE MURCKO -Slovenian/ liberals-

She is absolutely confused about everything. Inconsistent arguments about incineration but she supports it nevertheless.

Supports targets in industrial waste.

MEP EVANS -UK/Greens-

Deviation from waste hierarchy should be by Life Cycle Assessments. Life cycle thinking (what Jackson proposes) is not defined yet whilst LCA are defined. Support that hierarchy should be general rule.

Support targets for household and industrial waste. Believe that even data might be not available for industrial waste it should be possible to recycle 70% by 2020.

Hazardous waste - believe in separation of compounds to make treatment better. No recovery operation should be exempted. Treatment of HW should always be controlled with a permit.

Incineration - same as GAIA, incineration displaces recycling and composting.

Bio-waste - should not be left to MS good will to take care of setting targets.

End of waste and by-products - industry wants to get as many products as possible out of waste definition. For example: Business Europe -the lobby of the business and industry in EU- is working on the annexes of REACH to get by-products out of REACH.

DE BRUN -Ireland/IND-

Same as Evans.

GROSSTETE

Focused on the fact that with current text, hazardous Waste is not controlled enough and supports amendments for more regulations on hazardous waste..

MUSSACHIO

Europe has done a good job with waste so far but with the proposal from Jackson we risk going backwards. Reclassification of incineration means that Europe will italianised instead of having Italy europeanised.

H. KOEGLER -European Commission-

Three big challenges in WFD are:

- Clarification of legislation - less recourse to Court of Justice to legislate.
- Simplification in order to achieve better implementation.
- Modernisation -waste has change its character from a waste into a resource.

Overall objective of the new WFD: come up with waste definitions and legislation for last next 30 years.

Hierarchy is the core element of the approach of this WFD. Departing from hierarchy is necessary but this needs to be measured by what is better for the environment. LCA has not been proposed because technically it is terminology that is used to compare products, that's why we have produced Life Cycle Thinking.

We could change the name to Life Cycle Evaluation if Life Cycle Thinking poses problems.

End of waste is a way to make sure that shame recovery doesn't happen.

Definition of by-products is needed to protect real waste to stay waste.

Recycling and recovery definitions should not be overloaded. Simple definitions are better.

Support the reclassification and claims it is necessary.

VOTE ENVI COMMITTEE next Tuesday 8th of April at 14h!