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CEEP Water Task Force: Commission conference on CAP

Communication sent to members of the CEEP Water Task Force (21/6/2017):

As member of the Commission REFIT Stakeholder Platform, CEEP has received an [invitation](#) to participate in the Commission stakeholder event on the future shape of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

This conference is supposed to take stock of the results of the consultation and to see how they match the scientific evidence from the ground compiled by the Commission. The results of both the consultation and the on-the-ground analysis are then supposed to feed into a Communication on modernising and simplifying the CAP to be published later in 2017 which will assess the different options for possible policy developments.

Please find hereafter [more information](#) on the event's programme and registration. Registration is open to all interested stakeholders, however a registration as REFIT member might be helpful in case of a too big number of registrations. Therefore, please feel invited to consider if you would like to officially represent CEEP at this conference.

As the deadline for registration is already on this Friday, 23 June, should you wish to represent CEEP at this conference, please inform me by this Friday lunch time (1.00 pm) at the latest so that I can register you with a reference to the REFIT Platform.

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CEEP Energy Task Force: Updated list of draft CEEP amendments to Clean Energy Package

Communication sent to members of the CEEP Energy Task Force (22/6/2017):

Thanking you once again for all your comments and proposals for additional elements to our first set of amendments, I would like to send you an **updated version of the draft CEEP amendments to the Clean Energy Package** that integrates your various contributions.

Please find below the updated draft CEEP amendments to the legislative files for which Members of the European Parliament's ITRE Committee have to hand in their amendments during next week:

- Updated list of [draft CEEP amendments to the Commission proposal for a Governance Regulation](#)
- Updated list of [draft CEEP amendments to the Commission proposal for the Energy Efficiency Directive Review](#)
- Updated list of [draft CEEP amendments to the Commission proposal for the Renewable Energy Directive Review](#)
- Moreover, please find hereafter a proposal from VKU for a new list of [draft CEEP amendments to the Commission proposal for the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive Review](#).

Please note that most amendments reflect the [final version of our CEEP position paper](#) that was recently approved by the CEEP General Assembly. However, a little number of amendments that I have received from members are not directly reflected in the CEEP opinion, but still stick to its overall direction. For example, this is the case for the amendment to the Commission's proposal for an increased 30% energy efficiency target. Therefore, I would like to warmly invite you to **carefully go through all amendments and come back to me should you disagree with one or several of them**.

In order to be able to still send the CEEP amendments to the respective (Shadow) Rapporteurs and other contacts in the European Parliament, **please send me your comments by Monday, 26 June, at 4.00 pm, for the Governance Regulation, and Tuesday, 27 June, at 10.00 am, for the other files**.

In view of our **discussions on e-mobility at the Energy Task Force meeting in Paris on 30 June** (please find here again the [draft agenda](#) and [official invitation](#)), I also would like to draw your attention to an [input kindly prepared by GdW as a concrete starting point for our discussion](#). It includes their set of amendments to the EPBD. I look forward to a fruitful debate on this aspect of the EPBD Directive for which it was decided to continue the internal decision-making process at the upcoming Task Force meeting.

Should you wish to **register for the meeting** and haven't done so yet, please contact me by next Monday, 26 June, CoB, at the latest. Thank you in advance.

The updated version of draft CEEP amendments to the other legislative files due at the beginning of September within the ITRE Committee (Electricity Market Design, ACER and Risk-preparedness in the Electricity Sector) will be sent to you at the beginning of next week as a basis for discussion and decision at the Energy Task Force meeting in Paris.

For your information, please find hereafter an [updated timeline of the legislative process for the different elements of the Clean Energy Package](#).

Please also find below an overview of the different reports that have already been published by Rapporteurs in the European Parliament:

- [ITRE/ENVI joint draft report](#) on Governance
- [ITRE draft report](#) and [ENVI draft opinion](#) and [TRAN draft opinion](#) on RED
- [ITRE draft report](#) and [ENVI draft opinion](#) on EPBD
- [ITRE draft report](#) and [ENVI draft opinion](#) on EED
- [ITRE draft report](#) on ACER

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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CEEP Environment Task Force: Possible multi-stakeholder declaration on waste-to-energy

Communication sent to members of the CEEP Environment Task Force (22/6/2017):

Following up to our discussions on waste-to-energy at the last Environment Task Force meeting, I would like to inform you that we are currently discussing with other stakeholders a possible joint statement on the Commission's Communication on waste-to-energy. The possible co-signatories are Municipal Waste Europe, CEWEP, Eurocities and CEMR. MWE has already agreed on the paper and CEWEP is likely doing so. Eurocities and CEMR have not yet decided on it. Please find hereafter the [proposal for a joint declaration](#).

Given the need to inform the other stakeholders if CEEP is interested in co-signing the paper with them, I would appreciate if you could give me your feedback (if you think that CEEP should co-sign this paper or if you do not agree with one/some of its key messages) **by next Tuesday, 27 June, at 3.00 pm at the latest**. Thank you very much in advance.

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CEEP Water Task Force: Call for input regarding water infrastructure investments

Communication sent to members of the CEEP Water Task Force (20/6/2017):

First of all, I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the success of the last Water Task Force meeting on 9 June 2017. Prior to the official draft minutes, please find hereafter the presentation on the [state of play of the revision of the Drinking Water Directive](#) (DWD) that Wennemar Cramer very kindly prepared for the meeting. Please also find hereafter Valeria Ronzitti's presentation on the [state of play of the CEEP Working Programme](#).

The meeting was the opportunity to hold a **discussion with Michel Sponar, Deputy Head of Unit C.2. at DG Environment**. Besides an important exchange of views on CEEP members' input to the DWD revision, the meeting also allowed an exchange of views on the [Commission request to provide input to its work on investment in water infrastructure](#). Mr Sponar explained that the Commission request should be seen in the context of the reflection on the next EU Multi-annual Financial Framework for the time after 2020 that, despite overall budgetary constraints, hopefully will still provide enough financial means for the water sector. Therefore, in order to create the case for water within the internal debates of the Commission, DG Environment would like to collect data that justifies that investments in the water sector have to remain a priority also in the upcoming

decade. It should be brought together in a Commission Communication to be published at the end of this year, together with the DWD review.

So far, regarding data on investments in the drinking water system, the Commission hasn't received any data from Member States and hopes that CEEP and other EU associations can provide valuable figures. Regarding waste water treatment, Mr Sponar indicated that Member States have provided some data in their reports on the UWWTD implementation, but that more would be needed, focusing more specifically on expected future investment needs. This is even more true for the future management of risks, such as floods. Mr Sponar further indicated that there is no hidden agenda as regards the use of this data. He ensured participants that the data received by CEEP would not be used in any other context.

After the meeting with Mr Sponar, the Task Force members discussed the Commission request and decided to provide a CEEP input for three reasons: a) continue to further position CEEP as a relevant stakeholder towards the Commission, b) influence the debate into the right direction and c) support the role of the water sector in the future Multi-annual Financial Framework. At the same time, it was confirmed that, as usual, every member is of course completely free to simply identify in already existing local, regional and national data sets relevant data on future investment.

Therefore, as agreed at the Task Force meeting, **please send me your assessment of the expected future investment need in the water services that you/your members provide by Friday, 30 June 2017, at the latest.** Afterwards, we will compile the different contributions by Member State and send the overview to DG Environment before the summer break. Thank you very much in advance.

Futhermore, I would like to inform you that DG Environment has sent around an **updated draft of the JRC report on the development of minimum quality requirements for water reuse** in agricultural irrigation and aquifer recharge. Please find hereafter the [JRC report's draft version 3.3](#). For your information, in view of this week's meeting of the Ad-hoc CIS Working Group on Water Reuse, please find hereafter the [meeting's agenda](#) that might also give some more information on the state of play of the discussions.

Please also find [here](#) a link to the presentations held at the last European Parliament Water Group meeting on the 2017 United Nations World Water Development Report "Wastewater: The Untapped Resource" on last 6 June 2017.

Moreover, I would like to forward you hereafter a [report](#) on the last **meeting of the WFD CIS Working Group Chemicals** on 28 and 29 March 2017 that was very kindly written by Mr Frank Joerrens, the CEEP representative in the Working Group, to the attention of the Water Task Force.

Last but not least, I would like to inform you that ICLEI and EUROCITIES, on behalf of the European Commission, are conducting a [public consultation](#) in order to gather input for the development of the **Urban Water Agenda 2030 (UWA2030)**. It is aiming to achieve a good status of all water bodies, and make Member States better prepared for extreme weather events as reflected in the Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive. The UWA2030 also aims to enable local governments to accelerate the implementation of local policies and practices for sustainable urban water management. The consultation is based on a draft strategy for the Urban Water Agenda 2030 which has been elaborated by DG Environment, ICLEI, EUROCITIES and some individual cities. The consultation follows the structure of the draft strategy and consists of 4 sections: personal information, framework of the initiative, strategic directions, and commitment process. Replies are supposed to feed in the design of an Urban Water Agenda which is relevant to cities' needs and foster integrated and sustainable water management in urban areas. The consultation is open until Wednesday 5 July 2017. Should you think that the Water Task Force should provide input to this consultation and that you would like to suggest a first draft response, please contact me by 27 June at the latest.

Should you have any questions or remarks, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Last days to register for the Public Services Summit 2017! (amongst the speakers: Council President Tusk, EC VP Dombrovskis, Commissioner Thyssen)

Communication sent to all CEEP members (22/6/2017):

The Public Services Summit 2017 next Wednesday will welcome the highest level of speakers ever at a CEEP conference.

The event will gather social partners, policy-makers, academics and actors of the economy to discuss the future of Europe, the challenges ahead and the place of public services.

High-level speakers such as **Donald Tusk** (EU Council President), **Valdis Dombrovskis** (Commission Vice-President for Social Dialogue and the Euro), **Marianne Thyssen** (Commissioner for Social Affairs and Employment), **Klaus Welle** (General Secretary of the European Parliament), **Maria João Rodrigues** (MEP, Rapporteur on the EU Pillar of Social Rights) and **Wilhelm Molterer** (Managing Director of the European Fund for Strategic Investments) will be present.

Therefore, it is essential to ensure an equally important participation of our members next Wednesday 28 June 2017 in SQUARE (Mont des Arts, Brussels, entrance via Coudenberg 1-3). To date, we have reached just over 100 participants (excluding speakers and CEEP General Secretariat) which is not yet the number we are aiming to reach. Therefore, we invite those of you who have not yet done so to register as soon as possible.

Moreover, much focus will be placed on the interactions with the audience through high level debates between panelists and participants. Therefore, your active role in the discussions on that day will be a precious contribution to the success of the event!

Please see the agenda [here](#), and register by [using the following form](#).

Those of you who are already registered will receive by the end of this week from my colleague Maxime Staelens a confirmation of their registration as well as the final agenda and the information on the logistics.

Please feel free to contact my colleague Maxime Staelens (maxime.staelens@ceep.eu) should you have any questions regarding the event.

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Draft agenda of CEEP Energy Task Force meeting on 30 June 2017

Communication sent to members of the CEEP Energy Task Force (16/6/2017):

As already announced, the **next CEEP Energy Task Force meeting will take place on Friday, 30 June 2017 at EDF offices in Paris (22 avenue de Wagram, Salle Narbonne)**. A light lunch will kindly be organized by EDF before the meeting, from 12.30 to 1.00 pm. The official part of the meeting will be held from 1.00 to 4.00 pm.

Please find hereafter [the official invitation](#) as well as [the meeting's draft agenda](#). A revised draft of the CEEP amendments will be sent to you shortly (the first set of amendments at the beginning of next week for those to be sent to Members of the Parliament before the June deadlines; a second set of amendments ahead of the meeting for those to be sent to Members of the Parliament prior to the September deadlines, cf. also my

previous emails). The Task Force meeting will then be the occasion to decide on the final version of the CEEP amendments.

For security reasons, please **confirm your participation by Monday, 26 June 2017, CoB, at the latest**. Please also **bring your ID or passport with you** in order to access the meeting venue.

For your information, the nearest metro station to the meeting venue is "Charles de Gaulle Etoile" (you can find [here](#) further information on the public transport network in English). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Commission representative at next CEEP Transport Task Force meeting on 5 July 2017

Communication sent to members of the CEEP Transport Task Force (22/6/2017):

On behalf of Ms Monika Unterholzner, the new Chair of the CEEP Transport Task Force, I would like to send you the [official invitation](#) to the **next CEEP Transport Task Force meeting on 5 July 2017, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm**, at CEEP premises in Brussels.

I am delighted to inform you that **Mr Axel Volkery, in charge of elaborating the Commission's review of the Clean Vehicles Directive at Unit B.4. "Sustainable and Intelligent Transport" of DG MOVE, will participate in our meeting**. This will allow for an exchange of views on this upcoming Commission initiative, expected to be published at the end of the year.

As Mr Volkery will join us at 10.00 am. Therefore, the meeting will have to start at already 9.30 am. I hope that this doesn't create any inconvenience for those who have to travel to Brussels.

Please find hereafter the meeting documents:

- [Draft meeting agenda](#)
- [Draft minutes of the last meeting](#)
- [Draft CEEP key messages on the Commission's Low-Emission Strategy and related policy initiatives](#), very kindly drafted by Elisa Schenner, General Rapporteur of the Task Force, as a starting point for our discussions during the meeting
- [Recent CEEP Response to the consultation on Clean Vehicles Directive](#)
- [Recent CEEP Response to the consultation on Bus/Coach market liberalisation](#)
- [Recent Commission proposals of its "Europe on the Move" Road Package](#)

On behalf of [Mr Franz Stöger, former Transport Task Force Chair](#), please find here a [farewell message](#) that he would like to send to all of you. Wishing him all the best for his new function, we would like to grasp the occasion to thank him, once again, for his strong commitment and great contribution to the fruitful work of the CEEP Transport Task Force during his chairmanship.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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CHANGE OF DATE: Next CEEP SGI Task Force meeting on 12 July 2017

Communication sent to members of the CEEP SGI Task Force (21/6/2017):

On behalf of Rainer Plassmann, Task Force Chair, I would like to inform you that the **next SGI Task Force meeting will have to take place on Wednesday, 12 July 2017, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm** (and NOT on 7 July 2017, as communicated at the beginning of the year).

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience that this change of date might cause for you and hope that you can all take part in the meeting on 12 July. As usual, the meeting documents will be sent to you two weeks prior to the meeting. Therefore, should you wish to bring forward any proposals for the draft agenda, please feel warmly invited to contact me.

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Social Europe e-newsletter : 20 June 2017

Latest Social Europe e-newsletter attached: [Social Europe e-newsletter – 20 June 2017](#)

Eversheds Sutherland : E-briefings, Updates and Conferences

See below links to information received from our partners **Eversheds Sutherland**:

[Eversheds Sutherland 14th Annual Labour Relations Conference 2017](#)

[Eversheds Sutherlands – June UK labour law quarterly update](#)

[Health and Safety Summer School 2017 – St Catherine’s College, Oxford](#)

[HR Summer School at Ashridge – Values and Ethics](#)