

Permanent Delegates Meeting

6 June 2026



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Date for future meetings

- Currently – PDM takes place each month on first Monday
- Suggestion from Johan (UNIZO) – 3rd Tuesday (because 1st Tuesday is Head of Office meeting)

Climate, Energy and Environment Committee

Catherine Fragnay, Climate / Energy / Environment Junior Policy Adviser



Circular Economy Act

State of play

- EC Impact Assessment
- Q3 2026 – EC adoption

Recent activities – SMEUnited

- European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform Conference
- EC final stakeholder workshop, 04/2026
- Focus Group on the CEA with entrepreneurs, 05/2026

Next steps

- Share results from the Focus Group with Roswall Cabinet
- Focus Group 2, Extended Producer Responsibility
- Continue exchanging with Roswall Cabinet
- Council ENV meeting on June 17 (recycling)



Environmental Omnibus



State of play

EP indicative timeline:

- **WFD, IED (2025/0394):** Consideration of draft report (02/07), deadline for amendments (07/07), ENVI vote (04/11)
 - Rapporteur: Susana Solís Pérez (EPP)
- **Batteries (2025/0397):** Consideration of draft report (02/07), deadline for amendments (07/07), ENVI vote (04/11)
 - Rapporteur: Susana Solís Pérez (EPP)
- **Environmental assessment (2025/0391):** Consideration of draft report (15/06), deadline for amendments (23/06), ENVI vote (01/10)
 - Rapporteur: Emma Wiesner (Renew)
- **Authorised Representatives (2025/0395 and /0396):** ENVI debate 22/06, deadline for amendments (01/07), ENVI vote (05/10)
 - Rapporteur: Ingeborg Ter Laak (EPP)



Environmental Omnibus



Activities - SMEUnited

- SMEUnited reactive position paper adopted
- SMEUnited position paper disseminated with ENVI Committee
- Exchanging with MEP Ingeborg ter Laak

Next steps

- ENVI debate on Authorised Representatives 22/06
- Propose amendments on Authorised Representatives
- Meeting with MEP Ingeborg ter Laak



Packaging Regulation

State of play

- Entry into force 02/2025
- JRC technical report on waste sorting labels, 01/2026
- EC guidance and Q&A, 03/2026
- First compliance deadline, 12/08/2026

Activities – SMEUnited

- Environmental Omnibus paper (section on PPWR)
- Gathering member input on national support measures

Next steps

- Map national support measures
- SMEUnited letter to Roswall

Packaging Regulation

Compliance deadline: 12 August 2026

By then, companies placing packaged products on the EU market must ensure the following:

Requirement	Description	SME support measures
Extended Producer Responsibility Compliance	• Register in the national producer register of each EU Member State where they place packaged products on the market; • Appoint an authorised representative in any Member State where they place packaged products on the market; • Appoint a Producer Responsibility Organisation, which is mandated to fulfil EPR obligations on their behalf; • Report annually to their PROs the volumes of packaging placed on the market during the preceding year and pay the corresponding EPR fees.	• Translated information available for registration & reporting in each national registry; • Environment Omnibus adoption could ease AR requirements for SMEs (instead national customs and controls authorities should ensure EPR enforcement compliance); • Push the Commission to publish their draft on Implementing Act on EPR registration and reporting.

Packaging Regulation

Requirement	Description	SME support measures
Prepare Declaration of Conformity	• Unique identification of the packaging type (packaging format, component structure and material composition); • Manufacturer name and address (and authorised representative details if applicable); • Description of the packaging object so it is traceable; • The legal reference to PPWR and any other relevant Union acts (if you combine declarations); • References to harmonised standards, common specifications, or other technical specifications used; • Place, date, and authorised signatory details (name, function, signature); • Indicate on the packaging or on a QR code or another data carrier or document accompanying the packaged product; • Shall keep for 5 years from the date the packaging was placed on the market , 10 years from the date reusable packaging was placed on the market.	• If an SME packaging supplier is in the same country in which the SME places a product on the market, the packaging supplier is the responsible legal person to ensure Declaration of Conformity, in the case that an SME is not located in that given country; • One Declaration of conformity can cover batch of similar packaging.
PFAS ban	Food contact packaging shall not be placed on the market if it contains per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFASs) in a concentration equal to or above the indicated limit values.	By 31 December 2026 EC assisted by ECHA, will submit a report to Parliament and Council on the presence of substances of concern in packaging and any further measures needed.

Enterprise and legal files

Sophia Zakari, Director for Enterprise Policy and Legal Affairs



Consumer Law

Empowering Consumer

- Upcoming news on the agreement of the CPC Network

Unfair Commercial Practices Directive and CPC Network Revision

- EC will revise the way the CPC network function
- This include turning the UCPD into a Regulation

→ **Members to work on their position on this issue to discuss in Committee meeting on 25 June**



Better Regulation Communication

- Communication [published](#) on 28 April
- Includes Think Small First and efforts on implementation, enforcement and gold plating
- Action plan on deep house cleaning
- SMEUnited press release [here](#)
- SMEUnited draft position shared with members
- **Deadline for feedback: 9 June**



VSME Delegated Act

State of play

- EC public consultation closed on 3 June
- Timeline:
 - Early July: The Commission aims to adopt the delegated act
 - July-oct : 'no objection period' of maximum 4 months for the co-legislators
 - The delegated act should enter into force in Q4.

ECOFIS files

Gerhard Huemer, Director for Economic and Fiscal Policy

European Competitiveness Fund

- Adoption of SMEUnited [position paper](#) (20/03)
- Distribution of PP to rapporteurs, shadow rapporteurs and coordinators
- Meetings with EPP, ECR and Greens
- Draft report published and sent to members with first assessment
- About 10.000 amendments on draft report – include our demands for SME targets and governance
- Event with Co-rapporteur Ehler (2 June)

Industrial Accelerator Act

- Commission published IAA on 4 March + [first reaction](#) provided (4 March)
- First discussion at ECOFIS (23/04)
- Deadline for comments by members extended to 15 May
- Compilation of comments sent on 2 June

Next steps:

- Comments on first draft by 18 June
- Ad-hoc working group to discuss open questions: 23 June

Digital Euro and Legal Tender Regulations

State of play:

- Cooperation with other Merchant Associations (Eurocommerce, Hotrec, E-Commerce Europe, etc.)
- Council adopted general approach for Trialogue (19.12)
- Joint [position paper](#) on Commission proposal and towards Council and Parliament - focus on compensation model
- [Joint statement](#) on the exemptions for mandatory acceptance of cash, especially the NO CASH sign

Next steps:

- Continue work with Parliament (Committee vote 23/6, Plenary 6/7)
- Support our work by contacting national MEPs and Governments

Social Affairs and Training Committees

Valentina Guerra, Social Affairs and Training Policy Director

Quality Framework for Traineeships



Council: adopted General Approach on 19/06

EP: adopted Mandate on 9/10

In TRILOGUE

28/10: first meeting of WP Social Questions to examine the EP mandate

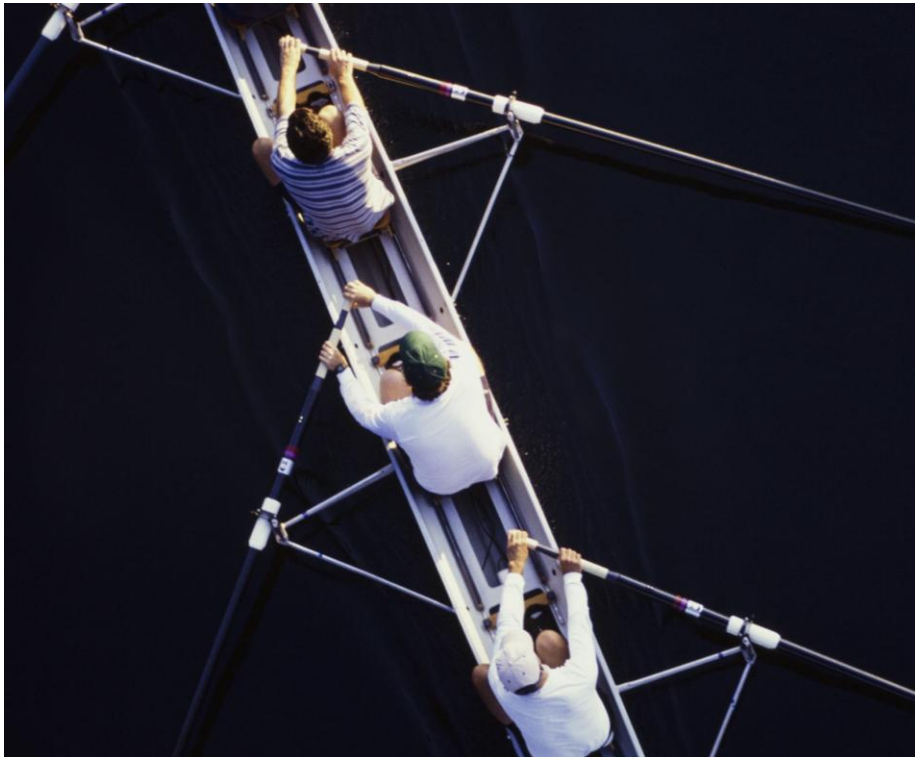
18/11: 1st Trilogue – exchange on info on the mandates

24/02: 2nd Trilogue – no further advancements on the scope and type of internships covered, exchange remains constructive.

05/05: 3rd Trilogue –no major outcomes, the trilogues will continue under the Irish Presidency

Actions: SMEUnited continues meetings with Perm Rep; members be in contact with your Ministries/Perm Reps in Brussels

Regulation 883 – coordination of social security



- Provisional agreement reached in trilogues on 22 April
- Council approved on 29 April (21 MS in favour); European Parliament approved on 6 May
- **Official adoption by Council and European Parliament: still pending**

INL Report on psychosocial risks



In EP EMPL:

15/04 – European Parliament exchange on report

20/04: deadline for tabling amendments (postponed from 16/04)

05/06: deadline for members to share any comments on the analysis of tabled amendments → dissemination

Actions: Members to contact MEPs and lobby against this directive.

Pay Transparency Directive

- 27/04: Meeting with Cabinet Mînzatu - Alina Ujupan → followed up on 2/06 to inquiry about the task force
- 12/05: Swedish government sent a letter to the European Commission asking for an extension of the transposition deadline
- 02/06: Belgian government sent a letter to the European Commission asking for an extension of six months of the transposition deadline
- 05/06: Joint employers statement ahead of transposition deadline
- **7/06**: Current transposition deadline as foreseen by the Directive

Actions: Members to lobby their ministries to follow the Swedish and Belgian example.

Planned dedicated hearings of the social partners in 2026 + Consultations EU Semester



Dedicated hearings:

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High-level meetings and consultations of EU social partners:

- Informal EPSCO: 6-7/07

SMEs4SD: webinars AI@Work (algorithmic management)

- 20/05 – Eurofound researcher, Cesira Urzi-Brancati
- 9/07 – Digital SME, Loredana Bucseneanu
- 13/10 – *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*, Milan, Michele Faioli

Sector policy files

Fabian Haybach, Policy Advisor for sectoral, regional and rural policy

National & Regional Partnership Plans

Cohesion Policy after 2027

Three EP Committees are responsible:

- Budgets, Karlo Ressler (EPP - Croatia)
- Regional Development, Andrey Novakov (EPP – Bulgaria)
- Agriculture and Rural Development, Elsi Katainen (Renew – Finland)

Activities:

- SMEUnited Meeting with Rapporteur Ressler
- Draft Report presented on the 3rd of June
- Key amendments on partnership principle and simplification
- Provisions on Rural areas are now part of the CAP regulation



Tourism Strategy

Sustainable Tourism Strategy

- SMEunited participated in the high-level dialogue in February with Commissioner Tzizikostas
- Paper shared on 5th of March
- Deadline for feedback on the first draft was the 30/04
- Strategy was originally planned for beginning of May than scheduled for 24/06 and now postponed until October



Clean Corporate Fleets

Automotive Package

- Part of the discussion on the Sector Committee 20/04,
- PP was adopted on 8 Mai,
- Article 4 of the proposal which includes provisions that would end the financial support for non-ZEV or traditional ICE corporate vehicles,
- Position Paper shared with the Rapporteurs,
- Joint Statement against the current proposal signed end of May.

Joint committee responsible with two S&D Rapporteurs.

- ENVI: Tiemo Wölken (S&D)
- TRAN: François Kalfon (S&D)

Draft Report was shared on the 11/05/2026



Any other business

- Date of next meeting: 6 July, 14.00 – 15.30
- Preliminary dates for further meetings in 2026 - 14/9, 5/10, 9/11, 7/12

Tour de table

- only one speaker per organisation
- priority activities relevant for EU / other member organisations
- avoiding topics which have already been discussed

Thank you for your attention

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