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By email

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Subject: The Parliament's ENVI Committee must keep its current structure and 'One Health' scope

Dear President,

BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation, has been very committed in supporting the European institutions during the last term concerning the EU's strategic objective of improving people's health through better healthcare, healthier diets, and lower environmental pollution.

This objective has been supported and advanced by the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety during the last legislature. Because of its broad mandate and composition, the ENVI Committee has brought an integrated perspective on food safety and nutrition, health, and environmental goals and promoted the One Health Approach, which seeks to balance and optimise the health of people, animals, and ecosystems.

We understand that the structure and competences of the Parliamentary Committees are currently under discussion at the level of the Conference of Presidents and will be decided upon during the constitutive sitting of the new European Parliament later in July. **In this context, BEUC urges you to retain the ENVI Committee in its current form and scope.**

Tackling the major health threats facing the European Union such as antimicrobial resistance, climate change, (re-)emerging zoonoses, and air and water pollution requires an interdisciplinary approach that recognises the interconnectedness between the health of people, animals, plants, and their shared environment.

We would strongly recommend against splitting the ENVI Committee, as this would risk leading to siloed approaches to addressing the above-listed multifaceted challenges. This is even more relevant as the European Parliament, under its new rules of procedure for the period 2024-2029, will no longer allow for joint committee competences on legislative files.

As EU agencies dealing with food safety (EFSA), medicines (EMA), public health (ECDC), chemicals (ECHA) and the environment (EEA) are increasingly strengthening their cooperation¹ to support the implementation of the One Health agenda in the European Union,

¹ [One Health: a joint framework for action published by five EU agencies.](#)

dismantling the European Parliament's committee exemplifying the One Health approach would be misguided.

We thank you in advance for considering the above comments when deciding on the future structure of the European Parliament's committees.

Yours sincerely,

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