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Environmental agenda of the CZ PRES -evaluation

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First half of 2009 – changes and challenges

- necessity to pave a solid way towards a successful agreement in Copenhagen in December 2009
- need to face the global financial and economic crisis and energy security crisis
- elections to the European Parliament and new European Commission
- \rightarrow pressure to do most of the work in first half of the CZ PRES



CZ PRES environmental priorities

Energy and climate change – one of the three main CZ PRES priorities

Environmental priorities

- Climate change
- Environment and human health (IPPC, mercury, ozone, GMOs etc.)
- Sustainable consumption and production (EMAS, ecolabel)
- Biodiversity (seal products, whales, invasive species, soil)

Legislative achievements



of the CZ PRES - First reading agreements:

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the voluntary participation by organisations in a Community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Community Ecolabel scheme
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning trade in seal products
- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Stage II petrol vapour recovery during refuelling of passenger cars at service stations (VOC II)
- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/8/EC concerning the placing of **biocidal products** on the market as regards the extension of certain time periods



Council meetings during CZ PRES

Environment Council – 2 March 2009

- Contribution of the Council (Environment) to the Spring European Council (19 and 20 March 2009) + Further development of the EU position on a comprehensive post-2012 climate agreement – Council Conclusions
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions – Policy debate
- GMOs (MON 810 Hungary, Austria; T25 Austria Adoption)
- Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Community with regard to proposals for amendments to the International Convention on the Regulation of **Whaling** - Adoption
- AOB The fall in demand for recycled materials



Council meetings during CZ PRES

Informal meeting of ENVI ministers

14-15 April 2009 – Prague, Křivoklát

CLIMATE CHANGE:

- Adaptation to climate change
- Financing
- International negotiation



Council meetings during CZ PRES

Environment Council – 25 June 2009

- •Adaptation to climate change Council Conclusions
- •Climate change international negotiations Exchange of views
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions – Political agreement
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the protection of soil Progress report
- Green Paper on **Biowaste** Council Conclusions
- Communication on Invasive species + Biodiversity Action Plan
 Review Council Conclusions



European Sustainable Development

- **June 2001**: the European Council at Göteborg "A Sustainable Europe for a better world: A European Strategy for Sustainable Development"
- In 2005, the European Council: sustainable development as a key principle governing all the Union's policies and activities; the "Declaration on the guiding principles for sustainable development"
 - •key objectives of the declaration:
 - environmental protection
 - social equity and cohesion
 - economic prosperity
 - meeting our international responsabilities
- the Lisbon Strategy relaunched in March 2005
- June 2006, The Renewed Sustainable Development Strategy



Lisbon Strategy

= EU development plan by 2010

The **main aims**:

- competitive knowledge-based economy,
- sustainable economic growth,
- more and better jobs,
- greater social cohesion,
- respect for the environment.

EU SDS

= single, coherent strategyon sustainable development

The **main aims**:

- promote sustainable development,
- change unsustainable consumption and production patterns,
- better integrated policy-making process,
- •global solidarity with non-EU countries.



Sustainable Europe – Quality through Feedback

- political will necessary
- •strategy as a living document i.e. even if prepared by academia, it must not be "academic"
- **sound indicators** as a part of implementation mechanisms
- main conditions of conservation of high quality of life:
 - •without **changing the attitude of individual consumers**, producers and service providers, no sustainable development is possible
 - **positive motivation** for ways of safeguarding the high standard of living enjoyed by human being

Main conclusions



- With six legislative proposals agreed under the CZ PRES, we have achieved most of the priorities that we set up in our programme
- EU Presidency excellent experience in international (global) negotiations → crucial for pushing forward the key environmental legislation above all climate issue
- Climate change in close connection with other key environmental issues:
 biodiversity, water scarcity, soil protection etc. dominant topic of the year and upcoming period
- Despite all the political changes (both EU and national) the key environmental problems remain the same
- Innovation within the resource and energy efficiency leading to the low-carbon economy - crucial



Thank you for attention



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