



Italian Presidency
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Global Biosafety Agenda¹ of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU (1 July 2014 – 31 December 2014)

Introduction

The international Biosafety agenda will be very busy during the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

We need to prepare EU participation and positions for Cartagena Protocol COP/MOP 7.

The most important issues addressed by Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety COP-MOP 7 agenda are:

- Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms (Article 18).
- Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress
- Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16).
- Socio-economic considerations (Article 26).
- Monitoring and reporting (Article 33).
- Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 35).
- Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17).
- Contained use of living modified organisms (Article 6).

Italian Roadmap for EU coordination

The overview below provides the Italian Roadmap towards COP/MOP 7 for the second half of 2014. The Roadmap is a living working document which will be developed further during the Presidency.

¹ Provisional version of 12 June 2014.

Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2014			
Date	Events	Key topics	
CBD-secretariat intends to have all documents ready in July 2014 – but final deadline according to the rules procedure of the COP/MOP is 6 weeks prior to the COP/MOP			
15 July 2014	Deadline for transmitting WPIEI meeting documents to the Presidency if the documents are to be distributed prior to the WPIEI on 22 July 2014		
Mid July 2014		Circulation of draft EU positions	
22 July 2014	WPIEI – Biosafety (Brussels, Belgium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biosafety Roadmap 2014 • CBD Notifications <p>Preparation for COP-MOP 7 First discussion of draft position on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 12: Risk Assessment and Risk Management • Item 15: Assessment and Review • Item 17: Contained use of LMOs <p>Final EU position on items where draft positions have been discussed previously and depending on the availability of CBD-documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4: Compliance Committee • Item 9: Special session on implementation • Item 10: Handling, transport, packaging and identification • Item 13: Socio-economic considerations • Item 14: Monitoring and reporting • Item 16: Unintentional transboundary movements <p>Final EU position on items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 5: Biosafety Clearing House (BCH) • Item 7: Cooperation with other organizations • Item 11: Nagoya- Kuala Lumpur Protocol on Liability and Redress <p>If not finalized at the WPIEI meetings of May and June.</p>	

Mid August 2014		Deadline for CBD-secretariat distribution of the provisional agenda with supporting documents	
25 August 2014	Deadline for transmitting WPIEI meeting documents to the Presidency if the documents are to be distributed prior to the WPIEI on 4 September 2014		
27 August 2014		Circulation of draft EU positions	
4 September 2014	WPIEI - Biosafety (Brussels, Belgium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information from bureau CBD Notifications <p>First discussion of draft position on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 6: Financial mechanisms <p>Finalization of EU positions and speaking notes on all items where this is possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 12: Risk Assessment and Risk Management Item 15: Assessment and Review Item 17: Contained use of LMOs 	
10 September 2014	Deadline for transmitting WPIEI meeting documents to the Presidency if the documents are to be distributed prior to the WPIEI on 18 September 2014		
Mid September 2014		Circulation of remaining draft EU positions	
18 September 2014	WPIEI- Biosafety	Finalization of outstanding EU positions Finalization of speaking notes on all items	
28 September 2014	EU coordination (Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea)		
From 29 September to 3 October 2014	COP/MOP 7, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea)		
3 December 2014	WPIEI- Biosafety (Brussels, Belgium)	Outcome of COP/MOP 7	
17 December 2014	Environmental Council (Brussels, Belgium)	Outcome of COP/MOP 7	

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