Y Pwyllgor Datblygu Economaidd a Thrafnidiaeth

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Teitl: Rhaglen Waith y Comisiwn Ewropeaidd 2005 – awgrymu blaenoriaethau polisi ar gyfer DETh

Diben y Papur

Diben y papur hwn yw clustnodi cynigion, yn Rhaglen Waith y Comisiwn Ewropeaidd ar gyfer 2005, sydd yn berthnasol i bortffolio'r DETh, ac awgrymu blaenoriaethau ar gyfer craffu gan y Pwyllgor.

Cefndir

Gwyddoch fod cynigion wedi'u datblygu i wella'r craffu gan Bwyllgorau ar gynigion deddfwriaethol yr UE. Seilir y cynigion hyn o gwmpas defnyddio rhaglen waith flynyddol y CE yn fan cychwyn wrth nodi materion polisi sydd yn flaenoriaeth ar gyfer monitro a chraffu ymhellach yn ystod y flwyddyn. Yn ei gyfarfod ar 11 Tachwedd 2004,cytunodd Y Pwyllgor Materion Ewropeaidd ac Allanol ar yr agwedd newydd hon at graffu ar ddeddfwriaeth yr UE, a chadarnhawyd hyn gan Banel y Cadeiryddion ar 7 Rhagfyr 2004.

Mae'r papur hwn felly yn rhoi i'r Aelodau drosolwg ar y flwyddyn sydd i ddod yn yr UE a chrynodeb hefyd o strategaeth pum mlynedd y Comisiwn. Mae'n cynnig awgrymiadau ar gyfer blaenoriaethau craffu'r DETh yn 2005, wedi'u seilio ar ddadansoddiad o raglen waith y CE ar gyfer 2005 ac ar waith o'r flwyddyn 2004 sy'n para ymlaen.

Cyd-destun UE 2005

Gwelir yn 2005 adolygu mawr ar amcanion tymor-hir yr UE. Trafodir dyfodol 'Strategaeth Lisbon' gan yr Aelod Wladwriaethau yng Nghyngor y Gwanwyn (Mawrth 2005). Mae Llywydd y Comisiwn Ewropeaidd, Jose Manuel Barroso, eisoes wedi cyflwyno cyfraniad y Comisiwn ar ffurf strategaeth newydd i'r UE "Twf a Swyddi" (31 Ionawr 2005).

Bydd trafod cyllideb yr UE i'r dyfodol2007-2013 yn para yn ystod eleni a bydd hyn yn penderfynu ffurf a chwmpas rhaglenni cyllido'r UE, igan gynnwys rhaglenni'r cronfeydd strwythurol. Mae Llywyddiaeth Luxembourg yn anelu at gael cytundeb yng Nghyngor mis Mehefinond, a derbyn bod syniadau gwahanol iawn ar y mater, efallai na cheir cytundeb tan ddiwedd 2005 neu hyd yn oed 2006.

Wrth dderbyn Llywyddiaeth yr UE yn ail hanner y flwyddyn, caiff y DU gyfle i lywio'r UE tuag at rai o'i blaenoriaethau hi'i hun.. Yng Nghymru y cynhelir Y Cyngor Cystadleurwydd Anffurfiol (10-12 Gorfennaf) a chyfarfod anffurfiol Gweinidogion Tramor yr UE, a elwir yn Gymnich (1-2 Medi). Bydd Cymru hefyd yn croesawu Digwyddiad Ieuenctid (25 – 27 Hydref).

Mabwysiadwyd strategaeth y Comisiwn Ewropeaidd ar gyfer ei fandad pum mlynedd (2005-2009) a'i raglen waith ar gyfer 2005 ill dwy, a chyflwynwyd hwy i'r Llywodraeth Ewropeaidd ar 26 Ionawr 2005, gan Lywydd y Comisiwn, Jose Manuel Barroso. Ceir gwybodaeth fwy cyffredinol am strategaeth y Comisiwn mewn papur a baratowyd ar gyfer y Pwyllgor Materion Ewropeaidd ac Allanol ar 24 Chwefror 2005.

Awgrymiadau ar gyfer blaenoriaethau'r Pwyllgor DEthyn 2005

Mae Atodiad A i'r papur hwn yn cynnwys rhestr o gynigion newydd yn y rhaglen waith sy'n berthnasol i DETh, a'r rheiny wedi'u rhannu'n flaenoriaethau a awgrymwyd a chynigion eraill.:

Blaenoriaethau a awgrymwyd – clustnodwyd y rhain ar sail eu perthnasedd i flaen raglen waith y Pwyllgor DETh,a phynciau a fu o ddiddordeb yn y gorffennol ac fe'u cynigir yn sgil eu heffaith a'u perthnasedd i Gymru. Yn fras, seilir y rhain yn y meysydd canlynol:

- dyfodol y cronfeydd strwythurol/cymorth y wladwriaeth/ cymorth rhanbarthol
- arloesi/cystadleurwydd/ymchwil
- nodau cyflogaeth/cymdeithasol Strategaeth Lisbon
- ynni

A derbyn bod cryn bwysau ar amser y Pwyllgor,awgrymir bod y Pwyllgor yn cytuno i ganolbwyntio ar un neu ddau o'r meysydd hyn.

Cynigion eraill – yr holl gynigion eraill sy'n berthnasol i'r Pwyllgor DETh yw'r rhain..

Blaenoriaethau a awgrymwyd:

- Dyfodol y polisi cydlyniant ôl-2006: bydd y trafodaethau ynghylch rheoliadau'r cronfeydd strwythurol yn penderfynu faint o gronfeydd strwythurol y bydd Cymru yn ei dderbyn yng nghyfnod nesaf y rhaglen (2007-2013) a sut y dylid ei wario. Bydd y Comisiwn yn cynnig Canllawiau Strategol ar gyfer polisi cydlyniant fydd yn diffinio'r blaenoriaethau yn y cylch rhaglenni nesaf (disgwylir hyn ym mis Mehefin 2005).
- Dyfodol polisi cymorth y wladwriaeth : bydd y Comisiwn yn cyhoeddi papur ymgynghori (a ddisgwylir ym mis Mawrth 2005) yn rhestru syniadau ar gyfer cyflwyno "llai o gymorth a chymorth gwell'. Bydd yn cynnwys cymorth y wladwriaeth ar gyfer arloesi, gwella mynediad at gyfalaf risg, hybu ymchwil a datblygiad ac adolygu'r trothwy 'de minimis' .

- Adolygu canllawiau cymorth rhanbarthol: mae trafodaethau ar droed fydd yn penderfynu mapiau'r Ardaloedd a Gynorthwyir yng Nghymru, gyda goblygiadau ar gyfer ble y ceir cymorth y wladwriaeth a faint ohono a ganiateir ar ffurf grantiau buddsoddiad i gwmnïau.. Mae'r Pwyllgor wedi trafod y mater hwn o'r blaen. Ceir y newyddion diweddaraf ar hyn mewn eitem arall ar agenda'r cyfarfod hwn.
- Rhaglen fframwaith ar gyfer cystadlu ac arloesi: Bydd y fframwaith a ddisgwylir yn Ebrill 2005, yn canolbwyntio ar fesurau i wella amgylchedd byd busnesac entrepreneuriaeth; mynediad at gyfalaf buddsoddi ar gyfer busnesau; defnyddio TGChac arloesi gan gynnwys eco-arloesi a defnyddio adnoddau'n gynaliadwy. Efallai y bydd y Pwyllgor yn dewis ystyried goblygiadau hyn ar gyfer Cynllun Gweithredu Llywodraeth y Cynulliad ar gyfer Arloesi ac adolygiad y Pwyllgor o'r Polisi Gwyddoniaeth yng Nghymru maes o law.
- Cynllun Gweithredu ar gyfer Arloesi: disgwylir y bydd cynllun gweithredu ar gyfer arloesi ,sydd yn anelu at wella cystadleurwydd busnesau Ewropeaidd ,yn cael ei gyflwyno ym mis Mehefin 2005, gan adeiladu ar y polisi arloesi presennol. .Mae hyn yn berthnasol i'r pwyllgor am y rhesymau uchod.
- Seithfed rhaglen fframwaith ar gyfer ymchwil: Mae'r cynigion hyn a ddisgwylir yn Ebrill 2005, yn ymwneud â Rhaglenni Fframwaith yr UE ar gyfer cyllido ymchwil yn y cyfnod 2007- 2013. Nod y rhaglenni ymchwil hyn yn gyffredinol yw cynnal a chryfhau momentwm wrth greu economi effeithiol a seilir ar wybodaeth. Efallai y bydd y Pwyllgor yn dewis ystyried hyn yng ngoleuni'i adolygiad maes o law o'r Polisi Gwyddoniaeth yng Nghymru.
- Agenda Gymdeithasol(2006-2010): Bydd yr Agenda Gymdeithasol newydd (2006-2010) yn amlinellu'r mentrau allweddol a weithredir dros y pum mlynedd nesaf i weithio tuag at gyrraedd nodau cyflogaeth a chymdeithasol strategaeth Lisbon ar gyfer 'twf a swyddi'.Efallai y bydd y Pwyllgor yn dewis goblygiadau hyn ar gyfer adolygiad arfaethedig Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru o 'Cymru'n Ennill'..
- Papur Gwyrdd ar Fenter Ewropeaidd ar Effeithlonrwydd Ynni: Bydd y Papur Gwyrdd ar effeithlonrwydd ynni a ddisgwylir ym mis Mehefin 2005 yn nodi'r dewisiadau polisi a'r mesurau posibl y gellid eu gweithredu yn y pum mlynedd nesaf a'r canlyniadau a ddisgwylir yn eu sgil. Bydd yn nodi'r rhwystrau yn y farchnad, sydd yn gomedd cyrraedd arbedion potensial cost-effeithiol presennol o 20% . Bydd yn cynnwys meysydd gwres,trydan a thrafnidiaeth a'r holl sectorau defnydd terfynol . Efallai y bydd y Pwyllgor yn dewis trafod hyn yng ngoleuni Cynllun Gweithredu Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru Arbed Ynni Cymru a lawnsiwyd yn ddiweddar a'r adolygiad effeithlonrwydd ynni a gwblhawyd gan Bwyllgor Datblygu Economaidd y Cynulliad Cyntaf.
- Gohebiaeth ar ynni adnewyddadwy: Bydd hon, a ddisgwylir ym mis Rhagfyr 2005 yn ohebiaeth ar y cyd rhwng Cynghorau/Llywodraeth, Nid oes mwy o fanylion ar hyn o bryd, ond efallai y bydd y Pwyllgor yn dewis trafod hyn am y rhesymau uchod.

Mae Atodiad B i'r papur hwn yn rhestru cynigion deddfwriaethol o'r blynyddoedd cynt, sydd yn dal i gael eu trafod. Dygwyd llawer o'r rhain i sylw'r Pwyllgor yn ystod 2004. Trafodwyd amryw o'r cynigion mewn cyfarfod ar y cyd â Phwyllgor yr Amgylchedd, Cynllunio a Chefn Gwladar16 Mehefin 2004. Mae eraill, megis Rhagolygon Ariannol 2007-2013 yn gysylltiedig â'r blaenoriaethau a amlinellwyd uchod a byddant felly yn cael eu trafod gan y Pwyllgor os cytunir ar y blaenoriaethau hyn.

Awgrymir dwy eitem arall, a drafodwyd o’r blaen gan y Pwyllgor, ar gyfer craffu ymhellach yn 2005:

- Adolygu’rgyfarwyddeb oriau gwaith: mae’r Comisiwn wedi cynnig nifer o ddiwygiadau yn dilyn yr ymgynghori a gafwyd y llynedd. Mae’r diwygiadau hyn yn ymwneud â diffinio amser gwaith a chyfyngiadau ar ymeithrio unigol.. Ystyriodd y Pwyllgor hyn o’r blaen yn eu cyfarfod ar 17 Mawrth 2004.
- Cyfarwyddeb REACH (Cofrestru, Gwerthuso ac Awdurdodicemegolion): dan y drefn a gynigirgan y Comisiwn, byddai sefydliadau sydd yn cynhyrchu neu’n mewnforiomwy nag un dunnell fetrig o sylwedd cemegol mewn blwyddyn yn gorfod cofrestru hynny mewn basdata canolog. Mae yma oblygiadau eang i gystadleurwydd ac arloesi ar y naill law, ac iechyd a’r amgylchedd ar y llall. Trafododd y Pwyllgor hyn o’r blaen mewn cyfarfod ar y cyd â Phwyllgor yr Amgylchedd Cynllunio a Chefn Gwladar 16 Mehefin 2004. Mae’r diwydiant Cemegolion yn cyflogi tua 11,000 o bobl yng Nghymru.

Dylanwadu ar gynigion polisi’r UE: potensial i’r Pwyllgor gymryd rhan yn hyn

Mae pob pwyllgor pwnc yn derbyn papur a ddarparwyd gan Wasanaeth Pwyllgor ac Ymchwil yr Aelodau (MRCS) ar raglen waith y Comisiwn. Ar ôl iddynt glustnodi’u blaenoriaethau, y pwyllgorau a’r clerciaid fydd yn penderfynu sut yr eir â’r mater ymlaen fel y gwnaent gydag unrhyw eitem arall: comisiynu papurau gan Lywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru neu ffynonellau eraill, a, lle mae hynny’n briodol, ymateb yn uniongyrchol i sefydliadau’r UE.

I hyrwyddo hyn, bydd GPYA yn darparu’r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf o amryw o ffynonellau yn gyson i’r Aelodau, gan ddilyn eu hynt drwy’r Cyngor a’r senedd Ewropeaidd, gydag awgrymiadau eraill ar gyfer cyfleoedd i ddylanwadu ar y broses.. Bydd bwydo’r aelodau â gwybodaeth a’u rhybuddio pan fydd materion perthnasol yn mynd i godi yn un o swyddogaethau allweddol swyddog Gwasanaeth Seneddol y Cynulliad ym Mrwsel.

Ar gyfer cynigion dedfwriaethol, bydd hi’n hynod bwysig canolbwyntio ar drsafodaethau yn y Cyngor a’r Senedd Ewropeaidd. Dylai’r Pwyllgorau ystyried mabwysiadu dull mwy trefnus o graffu ar fewnbwn Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru i gyfraniadau’r DU yn nhrafodaethau’r Cyngor gan roi adborth am yr hyn sy’n digwydd yng nghyfarfodydd y Cyngor. Byddai hyn yn peri bod y broses o benderfynu yn fwy agored, yn enwedig yr effaith ar randdeiliaid yng Nghymru.

Lle bo’r cynigion yn ddarostyngedig i’r drefn o gyd-benderfynu, (ee: y gyfarwyddeb oriau gwaith), bydd gan y Senedd Ewropeaidd lais yr un mor gryf wrth fabwysiadu’r ddeddfwriaeth. Un elfen o waith y swyddfa ym Mrwsel fydd hysbysu AauSE Cymru, a hynny’n gyson, am fusnes Ewropeaidd Pwyllgor y Cynulliad a hyrwyddo’r llif gwybodaeth rhwng y ddau sefydliad.

Bydd cyrff a sefydliadau eraill hefyd megis Pwyllgor y Rhanbarthau, Cynhadledd Rhanbarthau Ewrop â

Grym Deddfu (REGLEG), Cynhadledd Cynulliadau Deddfwriaethol Rhanbarthol Ewrop (CALRE) a Chynhadledd y Rhanbarthau Morol ac Ymylol (CPMR) hefyd yn gweithredu ar y materion hyn. Y bwriad yw y bydd GPYA yn hysbysu’r Aelodau ynghylch eu hymatebion i gynigion yr UE a’u gweithgarwch lobïo ar y materion hyn.

Gweithredu

Gwahoddir y Pwyllgor i:

- Glustnodi pa rai o’r cynigion a restrir yn y papur hwn yn mae’n dymuno’u neilltuo ar gyfer craffu arnynt yn ystod 2005.
- Glustnodi unrhyw eitemau eraill o Raglen Waith y CE yr hoffai graffu arnynt.
- Cytuno ar y dull o ddylanwadu ar gynigion yr UE a amlinellir ym mharagraffau 11-15.

Annex A: Suggested priorities for EDTC from the Commission’s 2005 work programme

1. Commission work programme 2005 – suggested priorities:

Proposal for a Council decision on strategic guidelines for Cohesion policy	Defining the priorities for economic, territorial and social cohesion Expected: June 2005
Commission Communication on the future of State aid policy	Consultation document on the future State aid policy. The document will present reflections for the future State aid policy and will ask for comments from all interested parties. In light of these comments, the Commission will modify the existing rules. These modifications will take place between 2005 and 2008. Expected: March 2005

Revision of regional aid guidelines	Brief Description: Guidelines on determining which regions will be eligible to the derogations in Article 87(3)a) and 87(3) c) for the period 2007-2013, possible partial block exemption. The current guidelines expire at the end of 2006. Enlargement, conclusions of European Councils and coherence with conclusions of Third Cohesion Report will be taken into account. Expected: May 2005
Framework for competition and innovation	The framework will include elements focussing on: improving the business environment and entrepreneurship; SME's access to investment capital; ICT mastery and use; innovation including eco-innovation and the sustainable use of resources. Expected: April 2005
Action Plan for a competitive Europe	Following on from COM(2003) 112 final on Innovation Policy, and the conclusions of the Competitiveness Council in May 2003, this is an innovation action plan which aims to improve the competitiveness of European businesses. Expected: June 2005
EU Framework Programmes for research funding for the period 2007-2013 (seventh framework)	These proposals concern the EU Framework Programmes for research funding for the period 2007- 2013. The research programmes will be designed and intended to reinforce the momentum towards the realisation of a knowledge-based society, building on the European Research Area. The proposals, containing the main orientations will be further detailed in a set of proposals for specific programmes and rules for participation. The overall aim is to maintain and reinforce momentum in creating an effective knowledge-based economy Expected: April 2005

Communication to establish a new Social Agenda (2006-2010)	A programming document outlining key initiatives to be deployed over next 5 years to work towards meeting employment and social goals in the context of the Lisbon Strategy. Expected: February 2005
Green Paper on a European Energy Efficiency Initiative	The Green Paper on energy efficiency will set forth policy options and possible measures to be carried out in the next five years and their expected results. It will identify market barriers, which prevent capturing the existing 20% cost-effective savings potential. Delivering these savings will contribute significantly to meeting our Kyoto commitment, as well as to improving security of supply, competitiveness and employment in the EU. The Green paper will also explain what we have done until now and where we are as regards energy efficiency. It will cover the areas of heat, electricity and transport and all the end-use sectors. Expected: June 2005
Communication from the Parliament and the Council on renewable energy	Communication from the Parliament and the Council on renewable energy Expected: December 2005

2. Commission work programme 2005: other proposals

Proposal for a Council Regulation revoking Regulation 4056/86.	Proposal to repeal the currently applicable provisions of Council Regulation 4056/86, applying the EC competition rules to the maritime transport sector
Communication on i2010 (European Information Society 2010)	The eEurope initiative has made a major contribution to advancing the information society in Europe. This initiative runs to the end of 2005, and there is a need now to plan follow-on activities. The form and content of a future eEurope initiative requires extensive discussion over the coming months in the context of the mid-term review of the Lisbon strategy and on the basis of consultations with a wide range of stakeholders. This Communication will reflect the results of these consultations.

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 89/665/EC and 92/13/EC supporting the co-ordination of the legislative and administrative clauses on the application of the procedures for assistance in terms of legal market guidelines.	Supporting more and more businesses to set up in any member state, making sure that they will have the necessary support from the state if they have any problems relating to supply, labour market etc..
Commission Communication on the application of articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty on state aids to the rail industry.	This Commission Communication aims to establish a framework for state aid to the rail industry.
Council Decision on strategic rural development for the 2007-2013 programming period.	The strategy document will set the EU priorities in the main policy fields of competitiveness of agriculture and forestry, land management, environment, quality of life and economic diversification in rural areas.
Commission Communication on Youth Policy.	Youth policy needs to be developed in an integrated and holistic direction, encompassing each young person's life from school to active citizenship and working life, and enabling all young people to have access to the full range of tools and facilities with which to make a success of their lives. It would bring together in a coherent whole the main policy initiatives (social, education, citizenship, mobility, health, immigration, entrepreneurship), rebalancing policies giving greater priority to issues affecting youth, addressing the cross-cutting issues, and grounded in an approach based on knowledge-based policymaking. One proposed approach on these lines would be a European Pact for Youth.
Green Paper on the management of the demographic evolution of the EU.	The objective of this Green Paper will be, on the one hand, to identify the consequences of the ageing of the EU population on employment, social protection, migration. It will, on the other hand look for mechanisms aimed at ensuring intergenerational solidarity necessary to guarantee EU internal social cohesion. The Green Paper will launch a broad debate and will allow to gather information and opinions from national and EU institutions as well as from the civil society (involved NGO for example).

Integration of people excluded from the job market – second phase of consultation with social partners.	This Communication introduces the second phase of the consultation on the integration of people excluded from the labour market in the EU. The consultation is with the social partners and takes into account the results from the first stage of the consultation, which took place at the end of 2004.
Thematic strategy for the urban environment	The Thematic Strategy seeks to improve the environmental performance of Europe's towns and cities, and secure a healthy living environment for Europe's urban citizens. It will do this by seeking to provide a co-ordinated and coherent policy framework with mechanisms and solutions for addressing the environmental problems in Europe's urban areas. It will focus on 4 priority areas – environmental management in urban areas, sustainable urban transport, sustainable construction and sustainable urban design.
Communication on eAccessibility	This communication addresses the barriers created by the applications of technology, in particular for elderly people and people with disabilities. It will outline European policies and actions to promote accessibility, focusing on public procurement, certification and legislation.
Communication on a new programme on health and consumer policy, and proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council.	1. Financial Perspectives 2007-2013 (Commission Communication 2004 – 487, heading 3 "citizenship"): health and consumer policy programme to replace the existing instruments in this area. 2. Current consumer policy strategy runs out at the end of 2006, financial instrument expires 2007, combined instrument is to be launched by then. 3. Current Public Health Programme expires at the end of 2008. New political approach for consumer policy and health, streamlining of instruments. This is consistent with the new Commission Health strategy, which will take the form of a Commission Communication. If not done, this will leave consumer and public health policies without political and financial programme in the medium term.

Thematic strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste	The main aim of the waste prevention and recycling strategy is to reduce, via life-cycle based approach, the environmental impact of waste and waste treatment operations. EU wide standards for waste treatment plants, focussing on recycling facilities are being considered as are recycling targets for priority materials. Other measures considered include a revision of the Waste Framework Directive (including the definition of disposal and recovery and clarifying the borders of the waste definition) and the development of a framework for waste prevention action (possibly including an obligation for Member States to set up waste prevention programmes and a Recommendation setting out best practice). A consultation paper COM (2003) 301, Towards a thematic strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste was issued in 2003.

Annex B: legislative proposals still under discussion of relevance to EDTC

	Indicative institutional timing
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time.	European Parliament (EP) – awaiting first reading (April). Discussed by EDT Committee on 17 March 2004
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (Reach), establishing a European Chemicals Agency and amending Directive 1999/45/EC and Regulation (EC) {on Persistent Organic Pollutants} (2003/256/COD)	EP – awaiting first reading (September). Previously discussed by EDT/EPC on 16 June 2004
Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament – Financial Perspectives 2007 – 2013 - COM(2004) 487 final	European Parliament (ad hoc temporary committee) – awaiting opinion. Council – aiming for agreement in June.

Commission proposal for a Council Regulation laying down provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund to replace Council Regulation 1260/1999 (2004/0163/ AVC)	Council – under discussion pending agreement on the financial perspectives
Commission proposal for a Council Regulation on the Cohesion Fund to replace Council Regulation 1264/1999 amending Regulation 1164/1994 establishing the Cohesion Fund (2004/0166/CNS).	Council – under discussion pending agreement on the financial perspectives
Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and Council on the European Regional Development Fund to replace Regulation 1783/1999. (2004/0167/COD).	European Parliament – awaiting first reading (July)
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund (2004/0165/COD).	European Parliament – awaiting first reading (July)
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the quality of bathing water (COD/2002/254)	European Parliament – awaiting second reading. No timetable yet for further European Council consideration Previously discussed by EDT/EPC on 16 June 2004
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/32/EC as regards the sulphur content of marine fuels - volume ii (COD/2002/259)	European Parliament – awaiting second reading. Previously discussed by EDT/EPC on 16 June 2004
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the management of waste from the extractive industries (COD/2003/107)	European Parliament – awaiting second reading. Previously discussed by EDT/EPC on 16 June 2004
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on shipments of Waste (COD/2003/139)	Council reached political agreement in Autumn 2004 Previously discussed by EDT/EPC on 16 June 2004

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to arsenic, cadmium, mercury, nickel and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in ambient air (COD/2003/164)	Awaiting final adoption Previously discussed by EDT/EPC on 16 June 2004
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of groundwater against pollution (COD/2003/210)	European Parliament – awaiting first reading (first quarter 2005) Previously discussed by EDT/EPC on 16 June 2004