

Voting Recommendations

ENVI Committee vote of 30 May 2017

– Effort Sharing Regulation –

(Binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 for a resilient Energy Union and to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation No 525/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions and other information relevant to climate change)

Support amendment to recitals	Comment
45	Recital highlighting the role of diets and demand side measures in reducing agriculture's contribution to climate change

Justification:

Among the options to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from agriculture, demand-based strategies remain underemphasised. Amendment 45 to the draft Environment Committee report on the Effort Sharing Regulation draws attention to the fact that agricultural emissions are linked to food demand, and that Member States have an important opportunity to mitigate emissions by implementing strategies to promote sustainable consumption.

Promoting sustainable healthy diets can not only contribute to the EU's economic and climate ambitions, but also further Europe's role as a global leader for peace and prosperity in the world, particularly in the framework of achieving the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.

Please see more detail in our background note on sustainable and healthy diets.