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European Federation for Hunting and Conservation



Major opportunity for ENVI Members to call for a workable law on lead shot over wetlands

Brussels, 26 October 2020 – A [motion](#) for resolution by MEPs Alexander Bernhuber (EPP), Ondřej Knotek (Renew Europe) and Andrey Slabakov (ECR) on the Commission’s proposal to restrict lead shot over wetlands is tabled for a vote in the European Parliament’s Environment Committee (ENVI) on 29 October.

The European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE) welcomes this motion, which calls for the major errors to be fixed within the REACH Committee in a concise way. Importantly, it supports the well-intentioned objective to phase out lead shot over wetlands.

[In this short video](#) - subtitled in [DE](#), [FR](#), [IT](#), [PL](#) - Dr. David Scallan, FACE Secretary General, pleads to Members of the European Parliament’s Environment Committee to adopt this motion for resolution, which will result in a major improvement towards a clear and workable law for 10 million citizens.

“Phasing out the use of lead shot over wetlands is important, and 23 EU Member States have already done this. This is not about whether we should phase out lead shot over wetlands; this is about how we do it”.

IN A NUTSHELL:

What should this law be about?

Phasing out lead shot (for shotgun shooting) over wetlands.

Who will be affected?

Member States’ enforcement officers, 10 million citizens including hunters, farmers, sports’ shooters, competitive clay shooters, which involves international and Olympic shotgun shooting disciplines.

What are the main errors?

The Commission ignored the advice of its own scientific agency leading to breaches of:

- The principle of proportionality;
- The presumption of innocence, resulting in the Commission exceeding the implementing powers under REACH by creating new obligations for “consumers”;
- The principle of legal certainty.

How to fix it?

MEPs: Workable law is in your hands – Support the motion, so the proposal goes back to the REACH Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE BELOW:

- [Link to the motion for a resolution](#)
- [Article from the Parliament Magazine](#)
- [The first video message on this matter from Dr. David Scallan](#)

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NOTE TO EDITORS: FACE is the European Federation for Hunting and Conservation. Established in 1977, FACE represents the interests of Europe’s 7 million hunters as an international non-profit-making nongovernmental organisation. FACE is made up of national hunters’ associations from 37 European countries including the EU-28. FACE is supported by 7 associate members and is based in Brussels. FACE upholds the principle of sustainable use and has been a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) since 1987. Visit www.face.eu
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