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**TTIP impacts on European energy markets and manufacturing industries**

Dear Reader,

It is my pleasure to introduce the recent study on “TTIP impacts on European Energy Markets and Manufacturing industries”, prepared by the Policy Department A at the request of the ITRE committee.

Industry and energy are at the core of the European integration and they will continue to play a crucial role. This is why we dedicate them so much attention in our vivid debates on the Energy Union and the currently negotiated Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

This study enables us to access recent data concerning both energy and manufacturing trade between US and EU. It also presents the impact of TTIP agreement on competitiveness of our industrial sectors and SMEs.

I would like to thank the Policy Department A for this very timely and important contribution which will definitely enrich the debate not only in the ITRE committee.

*Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy*

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**Highlights**

**TTIP impacts on European energy markets and manufacturing**  
*Policy Department on Economic and Scientific Policy*  
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The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership currently negotiated by the EU and the US will affect the EU energy and manufacturing sectors. The study identifies energy-related issues (e.g. oil sands, US oil and gas exports) and how TTIP would affect European energy markets and manufacturing industries. This includes an analysis on how the TTIP could improve the EU's energy supply security, e.g. by adding liquidity and competition to the natural gas market.

**Motorways of the Sea: an alternative to road transport**  
*Policy Department on Structural and Cohesion Policies*  
December 2014

The Motorways of the Sea programme was presented by the European Commission in 2001 to revive short sea shipping and to establish a European network of shipping links. New inputs to the current MoS projects have come from the 2013 TEN-T guidelines and the new financial scheme, the Connecting Europe Facility. This new study provides an overview of the MoS program, identifies the main barriers and suggests possible scenarios to reinforce short sea shipping and sustainability.

**Pathways of future constitutional evolution of the EU**  
*Policy Department on Citizens’ Rights and Constitutional Affairs*  
November 2014

Future constitutional evolution of EU is necessary for the reasons of efficiency, efficacy and legitimacy of its operation, but is faced with a number of constraints. The effects of the economic and fiscal crisis and the institutional instruments created to deal with it have led several actors to propose different EU reforms. Several options exist to accommodate future constitutional development which, in some cases, may require revision of EU treaties.

**Success Stories: the use of the EU Globalisation Adjustment Fund**  
*Policy Department on Budgetary Affairs*  
December 2014

EGF supports workers losing their jobs as a result of major structural changes in world trade patterns, providing them with one-off, finite support. This analysis summarises results obtained from EU budget resources dedicated to the EU Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) and the role of the EP in making such resources available. Since 2007, 146 applications have been received from the Member States, requesting funds which total EUR 545.3 million for 119,980 workers.

**The modernisation of the EU-Mexico ‘Global Agreement’**  
*Policy Department on External Policies*  
October 2014

The Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement (the ‘Global Agreement’) provides the legal framework for relations between the EU and Mexico. The study addresses the evaluation of EU-Mexico relations since the entry into force of the Agreement in 2000 in each of its main areas (political dialogue, cooperation and trade) and focuses on the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee. It assesses the options for updating the Agreement and provides recommendations.

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