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#### Car emissions legislation in the EU and the US - what's different?



Dear Reader,

In the wake of the Volkswagen case, the EMIS committee of inquiry started its work in March 2016, investigating breaches of EU law on car emissions measurements and alleged failures by EU Member States and the European Commission to enforce EU emissions provisions.

The committee has been holding a variety of hearings of current and former Commissioners and officials, responsible Ministers and representatives of Member States' authorities, car manufacturers and suppliers, the US EPA, NGOs, experts and specialists.

Policy Department for Economic and Scientific Policies has supported the committee's work by providing external expertise on legal obligations in the automotive sector and a comparison of the respective legal systems in both the EU and the US.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Comparison of EU and US car emissions legislation

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

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US federal emissions standards are more ambitious for key local air quality pollutants, particularly NO<sub>x</sub>, than EU standards. Moreover, EU and US use different test regimes. This study, commissioned by Policy Department A for the EMIS committee, compares the differences between the EU and US legislation on emissions in the automotive sector, covering the emissions standards and the respective regimes for their implementation and enforcement as well as for prohibiting the use of defeat devices.



## Culture and education in CETA

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies

December 2016



CETA negotiated outcomes remain in line with those achieved in the EU's and Canada's preceding trade and investment agreements. This paper requested by CULT committee assesses the treatment of education and culture in the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). Both Canada and the EU retain full policy immunity in matters of culture and publicly-funded education services.



## Towards a European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

November 2016



The establishment of an EPPO has been regularly debated in European circles for nearly 20 years, without being transformed into concrete action until recently. This LIBE study analyses the proposal for a Regulation establishing the EPPO and assesses whether it would fit the objectives assigned to it as currently envisaged. The evolution of the text is analysed through a comparison between the initial Commission proposal and the current version of the text (dated 28 Oct 2016).



## Turkey: how the pre-accession funds have been spent

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

May 2016



This CONT study follows up on the European Court of Auditors Special Report 16/2009 'The European Commission's management of pre-accession assistance to Turkey'. The EC has undertaken actions addressing the recommendations of the report but it is unclear how effective these actions have been, or are likely to be, in addressing the underlying concerns expressed in the report. In particular, understanding of the effectiveness and impact of EU funding to Turkey is still very limited.



## EU trade policy and the wildlife trade

Policy Department for External Relations

December 2016



Both legal and illegal wildlife trade are highly valuable global trades, with the EU being a major importer, exporter and transit region. The study requested by INTA committee provides an overview of the role of EU trade policy and its challenges in promoting legal and sustainable wildlife trade and tackling illegal wildlife trade. Besides a strong focus on its existing commitments (e.g. CITES), negotiations of FTAs provide important opportunities as well.



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