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of TRAN Committee meeting of 25 September 2017

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International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans

Vote

- Rapporteur: Claudia Monteiro de Aguiar (EPP)
- Own initiative procedure
- Opinion to ENVI
- Vote in ENVI: November (tbc)
- Vote in Plenary: tbc

TRAN adopted its opinion to ENVI Committee's own-initiative report on "International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans", with 31 votes in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

Alignment of the regulatory procedure with scrutiny (RPS) to the TFEU

Vote

- Rapporteur: Georg Mayer (ENF)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Opinion to JURI
- Vote in Plenary: tbc

The aim of the Commission proposal is to change provisions on the regulatory procedure with scrutiny to provisions on delegated acts in 168 legislative acts, including 34 related to transport policy.

The Rapporteur's opinion introduces a duration of the delegation of powers of five years with automatic renewal, instead of indeterminate duration, and the empowerment to adopt delegated acts, instead of on implementing powers.

The opinion was adopted with 22 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention, and it will be referred to JURI.



Accelerating clean energy innovation

Consideration of draft opinion

- Rapporteur: Isabella De Monte (S & D)
- Own initiative procedure
- Opinion to ITRE
- Vote in TRAN: 23 November 2017
- Vote in ITRE: 22-23 January 2018
- Vote in Plenary: tbc

Ms De Monte presented her draft opinion referring to new wide-reaching measures to accelerate Europe's transition towards a competitive, low-carbon economy.

She highlighted the importance of setting up a Strategic Transport Research and Innovation Agenda, with seven expert roadmaps aimed at improving the regulatory and business environment, and boosting investment in clean-energy research and innovation. She also pointed out the role of tourism in the development of best practices, and smart, sustainable and inclusive projects.

The debate was lively and several Shadow Rapporteurs took the floor to express their support towards a policy-encouraging consumer confidence, development in rural areas, synergies between research and industry, and tackling climate change.

INI Report on Saving Lives: Boosting Car Safety in the EU

Consideration of amendments

- Rapporteur: Dieter-Lebrecht Koch (EPP)
- Own initiative procedure, report
- Vote in TRAN: 12 October 2017
- Vote in Plenary: Oct II or Nov 2017 (tbc)

This own-initiative report addresses a very important topic of saving people's lives by boosting car safety in the Union. The Rapporteur welcomed the amendments drafted by the Members, as these further complement his report. He also stressed the need to focus on the topic, so that the final report feeds into upcoming legislative proposals (currently scheduled for the first quarter of 2018).

During the debate, the Members called for more stringent rules at Union level, such as a zero tolerance policy for drunk driving across the Union. They mentioned the need for proper infrastructure to ensure road safety, better protection of the most vulnerable road users, the use of on-board assistance systems, and, in general, the urgent need to cut the number of road deaths.



Presentation by the Commission, DG MOVE, of proposal for the revision of Regulation 868/2004 (on competition in air transport)

The Commission made a comprehensive presentation of its proposal aiming at safeguarding competition in aviation relations with third countries, which TRAN Members welcomed as being transparent and balanced. The proposal introduces a more efficient mechanism for lodging complaints against unfair anti-competitive practices in aviation market, and tasks the



Commission to launch and complete investigations based on the evidence submitted by the carriers and after its own independent research. Although the proposal provides for a series of redressive measures (financial or operational of "equivalent or lesser value") whenever competition is distorted, the Commission admitted that it would always privilege a negotiated solution, and it hoped that this framework regulation would remain mainly dissuasive and would never have to be used.

Most of the TRAN Members praised the proposal as going in the right direction and admitted such a mechanism was needed in order to safeguard connectivity and fair competition in the sector which, unlike others, does not enjoy support in the WTO legal framework. It is ridiculous that Airbus and Boeing can settle their dispute in WTO and air carriers cannot, they said. Certain Members, however, warned against misusing the Regulation as a way of protectionism, which could lead to a distortion of competition within

the EU itself. There were also a few doubts about the impact assessment which, in their view, lacked necessary data. Finally, a definition of "the EU interest" was put into question, as MEPs argued it could be interpreted in many ways by different Member States. Despite these few doubts, the Commission welcomed the overall positive reaction of the Committee and promised to do its work in the Council to progress as fast as possible.

Recent events:

TRAN Mission to Bulgaria

The TRAN Committee organised a mission to Bulgaria from 18-20 September 2017. The mission, led by Mr Wim van de Camp, and composed of Mr Marian Jean Marinescu, Ms Lucy Anderson, Ms Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Mr Peter Kouroumbashev and Mr Andrey Novakov (Accompanying Member), visited Sofia and Burgas and held meetings at the Bulgarian Ministry of Transport,



National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Port Terminals in Burgas. Sofia railway station was also visited, as well as the "Metro extension in Sofia" project.



During the meetings with the Deputy Ministers of Transport, as well as with the Chair and other members of the Committee on Transport, Information Technology and Communications of the Bulgarian National Assembly, the discussions focused on the priorities of EU transport policy and the main pending files in the context of the forthcoming Bulgarian presidency of the EU. Special attention was given to the mobility package recently adopted by the Commission, especially during a meeting at the Ministry, at which representatives of road haulers and trade unions in the sector participated. Other main files debated upon include Regulation 868 on air connectivity, EASA basic regulation, the expected proposal on rail passenger rights, as well as the revision of the port reception facilities directive, and the combined transport directive. Projects under TEN-T Core Network were also presented.

In the context of 2017 being the maritime year in transport, and with regard to digitalisation, discussions were held in Burgas on the European Maritime Single Window. Bulgaria is one of the few Member States having already implemented it. The activities developed by the port terminals were presented to the members of the delegation, as well as the important projects under the Orient/East-Med Corridor connecting Burgas, the largest Bulgarian seaport, with Northern and Central Europe, while strengthening its capacity as a major multimodal logistics platform.



Upcoming event:

“Citizens' event: Exchange of views with citizens about Future for Transport in the EU”, 11th October 2017.

The TRAN Committee opens “the doors” to its daily work. Citizens have been invited by Chairwoman Ms Delli to participate in a TRAN Committee meeting and they will have the possibility to engage actively with MEPs, asking questions about the future of transport in the EU. Mr Paquet, Deputy Secretary General of the European Commission and Mr Xavier Tackoen from Fabrique des Mobilités will encourage the debate. Questions can also be asked through Twitter, using the #FUTURE4TRAN



Next TRAN Committee meeting: planned draft agenda - To be confirmed

Wednesday 11th October, (09h30 – 12h30)

- Amending Directive 2010/40/EU as regards the period for adopting delegated acts – consideration of amendments
- Proposal for a Directive on driving licences and training of drivers of certain road vehicles – consideration of amendments (tbc)
- Exchange of views with Mr Jean Todt, UN Special Envoy on Road Safety
- Opinion to BUDG INI Report on the next MFF: Preparing the EP position on MFF post-2020 – presentation of draft opinion
- Presentation by policy Department of study on Health tourism in the EU

Wednesday 11th October, (15h00 – 18h30)

- Citizens' event
- Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco – consideration of draft report
- Opinion to ENVI on CO² emissions from heavy-duty vehicles – consideration of draft opinion

Thursday 12th October, (09h30-12h30)

- INI Report on Saving Lives: Boosting Car Safety in the EU – vote
- Proposal for a Directive on driving licences and training of drivers of certain road vehicles – vote
- Proposal for a Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services – vote
- INI Report on a European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility - vote
- Amending Directive 2010/402/EU as regards the period for adopting delegated acts – vote
- Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco – vote
- Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (Opinion to ITRE) - vote
- Exchange of views with DG MOVE on Mobility package (provisional)

Meeting room: P3-C050 (PHS)

TRAN Committee meetings 2017, Brussels

Thursday, 9 November, 9h00-12h30

Monday, 4 December, 15h00-18h30

Wednesday, 22 November, 9h00-12h30

Wednesday, 22 November, 15h00-18h30

Thursday, 23 November, 9h00-12h30

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Policy Department Publication in the European Parliament:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/supporting-analyses.html>

European Aviation Safety Agency newsletters: <http://easa.europa.eu/communications/general-publications.php>

European Railway Agency newsletters: <http://www.era.europa.eu/Communication/Newsletter>

European Maritime Safety Agency newsletters: <http://www.emsa.europa.eu/news-a-press-centre/newsletters.html>

SESAR Joint Undertaking news: <http://www.sesarju.eu/newsroom/all-news>

Innovation & Networks Executive Agency: <http://ec.europa.eu/inea/en>

DG MOVE newsletter: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/media/newsletter_en

Estonian Presidency of the Council: <https://www.eu2017.ee/>



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