

## Newsletter

TRAN Committee meeting of 9 November 2017

### Editorial by Karima Delli

Dear friends,

The Transport and Tourism Committee of the European Parliament is at the heart of a colossal revolution. After the invention of the internal combustion engine, which has kept the entire European automotive industry alive for a century, the latter is going through an era of change again. How to adapt the car to the new uses of mobility? How can it be clean and meet European targets in the fight against climate change? How can the development of digital technologies make our mobility more fluid, in order to avoid congestion and limit air pollution? How can it help driving, to ensure greater safety on the roads for passengers, cyclists and pedestrians? What regulations does Europe need to ensure the development of the autonomous vehicle? How to make sure European industry keeps the lead and its workers, in the context of global competition? All these questions are on the agenda of our work in the TRAN Committee: the 2nd and soon 3rd parts of the "Europe on the Move" legislative package on mobility; reports on low emission mobility, on car safety and on the European strategy on C-ITS; upcoming discussions on GEAR2030, all these topics have been punctuating our work for several weeks and will continue to do so. The mobility of tomorrow starts here and now!



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### Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources

#### Vote

- Rapporteur: Mr Bas Eickhout (Greens/EFA)
- Ordinary legislative procedure, opinion
- Vote in ITRE: 28 November 2017
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The opinion on the Renewable Energy Directive was rejected, with 30 votes against and 11 in favour.

### A European Strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems

#### Consideration of draft report

- Rapporteur: István Ujhelyi (S&D)
- Own initiative procedure
- Vote in TRAN: 20 February 2018
- Vote in Plenary: March 2018 (tbc)

The Rapporteur welcomed the Commission communication and highlighted the potential of digital technologies and the high interest at stake for many stakeholders. He also pointed out the importance of

introducing a technology accessible to everyone, and as inclusive as possible, to increase the level of safety and protection on European roads.

The Shadow Rapporteurs expressed their support for the Rapporteur's views and focused their comments on the need to achieve interoperability, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, satisfy customer expectations, create new employment, as well as establish concrete targets for deployment of the C-ITS technology. The key message is to encourage industrial sectors to join forces – the telecommunication, car manufacturing, energy, and transport sectors – so that the results of digital advances can be properly put into place and applied.

### **Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Air transport Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United States of America, of the other part**

#### *Presentation of draft report*

- Rapporteur: Theresa Griffin (S&D)
- Consent procedure, report
- Vote in TRAN: 23 November 2017

In the debate, Members broadly supported the Rapporteur's recommendation to give consent to the conclusions of the Agreement. The TRAN vote is scheduled for 23 November 2017.

### **Tourism Task Force**

Mr Ujhelyi, Vice President in charge of the Tourism Task Force, recalled several important events in the sector (the appointment of the new Tourism Head of Unit in the European Commission; the election of the new Secretary General of the UNWTO; the organisation of the International Tourism Day by the EP and of the Tourism Forum in Tallinn by the Estonian Presidency; as well as the European Tourism Day to come in November). He also outlined amendments to the 2018 EU Budget, and the follow-up of EC activity in order to organise the European Tourist Capital in 2018.

### **Taxation in tourism**

#### *Presentation by the European Commission, DG GROW*

Mr Simon Carey and Mr Jonathan Gillham (Price Waterhouse Cooper) presented the study: the database of key taxes affecting the EU tourism sector, case studies of Cyprus, Paris and the Balearic Islands, economic analysis, including the construction of a tourism tax tool and recommendations for tourism taxes.

Members expressed their interest for this approach evaluating the impact of taxation on such a considerable economic sector.

### **Nautical tourism**

#### *Presentation by the European Commission of Commission Staff Working Document–SWD(2017)0126*



Mr Leinemann, Head of Unit, Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning (DG MARE, European Commission), presented the document, insisting on the jobs and revenue created by nautical tourism. Actions proposed are harmonisation of the qualifications of professional yacht skippers, safety equipment for nautical tourism, waste prevention, management and marine litter and innovation for marina development.

Members welcomed the presentation and requested EU legal initiatives to get the objectives included in this document.

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

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, (09h30 – 12h30)

- The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020 (opinion to ITRE INI Report) – consideration of amendments
- Accelerating clean energy innovation (opinion to ITRE INI Report) – consideration of amendments
- Public hearing on BREXIT and the impact on land transport

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, (15h00 – 18h30)

- Public hearing on Mobility package – market/social aspects

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, (09h30-12h30)

- Accelerating clean energy innovation (opinion to ITRE INI Report) - vote
- The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020 (opinion to BUBDG INI Report) – vote
- Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Air transport Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United States of America, of the other part – vote
- Public hearing on Mobility package – road charges
- Exchange of views Africa and aviation with DG MOVE and EASA

Meeting room: JAN 2Q2

## TRAN Committee meetings 2017, Brussels

Monday, 4 December, 15h00-18h30

### Useful links

TRAN website: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/TRAN>

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](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/media/newsletter_en)

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