

Newsletter

of the TRAN Committee meeting of 3 December 2018

Editorial by Karima Delli

Dear colleagues and friends,

2018 was a very important year for the European Parliament, with major files and a heavy workload. We are now approaching the end of the year with some significant achievements in the transport and tourism sector.

The coming year promises to be intense, with the end of the 8th legislature approaching and many challenges and opportunities to continue to improve the lives of EU citizens. I would like to thank all the TRAN Members and staff for their hard work and wish you and your families a well-deserved break and safe travels. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2019!



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Proposal for a Regulation amending (EC) N°810/2009 establishing a Community Code of Visas (Visa Code)

Vote

-) Rapporteur: István Ujhelyi (S&D)
-) Ordinary legislative procedure
-) Opinion to LIBE
-) Vote in LIBE: 10 December
-) Vote in Plenary: tbd

The opinion was adopted with 26 votes in favour, 7 against and no abstentions.

Proposal on the conclusion of an agreement amending the Agreement between the US and the EC on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety

Vote

-) Rapporteur: Theresa Griffin (S&D)
-) Non legislative enactment
-) Vote in Plenary: January 2019

The recommendation was adopted with 30 votes in favour, 0 against and 3 abstentions.

Protection of animals during transport within and outside the EU

Vote

-) Rapporteur: Keith Taylor (Greens)
-) Opinion to implementation report
-) Opinion to AGRI
-) Vote in AGRI: tbd
-) Vote in Plenary: tbd

The opinion was adopted with 27 votes in favour, 5 against and 1 abstention.

Proposal for a Directive on the interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union (recast)

Confirmation vote – approval of the agreement

-) Rapporteur: Massimiliano Salini (EPP)
-) Ordinary Legislative procedure

The provisional agreement following inter-institutional negotiations was adopted with 33 votes in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union

Presentation of draft report

-) Rapporteur: Karima Delli (Greens)
-) Ordinary Legislative procedure
-) Consideration of amendments: 10 December
-) Vote in TRAN: 10 January 2019
-) Vote in Plenary: February 2019

The Rapporteur presented her draft report, which supports the Commission proposal's overall goal to minimise the effects of Brexit on transport links. It seeks to ensure Ireland's connectivity with mainland Europe by adding a maritime link between Ireland and other continental Member States on the North Sea in order to ensure a continuity of the North Sea - Mediterranean (NSM) corridor.

The Rapporteur took the view that the proposal focuses too much on technical details, while leaving aside the necessary long-term perspectives. In particular, she pointed out the need for preventive solutions and financing for all territories subject to Brexit's adverse effects.

The draft report therefore presents additional connections and financing tools for territories (regions in northern France and other Member States), which will be strongly affected by Brexit in social, administrative, and economic terms.

Members expressed wide support for the draft report. Some highlighted the need to include some smaller ports in the scope of CEF and mentioned the possible negative impact of the UK leaving EU agencies such as EMSA and CESNI.



Proposal for a regulation of the EP and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 391/2009 with regard to withdrawal of the UK from the Union

Presentation of draft report

-) Rapporteur: Isabella De Monte (S&D)
-) Ordinary legislative procedure
-) Consideration of amendments: 10 December
-) Vote in TRAN: 10 January 2019
-) Vote in Plenary: tbd

The Rapporteur welcomed the Commission's proposal aimed at resolving the legal uncertainty in the area of recognised organisations by the UK's withdrawal from the EU. She noted that the proposal would safeguard business continuity for the affected ship owners and guarantee competitiveness of the flags of the EU-27 Member States working with the affected organisations. The Rapporteur therefore proposes an adoption of the Commission's proposal without amendments, also in view of the fast approaching Brexit date.

The Members expressed their support for the general aim of this proposal and the direction taken by the Rapporteur. Several Members called on the Commission to assess the overlap of responsibilities concerning the assessment of the recognised organisations by both the Commission and the Member States.

Discharges 2017: European Commission and Agencies (EMSA, EASA, ERA, SESAR, SHIFT2RAIL)

Presentation of draft opinions

-) Rapporteur: Innocenzo Leontini (EPP) and Franck Proust (EPP)
-) Ordinary legislative procedure
-) Considerations of amendments: 13 December
-) Vote in TRAN: 22 January 2019
-) Vote in Plenary: March 2019

The Rapporteurs were in favour of granting discharges to the Commission, the transport agencies (EMSA, ERA and EASA) and joint undertakings SESAR and Shift2Rail. Members welcomed their positions and the overall positive results.

Some Members stressed that the discharge procedure should be an opportunity for assessment not just from

a purely financial perspective, but also in terms of broader effectiveness.

BREXIT transport and tourism: the consequences of a no-deal scenario

Presentation of a study by Policy Department

The authors of the study presented the potential impacts of a no-deal scenario, focusing on the transport, postal and tourism sectors. Although presented quite late in the Brexit process, Members agreed that the findings were still very relevant in the context of a vote in the British Parliament due next week and a vote in the European Parliament in early 2019.

The results of the study confirmed a rather pessimistic view, echoed by previous hearings held by the Committee. A no-deal Brexit would harm both sides of the Channel, with aviation and tourism being perhaps most seriously affected, at least in the short to mid-term. The experts also confirmed that ports of northern France would be affected more than most by losing considerable volume of maritime trade.

Members expressed some hope, disbelief and mostly concern for future relations between the UK and the EU. Some hoped that the option to "remain" could still prevail and the Brexit would be stopped, while others expressed disbelief that three months prior to the UK's departure, nobody really knew if, how and what would happen on 29 March 2019.

Finally, it was concluded that if bilateral agreements are to replace the current regulatory framework in transport, it would be unrealistic to expect they could be negotiated in three months if the negotiations of the Brexit deal took almost three years.



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

Thursday, 10 January, 9h00-12h30 (new)

-) Proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union - consideration of amendments
-) Proposal for a Decision amending Directive 96/53/EC as regards the time limit for the implementation of the special rules regarding maximum length in case of cabs - consideration of amendments
-) Proposal for a regulation of the EP and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 391/2009 with regard to withdrawal of the UK from the Union - vote
-) Proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union - vote
-) European Maritime Single Window environment - vote
-) Streamlining measures for advancing the TEN-T - vote
-) Opinion to IMCO on type-approval requirements for motor vehicles as regards their general safety - vote
-) Safeguarding competition in air transport, repealing Reg 868/2004 - confirmation vote
-) Transport Community Treaty - presentation of draft report

Meeting room: P4B001 (PHS)

TRAN Committee meetings 2019

Thursday, 10 January, 9h00-12h30 (new)
Thursday, 10 January, 15h00-18h30 (new)

Monday, 21 January, 15h00-18h30
Tuesday, 22 January, 9h00-12h30
Tuesday, 22 January, 14h30-18h30

Tuesday, 29 January, 14h30-18h30

Monday, 04 February, 15h00-18h30

Wednesday, 20 February, 9h00-12h30
Wednesday, 20 February, 14h30-18h30

Thursday, 21 February, 9h00-12h30

Monday, 4 March, 15h00-18h30
Monday, 18 March, 15h00-18h30

Thursday, 11 April, 09h00-12h30
Thursday, 11 April, 15h00-18h30

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<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>

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