

## Newsletter of TRAN Committee meeting of April 2019

### Editorial by Karima Delli

Dear colleagues and friends,

We worked hard over the past five years on a wide range of topics, from road safety to postal services, to financing transport infrastructure, aviation safety, rail liberalisation with the 4th rail package, financial transparency of ports, ship inspection, professional qualification of personnel in the inland navigation and tourism. We adopted 49 co-decision files, 17 own-initiative reports and 93 opinions to legislative proposals.



In addition, the TRAN Committee closely monitored the negotiations of 33 international agreements, ensured a regular check of the Commission's delegated powers and went on 27 missions in Europe and abroad.

Thank you all for this remarkable work and for the good cooperation. I wish every success to those standing for re-election and good luck to the others in their future endeavours.

Thank you also to all the people who assisted Members in their work: the assistants and political advisors, the secretariat of the TRAN Committee as well as the interpreters, ushers and technicians.

I look forward to seeing you again after the European elections!

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## 2 April

### Mobility package – Rule 175:

#### Votes

- Z Directive of the Posting of drivers in the road transport sector
- Z Regulation on minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, rest periods and tachographs
- Z Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1071/2009 on access to occupation and Regulation (EC) 1072/2009 on haulage market

TRAN met upon the decision of the President of the European Parliament on 27 March to refer three files of Mobility Package I back to the TRAN committee with a task to filter plenary amendments before the vote takes place in April plenary (Rule 175 of the European Parliament Rules of Procedure).

During a lengthy voting session, only 100 of over 1200 amendments were rejected. The rest of amendments are put back to the plenary vote.

The three files concerned are as follows: on posting drivers in the road transport sector ((A8-0206/2018) Kyllönen), on daily and weekly driving and rest times (A8-0205/2018) van de Camp), and on profession and market access (A8-0204/2018) Ertug).

## 8 April

### Conclusion of the agreement between the EU and the Republic of the Philippines on certain aspects of air services (consent)

#### Vote

- ) Rapporteur: Jozo Radoš(ALDE)
- ) Non-legislative enactments

The draft recommendation was adopted with 31 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention.

### Objection to the Delegated Regulation supplementing Directive 2010/40/EU with regard the deployment and operational use of Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) deployment

#### Vote

TRAN Committee voted in favour of the objection to the Delegated Regulation on C-ITS deployment.

The objection claims that the Commission did not adopt a truly technology neutral approach and that the requirement of backwards compatibility sets limits to the development of innovative transport C-ITS solutions across Europe.

Moreover, the delegated act was formally transmitted a few days before the beginning of the recess period and the Parliament had less than two months available for scrutiny to assess the act.

The motion for a resolution was adopted with 16 in favour, 11 against and 4 abstentions.

## 11 April

### Commissioner Bulc on policy achievements and future prospects for transport

#### Exchange of views

Commissioner Bulc gave a detailed overview of her achievements in the transport sector during the current legislature. She thanked the TRAN Members for their close cooperation in achieving tangible results.



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Members returned the Commissioner's thanks and acknowledged achievements in the transport sector.

However, Members were of the opinion that progress had been too slow, in particular with achieving targets for modal shifts, reduction of emissions, digitalisation or with regard leadership in the production of batteries. Proposal for legislation in new sectors or for new legislation put forward by the Commission had been quite limited during the term, highlighting the low priority of the Juncker's Commission for this sector.

Members noted that rather than showing progress, CO2 emissions from the transport sector had increased. Therefore additional incentives should be provided to clean transport modes such as rail, in particular to regular rail services rather than to high speed trains. On the other hand, some were satisfied with the increased attention paid by the Commission to cycling, while others questioned the trend to abandon the production of diesel cars as this type of vehicles produce less CO2.

Members were generally concerned with the first Mobility Package. They underlined the negative atmosphere around this package pointing at an inappropriate strategy, which leads to a profound geographical division in the EU. As the package now stands, a number of companies might lose their markets.

There were diverging views regarding the technologies (WIFI, 5G) proposed by the Commission regarding C-ITS. On 8 April, TRAN rejected a delegated act adopted by the Commission on this topic. This rejection needs to be confirmed by the Plenary next week.

In the aviation sector, a Member deplored the lack of progress with the realisation of the Single European Sky. He stressed that the Wise persons Group established within the framework of the Pilot Project on the European Airspace Architecture had issued recommendations to launch the first steps of SES on the basis of the existing legislation. Others underlined the need to make progress with regard to the social dimension in this sector.

With regard to maritime transport, the adoption of the directive on port reception facilities was perceived as an important step for the protection of oceans. Training of seafarers was also positive for this sector.

The Chair concluded the debate highlighting the hard work undertaken by the TRAN Committee and handed over the TRAN Activity report 2014-2019 to the Commissioner.

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

Wednesday, 24 July, 09h00-12h30

Wednesday, 24 July, 15h00-18h30

Thursday, 25 July, 09h00-12h30

Meeting room: tbd

## Outcome of CEF Transport Call 2018

### *Presentation by the Commission*

The Committee looked into the outcome of the CEF Transport Call 2018. This call focused on digitalisation, road safety and multimodality.

Selected proposals will receive 421 million Euro in CEF co-funding and are expected to bring about a total of 1.3 billion Euro in investment in the priority areas of rail interoperability, ERTMS (European rail traffic management system), safe and secure infrastructure, intelligent transport services for road, river information services, and multimodal logistics platforms. In addition, the ongoing Annual Call 2019 aims to support the development of cross-border sections and maritime ports in the TEN-T comprehensive network.

The Commission furthermore highlighted the opportunities offered by the newly launched CEF Transport Blending Facility which focuses on the deployment of ERMTS and alternative fuels.

Members inquired about best practices in funding zero-emission mobility projects, the progress in the implementation of CEF, the type of projects envisaged for the CEF Blending Facility, and the commitment of Member States to complete national sections of rail lines on the TEN-T core network and equip them with ERMTS.

According to the Commission, the overall portfolio of transport projects supported under the CEF now includes 757 projects receiving 23.5 billion Euro of co-funding, with a share of about 70% for rail. Further thematic calls would be launched as from September 2019 dependent on possible re-flows in the CEF budget.

## TRAN Committee meetings 2019 - To be confirmed

Monday, 02 September, 15h00-18h30  
Tuesday, 03 September, 09h00-12h30  
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Monday, 23 September, 15h00-18h30  
Tuesday, 24 September, 09h00-12h30  
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Wednesday, 02 October, 09h00-12h30  
Wednesday, 02 October, 15h00-18h30  
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