

Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

The need for a New Industrial Strategy for the Union is paramount especially under current conditions. COVID-19 crisis tests the limits of European economies by disrupting supply chains and affecting Industry as well as SMEs - the backbone of the EU's economy. Last November our Committee decided for its own-initiative report on the new long-term strategy for EU's industrial future. It will be presented during our remote committee meeting and then followed by an exchange of views on EU SMEs policy that would subsequently feed into an upcoming own-initiative report on SMEs.

Furthermore, I draw your attention to the votes on the Forest strategy, which the Commission plans to announce next year as part of its broader European Green Deal program.

Cristian-Silviu Buşoi

Consideration of report

A New Industrial Strategy for Europe

Rapporteur: [Carlo Calenda](#)

Consideration of draft report

In November 2019 ITRE decided for its own-initiative report (INI) on the new long-term strategy for EU's industrial future and subsequently the Commission published its Communication on "A New Industrial Strategy for Europe" on 10 March 2020. Given the repercussions of the COVID-19 crisis, this report is of key importance to show EP priorities in the short, medium and long-term for the European industrial future. On 28 May the Rapporteur, Mr Calenda (S&D), will present his draft INI report. ENVI, INTA, EMPL, IMCO, REGI, CULT and JURI will be presenting their opinions to this report. ENVI will have exclusive competence on certain aspects.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 19 June 2020, 12.00*
- *Vote in ITRE: 15 July 2020 (tbc)*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

Consideration of opinion

Establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law)

Rapporteur: [Zdzisław Krasnodębski](#)

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

The proposal for a European Climate Law is a key part of the European Green Deal. It lays down a binding objective of net zero greenhouse gas emissions in the Union by 2050, establishes a framework for achieving such climate neutrality and amends the Governance Regulation (EU) 2018/1999. The ENVI Committee is lead committee for this proposal, while the ITRE Committee is associated under Rule 57. The Rapporteur will present and discuss his draft opinion on the proposal. Inter alia, the Rapporteur proposes the establishment of indicative sectoral trajectories for key economic sectors.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 4 June 2020, 12.00*
- *Vote in ITRE: 7 September 2020 (tbc)*
- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 10 September 2020 (tbc)*

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Exchange of views on the European SMEs policy

Members will hold an exchange of views on EU SMEs policy, in the context of the current COVID-19 crisis and its economic impact on European SMEs, and of the Commission's recent EU SME strategy (published in March). This exchange of views shall feed into an upcoming own-initiative report by the ITRE Committee on SMEs, which is awaiting authorisation by Parliament's internal governing bodies.

Votes on 28 May

Dossier	Rapporteur	No of AMs	No of CAs	Vote in lead com /Plenary
The European Forest Strategy - The Way Forward Adoption of draft opinion	Mauri Pekkarinen	108	2	AGRI: 23 June 2020
An EU legal framework to halt and reverse EU-driven global deforestation Adoption of draft opinion	Mauri Pekkarinen	64	1	ENVI: 28 September 2020
The EU's role in protecting and restoring the world's forests Adoption of draft opinion	Mauri Pekkarinen	57	1	ENVI: 2 July 2020 N/A

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