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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



Since the last official ITRE committee meeting, we have met many times in the context of Commissioner hearings. We can be proud of the important work we have done in questioning 10 Commissioners-designate – which is, incidentally, more than any other committee. The plenary has now approved the line-up and we look forward to working very closely with the new Commissioners and Vice-Presidents whose portfolios concern ITRE.

The highlight of this week's committee meeting is a hearing on EU energy security. It is one of our continent's most pressing challenges, not least because of the Ukrainian crisis. I am sure, however, that this crisis, just like the economic one of the past years, will give us a strong impulse for a truly integrated energy policy. In the short term, we must ensure stability of energy supply for the coming winter. In the longer run, strengthening the security requires exploiting the full potential of our indigenous resources, diversifying our supply sources and routes, increasing energy efficiency and meeting ambitious but rational energy and climate targets. All of the above, as well as our ability to speak with one voice with external energy suppliers, have a common precondition: urgent completion of the internal energy market.

We have an impressive panel of experts and I look forward to a lively exchange of views with Members.

[Jerzy Buzek](#)

MEETING OF 5-6 NOVEMBER 2014

Hearing on "EU energy security strategy under the conditions of the internal energy market"

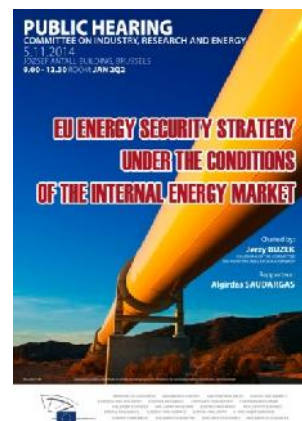
The ITRE Committee will organise a hearing on 5 November on "EU energy security

strategy under the conditions of the internal energy market".

The hearing will focus on issues relating to the European Energy Security Strategy that was released in May by the Commission in response to the political crisis in Ukraine and the overall importance of energy security.

The following experts have been invited to give presentations at the hearing:

- Romas Svedas, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania
- Vaclav Bartuska, special envoy for energy security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- Ugo Bardi, Professor in Physical Chemistry, University of Florence
- Charles Ellinas, CEO of E-C Natural Hydrocarbons Company Ltd
- Doerte Fouquet, Lawyer at BBH and Director of European Renewable Energies Federation.



TTIP Negotiations

European Commission will brief the ITRE Committee on the seventh round of EU-US trade talks that took place in Chevy Chase, Maryland on 29 September - 3 October 2014.

The transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP) is a free trade agreement currently being negotiated between the European Union and the United States.

Three main elements of the agreement:

- Market access: removing customs duties on goods and restrictions on services, gaining better access to public markets, and making it easier to invest



- Improved regulatory coherence and cooperation by dismantling unnecessary regulatory barriers such as bureaucratic duplication of effort
- Improved cooperation when it comes to setting international standards

Presentation of ACER Market Monitoring Report

The Third Energy Package tasks the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) with monitoring the internal markets for electricity and gas. For this purpose, the Agency prepares an annual market monitoring report in close cooperation with the European Commission, National Regulatory Authorities, and other relevant organisations. The legal basis for the Agency's market monitoring duties is in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No. 713/2009. Mr Alberto Pototschnig, the Agency's Director and Lord Mogg, Chair of the Board of Regulators will present to the ITRE Committee the latest edition of the Market Monitoring report. In addition, they will give an overview of other ongoing activities of the Agency and discuss issues of current interest with ITRE Members.

Presentation of the study "Horizon 2020, Key enabling technologies, Booster for European Leadership in the Manufacturing Sector"

Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) are crucial for the competitiveness and renewal of European manufacturing. At the request of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), the European Parliament commissioned a study, which will be presented to the committee. It examines the nature of KETs, and the drivers and barriers to their deployment. It includes an assessment of the current KETs situation in the EU in a global perspective. A broad overview of European policies and financing instruments precedes an in-depth assessment of the role of KETs in Horizon 2020. The analysis continues with a look at their contribution to growth, impact on employment and skills requirements.

Presentation by Director John Bell, European Commission and Interim Executive Director Barend Verachtert, BBI

The ITRE committee will hear presentations by Director John Bell, European Commission and Interim Executive Director of BBI, Barend Verachtert, explaining the way from Horizon 2020 to the JTIs, as one of the possible PPPs foreseen in the basic act taking as an example the new Bio-based Industries joint undertaking.

The Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI) is a €3.7 billion Public-Private Partnership (PPP) between the EU and the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC). The EU contribution (Horizon 2020) is expected to be €975 million, while the Bio-based Industries Consortium will contribute €2730 million.

The BBI is expected to bridge European research knowledge with commercial scale bio-based products, making full use of European scientific and technological knowledge. The Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking will create new jobs, especially in rural regions, and offer Europeans new and sustainable products sourced and produced locally. Bio-based industries will increase the competitiveness of the European economy through re-industrialisation and sustainable growth. New value chains will be created between often unconnected sectors, ranging from primary production and processing industries to consumer brands.



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R&D funding opportunities on GNSS Receiver Technology workshop [More](#)

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On 20 January 2014, afternoon Workshop on "Cross-competition among information (digital) platforms, how to avoid globalised information monopolies. What place for European platforms?"

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- Study on "Horizon 2020: Key Enabling Technologies (KETs), booster for the European leadership in the manufacturing sector"
- Briefing note on "Ocean Research in Horizon 2020: The blue growth potential"
- Briefing note on "Recovery of Rare Earths from electronic wastes"
- Briefing note on "EU Energy governance: How does it work?"
- Study on "TTIP Impacts on European Energy Markets and Manufacturing Industries"

- Study on "EU industrial policy: assessment of recent developments and recommendations for future policies"

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