



INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY

# ITRE Newsletter

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## A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Colleagues,

Following the President-elect Juncker's announcement on the Commissioners-designate, a great deal of work has been done in order to prepare for the hearings that are scheduled to commence September 29th. The ITRE committee has an especially important role in this process. We are in charge of as many as nine hearings – six as a leading-joint committee and three as an associated one. Enormous work and even greater responsibility.

Despite looking forward to the new Commission's kick-off in November, we must not forget that the current Commission is still at the controls. We are happy to welcome two Commissioners to this week's ITRE meeting. Besides hearing their updates we will also jointly reflect on the achievements of the last five years. Commissioner Günther Oettinger will make a presentation on energy security, one of the EU's major challenges especially in view of the political crisis in the Ukraine, as well as on energy efficiency. Commissioner Nelli Feroci will update Members on Galileo and the annual competitiveness report.

I count on your active participation and a content-based discussion!

[Jerzy Buzek](#)

## MEETING OF 24-25 SEPTEMBER 2014

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015 - all sections

Adoption of amendments on budgetary resolution

The ITRE Committee will vote its opinion related to the EP resolution on 2015 EU Budget.

The draft opinion on budgetary resolution focused on key priorities of ITRE Committee



in 2015 Budget. Members tabled a total of 26 amendments on this opinion.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in BUDG: 6-7 October 2014

Vote Plenary: October 11 2014

## Security of Supply and Energy Efficiency

Presentation by [Commissioner Oettinger](#)

In the Committee meeting on 24 September Mr Günter Oettinger, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner in charge of energy will address Europe's energy security challenge following the crisis



in Ukraine. In this context, Mr Oettinger will present important elements of the Commission's recent Communications on a European energy security strategy and on energy efficiency. Mr Oettinger will also debrief the Committee on the recent EU-Russia-Ukraine gas talks.

## Industry, Competitiveness and Space policy

Presentation by Commissioner [Nelli Feroci](#)

Commissioner Feroci will address two main issues during his presentation on September 24th in the ITRE Committee. First of all, he will update the Members on the incident that happened



on August 22nd during the launch of two Galileo satellites by a Soyuz vehicle from Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana. The two satellites, due to an anomaly which occurred during the flight phase were not placed on the intended orbit. The Commission is following closely the situation and is verifying the possible next actions to be taken. The second item on the agenda of Commissioner Feroci presentation is the 2014 Competitiveness report. This year the edition focuses on the growth of firms and framework conditions



affecting EU firms. These include the availability of different forms of funding – especially important if small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are to expand – as well as the importance of having an efficient and modern public administration in place. Other chapters examine how innovation and its impact on the growth of firms vary over the business cycle, and the extent to which SMEs are active outside their home markets; the forms of their international presence; the impact and drivers of SME internationalisation, and what can be done to increase their presence abroad.

### Supporting innovation by preventing the dishonest disclosure of confidential business information

Presentation by Jean Bergevin, European Commission, DG Markt

The Commission will present to the new ITRE Committee its latest efforts in supporting innovation by proposing better legal protection to companies, including SMEs, with regard to sensitive business know-how and information (i.e. so-called "Trade Secrets"). The presentation and subsequent debate are expected to give the Committee a better understanding of the background and implications of the "Trade Secrets" legislative proposal that the Commission has recently presented, before ITRE commences its work on the opinion.

### Air quality

Presentation by Tom Verheye, European Commission, DG ENV

The Commission will present to ITRE the two legislative proposals it recently made as part of the Clean Air Policy Package, namely a proposal for a revised National Emission Ceilings Directive with stricter national emission ceilings for six main pollutants, and a proposal for a new Directive to reduce pollution from medium-sized combustion installations. The presentation by the Commission and subsequent debate are intended to help Members understand the background and implications of these two proposals before ITRE Committee starts to draw up its opinions.

## NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

### The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators ([ACER](#))

ACER and CEER are pleased to invite you to the launch of their Annual Report on the results of monitoring the internal electricity and natural gas markets. The event will be held on 22 October 2014, from 13.30 to 17.00 at the Albert Borschette Conference Centre, 36 rue Froissart, 1040 Brussels.

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) has produced this joint report in collaboration with the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER). Expanding on the analysis performed in previous editions, this report focuses on retail markets and consumer issues, on the main developments in gas and wholesale electricity market integration and on network access issues. It provides an analysis of continuing barriers to further market integration.

If you would like to participate, please register here. Registrations will be treated on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please note that, due to limited room capacity, the number of representatives per organisation may need to be restricted.

To find out more about ACER activities on Market Monitoring click here. The draft agenda will be available here shortly.

### The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications ([BEREC](#))



The 20th BEREC plenary meeting will take place on 25 and 26 September 2014 in Rome. A public debriefing will take place on 2 October in Brussels ([draft agenda](#) available on line).



## European Union Agency for Network and Information Security ([ENISA](#))



System failures cause most large outages of electronic communications services according to a new [ENISA](#)

[report](#) published on 16/9/14.

## European Global Navigation Satellite System Gnss Agency ([GNSS](#))

15-09-2014: The European GNSS Agency (GSA) and Eurocontrol plan to leverage synergies to enhance aviation safety, improve air traffic management and better the aviation user experience. [continue](#)

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### Recent study:

Study on 'How can European industry contribute to growth and foster European competitiveness?'

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2014/536280/IPOL\\_STU%282014%29536280\\_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2014/536280/IPOL_STU%282014%29536280_EN.pdf)

### Upcoming Publication:

Study on 'Horizon 2020: Key Enabling Technologies (KETs), Booster for European Leadership in the Manufacturing Sector '

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#### Next ITRE meetings:

5-6 November 2014, Brussels

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