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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

This week we will hold important exchanges of views with Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs and with Jonathan Hill, Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union.

It will be Commissioner's Bieńkowska first visit to ITRE since her appointment and our Committee looks forward to learning more about the Commission's strategic goals in the field of reindustrialization and its industrial policy plans for 2015. Commissioner Hill will present the Commission's Green Paper on Capital Markets Union.

In a separate debate, the Committee will be considering the draft report on the Blue Economy.

Also ahead of us this week are votes of high importance, including on two own-initiative reports and several legislative opinions. This includes the vote on the "Juncker Plan" (the Regulation on European Fund for Strategic Investments) in which ITRE is involved as an associated Committee with exclusive competences.

Wishing you a most fruitful session,

[Jerzy Buzek](#)

MEETING OF 14 and 20 APRIL 2015



Family businesses in Europe

(Rapporteur - [Angelika Niebler](#))

[Consideration of a draft report](#)

The rapporteur will present her own-initiative draft report.

Family businesses make up to more than 60% of all European companies, encompassing a vast range of firms of different sizes and from different sectors.

Discussion will focus if family owned companies face specific challenges that

hamper their growth and development and which future policy initiatives at EU-level are needed.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Deadline amendments: 24 April 2015, 12.00

Vote in ITRE: 28 May 2015

Vote in Plenary: July 2015

Green growth and Business Opportunities for SMEs

(Rapporteur: [Philippe De Backer](#))

[Adoption of a draft report](#)



The committee will vote on the draft report on Green growth and Business Opportunities for SMEs.

In total, 183 amendments were tabled to this own initiative report and 25 compromise amendments were proposed by the rapporteur.

The BUDG and REGI committees have provided their opinions.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in Plenary: 18 May 2015



Investment Plan Package

(Drahtsperson: [Kathleen Van Brempt](#))

[Adoption of a draft opinion](#)

The Committee will vote on the draft opinion on the Regulation setting up the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) and the accompanying Amending Budget.

In total 536 amendments were tabled to the Commission proposal but several Compromise Amendments have been proposed by the Rapporteur ahead of the vote.

In this legislative procedure ITRE is an Associated Committee with exclusive competences on Article 5.2, 18 and 19 of the Regulation.



The lead Committees, BUDG and ECON, are expected to vote jointly on April 20.



Copyright and related rights in the information society

(Draftsperson: [Jose Blanco Lopez](#))

[Adoption of a draft opinion](#)

The committee will vote on a draft opinion on the implementation of Directive 2001/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society ("Infosoc" Directive).

In total, 134 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion and 11 compromise amendments were proposed by the draftsperson.

Limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants

(Draftsperson: [Fredrick Federley](#))

[Adoption of a draft opinion](#)



The committee will vote on the draft opinion on limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants.

In total, 185 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion and 8 compromise amendments were proposed by the draftsperson.



Trade Secrets

(Draftsperson: [Michele Rivasi](#))

[Adoption of a draft opinion](#)

The Committee will vote on the draft opinion Protection of undisclosed know-how and business information (trade secrets) against their unlawful acquisition, use and

disclosure, for which JURI is the lead Committee.

In ITRE, 278 amendments were tabled to the Commission proposal. However, 24 Compromise Amendments have been proposed by the Rapporteur.



Blue Economy: realising potential seas/oceans for jobs & growth

(Rapporteur: [João Ferreira](#))

[Consideration of a draft report](#)

The Committee will be considering the Draft Report concerned with exploiting research and development potential in the blue economy to create jobs and growth. The report is ITRE's response to the recent Commission Communication on Innovation in the Blue Economy: realising the potential of our seas and oceans for jobs and growth.

Blue Economy is very relevant to several of ITRE's areas of competence, particularly natural resources, energy and SMEs.

In his draft report, the Rapporteur makes several proposals, including, amongst others, a request for clear-cut objectives and time-frames to be laid down with a view to making marine data more accessible.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Deadline for amendments: 16 April 2015, 12.00

Consideration of amendments: 6/7 May 2015

Vote in ITRE: 16 June 2015

Vote in Plenary: September 2015

Structured Dialogue with Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

On 14 April 2015 the ITRE Committee will have a structured dialogue with





Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, and Entrepreneurship. It is the first time that the Commissioner meets the ITRE Committee after the hearing concerning her confirmation as Commissioner. She will outline strategic goals and industrial policy plans for 2015 and provide information concerning the internal market for Earth observation satellite data.

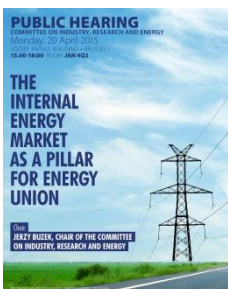


Green paper on capital Markets Union, Jonathan Hill, Commissioner Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

The Commissioner Hill will present and discuss with Members the Green Paper on Capital Markets Union, published by the Commission on 18 February 2015.

This Green Paper started a three month consultation, during which the Commission will consult Members of the European Parliament, Member States, stakeholders in capital markets and from all groups concerned. On the basis of the outcome of this consultation, the Commission will consider the priority actions needed to develop a fully functioning Capital Markets Union by 2019.

Objective of the ITRE Committee would be to obtain more information in particular about how to improve access to finance and widen the investor base for SMEs, as well as how to boost long-term investments in the EU.



Public hearing on "The Internal Energy Market as a Pillar for Energy Union"

The ITRE Committee will conduct a public hearing on 20 April 2015 entitled: "The Internal Energy Market as a Pillar for Energy Union". This is

the first ITRE hearing following the Communication on a Strategy for a European Energy Union in February 2015 and is a follow up to the European Parliament's resolution of 10 September 2013 on making the internal energy market work, with ITRE Chair, Mr Jerzy Buzek, as the rapporteur.

The hearing will address two issues in particular. Firstly; the integration of electricity and gas markets and solutions to eliminate obstacles and how Energy Union could enhance energy security. Secondly; the role of domestic energy production, securing interconnections, the market for electricity from renewables, and markets aspects of reduction of emissions.

The hearing will be an important opportunity to enhance the understanding of the problems involved and hear a variety of opinions. Five speakers have been invited for this purpose:

- Mr Luis Atienza, Chairman of Argo Capital Partners and member of the Board of Directors of Deusto Business School.
- Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert, Professor of Energy Economics and Sustainability, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
- Kari Hietanen, Executive Vice-President of Wärtsilä and President of European Engine Power Plants Association (EUGINE)
- Mr Andrius Kubilius, former Lithuanian Prime Minister and Member of the Energy commission of the Lithuanian parliament
- Mr Siward Zomer, Chairman at De Windvogel and Member of the Board of REScoop.eu.

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

ACER calls for comments on the Network Code on Emergency and Restoration. [More](#)



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BEREC meeting with EP ITRE delegation has taken place at BEREC Office in Riga. [More](#)

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Call for papers: Annual Privacy Forum 2015. [More](#)

European Global Navigation Satellite System GnsS Agency (GNSS)

GNSS Market Report 2015: Exciting Times for European GNSS. [More](#)

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- Study on ['Recovery of Rare Earths from electronic wastes'](#)
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COMING SOON

Upcoming reports votes

- European Energy Security Strategy - *7/05*

Upcoming opinion votes

- Resource efficiency: moving towards circular economy- *7/05*

Amendments deadlines:

- Untapping the potential of Research and Innovation in the Blue Economy to create Jobs and Growth - *16/04*
- Family Businesses in Europe - *24/04*



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Next ITRE meetings:

20 April and 6/7 May 2015 in Brussels

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