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Commissioner Šefčovič highlighted the five key priorities for the Energy Union in a debate with Parliament's Industry, Research and Energy Committee on 26 January:

- Ensuring security of supply for Europe;
- Deeper integration of EU national energy markets;
- Reducing EU energy demand;
- Reducing carbon emissions from the energy sector;
- Promoting research and development in energy.

The committee is currently drafting a non-binding resolution on the European Energy Security Strategy, scheduled for a vote in committee on 7 May 2015 (rapporteur: Algirdas Saudargas EPP, LT).

Procedure: Commission statement followed by debate

2014/2153(INI)

Debate: Wednesday, 25 February

#energysecurity #energyunion

Further information

- VOD of the exchange of views of Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President for Energy Union in ITRE Committee (26.01.2015)
- Draft non-legislative resolution on European Energy Security Strategy
- Procedure file
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The ECB's annual report for 2013 is assessed in a report, drafted by Pablo Zalba Bidegain (EPP, ES) for Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, which is to be put to a vote by Parliament as a whole at a plenary session in March.

Procedure: non-legislative resolution (resolution in March)

2014/2157(INI)

Debate: Wednesday, 25 February

#ECB #Drahi #bankingunion #monetary #policy #quantitativeeasing

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Further information

- EP Live (25.02.2015)
- Procedure file
- Profile of the rapporteur Pablo Zalba Bidegain (EPP, ES)
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At the informal summit, EU heads of state or government urged EU legislators to "urgently adopt a strong and effective European Passenger Name Records [PNR] directive with solid data protection safeguards".

On 26 February, a new draft report on the PNR proposal and a possible timetable for its further discussion and approval will be presented by lead MEP Timothy Kirkhope (ECR, UK) in the Civil Liberties Committee.

Procedure: Council and Commission statements followed by debate

2014/2942(RSP)

Debate: Wednesday, 25 February

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Further information

- Topics discussed in the informal meeting of the EU heads of state or government, 12 February 2015
- Statement by the members of the European Council on the fight against terrorism
- Press release - Passenger Name Record and data protection talks should go hand in hand, MEPs say (11.02.2015)
- MEPs give their inputs for counter-terrorism summit, Ukraine and EMU (11.02.2015)
- EU Passenger Name Record (PNR) proposal: what's at stake
- EP research - Outlook for the informal Council meeting on 12 February 2015
- EuroparlTV video - Stemming the threat of jihadist terror in Europe