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**EU Strategy on Heating and Cooling**Rapporteur: [Adam Gierek](#)

ITRE will discuss the draft report of Mr. Adam Gierek (S&D) 'EU Strategy on Heating and Cooling'. The draft report proposes, among other issues, that wood-burning fireplaces in densely built towns and cities should be banned, and that the revision of the EU's emission trading scheme (ETS) should examine the inclusion of fuel combustion facilities with a capacity of less than 20 MW into the ETS. The rapporteur also highlights the need to provide more financial support under the Horizon 2020 research and innovation framework programme for new materials and innovative technological solutions providing more efficient heating and cooling systems.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

- *Deadlines of amendments: 27 May 2016, 12.00*
- *Vote in ITRE: 12 July 2016*
- *Vote in plenary: September 2016*

**2017 Budget - Mandate for the Trilogue**Draftsperson: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

The aim of the opinion on the mandate for the trilogue on 2017 budget is to indicate ITRE priorities in the EU 2017 budget, ahead of the presentation of draft 2017 budget by the Commission in June 2016. The opinion will address ITRE's sectoral priorities and possible issues that could be raised when considering the Commission's draft 2017 budget.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

- *Deadlines of amendments: 24 May 2016, 18.00*
- *Vote in ITRE: 14 June 2016*

**Cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments**Rapporteur: [Fredrick Federley](#)

The rapporteur, Mr. Federley (ALDE), will present his draft opinion on the Commission's proposal for the reform of the Emission Trading System (ETS). The opinion is drafted pursuant to Rule 54 on enhanced cooperation with shared competences. ENVI is the lead Committee, while ITRE is involved mainly on the articles concerning carbon leakage and funds (financial support for energy sector, efficiency, modernisation and innovation).

In his draft opinion Mr. Federley points out that the ETS currently does not encourage enough low-carbon investments, and that it should be strengthened in line with the Paris Agreement, e.g. by providing for a ratchet-up mechanism. The rapporteur also believes that the risk of carbon leakage should be mitigated through improved rules on benchmarks and free allocation of allowances.

The Commission proposal was introduced before the UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris, and has not been modified after the agreement on reducing climate change was reached.

**A Word From The Chair**

Dear Colleagues,

During the May meeting, ITRE will have the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Andrus Ansip, European Commission Vice-President for the Digital Single Market, who will visit the Committee within the framework of the structured dialogue. We look forward to hearing his presentation on the state-of-play and Commission's future plans in the policy areas that fall under his remit, including the review of national wholesale roaming markets and the digitisation of European industry.

Energy will come under the spotlight several times during this month's meeting, beginning with a Public Hearing entitled 'The Gas Package – How To Strengthen The EU's Energy Security'. ITRE is the lead committee in the adoption of the four proposals included in the package: the security of gas supply regulation and the decision on intergovernmental energy agreements (IGA's), as well as the strategies on LNG and gas-storage and heating and cooling. We will be considering the draft report on the latter during this month's meeting.

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadlines of amendments: 31 May 2016, 12.00*
- *Consideration of amendments: 11-12 July 2016*
- *Vote in ITRE: 13 October 2016*
- *Vote in ENVI (lead): 8 December 2016*

## European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users

Draftsperson: [Barbara Kappel](#)

The Committee will vote on Ms. Kappel's (ENF) draft report on a proposed Regulation that seeks to ensure that reliable, timely and complete statistical data on natural gas and electricity prices for both industrial users and households is available for European policy makers. A total of 115 amendments were tabled, which concern, amongst other things, the categories for which data have to be reported, confidentiality clauses as well as the use of delegated and implementing acts for granting derogations and modifying the Regulation's coverage, respectively. After the vote on the amendments tabled, the Rapporteur will seek to obtain a mandate by the Committee to enter into negotiations with the Council with a view to concluding an agreement at first reading.

## Renewable energy progress report

Rapporteur: [Paloma López Bermejo](#)

ITRE will vote on its own-initiative report on 'Renewable energy progress report' (Rapporteur: Ms. López Bermejo (GUE)). The resolution considers the report by the Commission on EU countries' progress towards the EU's 2020 renewable energy goals in years 2013 and 2014. It also gives political indications on the upcoming Directive on Renewable energy. 345 amendments were tabled to the draft report and 44 compromise amendments have been proposed by the rapporteur. ENVI has contributed with an opinion as an associated committee (rule 54), while REGI and AGRI were committees for opinion (rule 53).

## Implementation report on the Energy Efficiency Directive

Draftsperson: [Markus Pieper](#)

ITRE will vote on Mr. Pieper's (EPP) 'Implementation Report on the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27 /EU)'. Members have tabled 328 amendments to Mr. Pieper's draft report, most of which are covered by the 29 compromise amendments that have been agreed by the political groups.

The compromise amendments concern all major aspects of the report, such as the administrative burden of implementation of the directive, contribution of energy efficiency to EU's climate targets and the need to support research and innovation for energy efficiency.

The energy efficiency directive was agreed upon at the end of 2012 and should have been transposed into national law by June 2014. However, several Member States have failed to do so. A proposal from the Commission to revise the directive is expected in autumn 2016.

## Preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's proposal

Draftsperson: [Janusz Lewandowski](#)

The Committee will vote on Mr. Lewandowski's (EPP) draft opinion regarding the EP's input to the MFF review which the Commission envisages for mid-2016 for which the lead Committee is Budget. In April, ITRE discussed the draft opinion and all groups expressed strong support for the need to have this opinion. 42 amendments were tabled and political groups agreed on 6 compromise amendments. The compromise amendments concern all major aspects of the opinion, including the restoration of H2020 and CEF cuts due to EFSI, the improvement of the situation for SMEs, the balance between grants and financial instruments, and the call for MFF improvements as a result of its post-electoral revision.

Also in the field of energy and climate, we will consider the draft opinion on Commission's proposal for the ETS reform. ITRE has had a longstanding interest here, given the importance of the ETS for our climate efforts but also for the competitiveness of our economy.

ITRE will also hold three important energy-related votes, namely on the 'Regulation on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices', on the 'Renewable energy progress report' and on the 'Implementation report on the Energy Efficiency Directive', thus concluding the intensive work on the files at Committee-stage.

We will also vote on our opinion regarding the EP's input to the MFF review which the Commission envisages for mid-2016. Finally, ITRE will discuss its priorities in the EU 2017 budget, ahead of the presentation of the draft budget by the Commission in June 2016.

Jerzy Buzek

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## Exchange of views with Mr. Andrus Ansip, Commission Vice-President for the Digital Single Market, as part of the Structured Dialogue

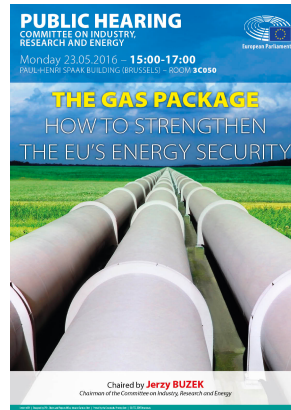
ITRE will hold an exchange of views in the framework of so-called Structured Dialogue with Mr. Andrus Ansip, Commission Vice-President for the Digital Single Market, on the implementation of the Commission's 2016 work programme and priorities for 2017 in the field of digital policy. The structured dialogue is an official inter-institutional procedure, designed to ensure that the EU institutions work much more closely together in the field of legislative planning. Vice-President Ansip will also address more in detail the various proposals linked to the Digital Single Market Strategy that are expected to arrive during the coming months.

## Public Hearing on 'The Gas Package – How To Strengthen The Eu's Energy Security'

On 23 May 2016, ITRE is organising a public hearing entitled "The Gas Package – how to strengthen the EU's energy security". This hearing is being organised in view of the recent presentation of the "Gas Package" by the Commission, and ITRE's involvement in the legislative work leading to the adoption of this package.

The "Gas Package" consists of four proposals, of which two are legislative (OLP procedure): namely the Regulation on security of supply and the Decision on intergovernmental agreements. The other two files concern LNG and heating and cooling. This package is one of the most important pieces of legislation to be proposed by Commission this year, with direct implications for EU-wide energy security and with impact on Member States, industry, SMEs and citizens.

The public hearing will be divided in two panels. The first is entitled "The Gas Package: how to maximise European added value in energy security" while the second is entitled "Energy Union and free market – friends or foes?". Five experts have been invited to participate in this hearing, representing a wide range of stakeholders.



## NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT A

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### Next ITRE meeting:

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