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Measures to safeguard the security of gas supplyRapporteur: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

The Rapporteur will present his draft report which contains a total of 125 amendments to the Commission proposal. The draft report puts particular emphasis on the following points. Firstly, the Rapporteur supports the regional approach such as proposed by the Commission but suggests to complement it by the establishment of emergency supply corridors between regions. Secondly, he welcomes the introduction of the solidarity clause as a legally-binding principle of last resort. Thirdly, the Rapporteur stresses the importance of proper information exchange for risk assessment and for the prevention and mitigation of crises. Furthermore, he introduces a Union-wide definition of protected customers and proposes to give Member States the possibility to give priority to certain gas-fired power plants essential for the integrity of the network. Fifthly, the Rapporteur endorses joint purchasing as a means of enhancing the negotiating position of companies, countries or regions towards external suppliers. Finally, the Rapporteur supports the Commission's approach to extend the scope of certain provisions of the Regulation to cover neighbouring countries of the Energy Community.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadlines of amendments: 15 June 2016, 12.00*
- *Consideration of amendments: 11 July 2016*
- *Vote in ITRE: 13 October 2016*
- *Vote in plenary: tbc*

EU strategy for liquefied natural gas and gas storageRapporteur: [András Gyürk](#)

In the meeting on 14 June, the rapporteur will present his draft report on the European Energy Security Strategy.

The rapporteur welcomes the Commission's communication. He believes that an internal energy market, which fully integrates LNG and gas storage, will play a significant role in achieving the ultimate objective of a resilient Energy Union.

The rapporteur underlines that priority should be given to market-based solutions and to the utilisation of existing LNG infrastructure on a regional level, and stresses that in order to avoid stranded assets, a careful analysis of LNG supply alternatives and options in a regional perspective should be carried out before deciding about new infrastructure in order to guarantee the most efficient use of existing infrastructure.

Furthermore, the rapporteur expresses concern at the proposed doubling of capacity of the Nord Stream pipeline, and the effects this would have on energy security and diversification of supply sources and the principle of solidarity among Member States; highlights that the project runs contrary to the underlying principles of a fully integrated, secure, competitive and sustainable Energy Union and consider that if Nord Stream 2 were to be built, the importance of enabling access to LNG terminals and completing the North-South Gas Corridor in central and south-eastern Europe will significantly increase.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadlines of amendments: 15 June 2016, 12.00*
- *Consideration of amendments: 11-12 July 2016*
- *Vote in ITRE: 26 September 2016*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

A Word From The Chair

Dear Colleagues,

In June, in the framework of structured dialogue with the Commission, ITRE will have the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. We look forward to this opportunity to discuss the state of play of such key policy areas as industry, SMEs and space, which are in the center of ITRE's competences. Our Committee recently brought forward two related oral questions, namely on space policy and on European rail supply industry.

Also energy will remain high on ITRE's agenda, thank to the legislative proposals concerning security of gas supply and emissions trading. We will discuss draft reports on the Security of Gas Supply Regulation and the LNG and gas storage strategy, both part of the "Winter Package", as well as ITRE's draft opinion to the directive amending the Emissions Trading System. Moreover, the Committee will vote on two energy-policy files, namely the own-initiative report on 'New Energy Market Design' and the report on 'Energy Efficiency Labelling' regulation.

Furthermore, ITRE will hold a Public Hearing entitled "Looking at Industry 4.0, together with the impact on the Industry of Robotics

Cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments

Draftsperson: [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.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadlines of amendments: 15 June 2016, 18.00*
- *Consideration of amendments: 12 July 2016*
- *Vote in ITRE: 13 October 2016*
- *Vote in ENVI (lead): 8 December 2016*

Circular Economy:

- **Amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste**
- **Packaging and packaging waste**
- **Amending Directives 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment**
- **Landfill of waste**

Draftspersons: [Pavel Telicka](#), [Miroslav Poche](#) and [Joao Ferreira](#)

The ITRE draftspersons of the Circular Economy Package (Mr. Pavel Telicka (ALDE), Mr. Miroslav Poche (S&D) and Mr. Joao Ferreira (GUE)) will present the 4 draft opinions to the Committee. Members have until 16 June to table their amendments to the opinions. A number of shadows' meetings have already been organised with shadows showing mostly strong support for the rapporteurs' positions. It will be necessary to ensure coherence and consistency of the ITRE opinions.

Mr Telicka (ALDE) is responsible for two opinions: for the one on the Amending Directives for end-of-life vehicles, batteries and accumulators, waste electrical and electronic equipment for which he provided a total of 18 amendments; and for the one on the Amending Directive on landfill of waste for which a total of 12 amendments are proposed. His contribution pursues the approach to simplify legislation and administrative burden for both Member States and stakeholders. He identified the need to clarify the methodology for the calculation of targets and advocates more alignment instead of different approaches by Member States. He also proposes to increase research and innovation funding on treatment of waste, especial as regards hazardous waste.

Mr Poche (S&D) worked on the Amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste. He contributed 70 amendments, that range from the introduction of a clearer definition of municipal waste and a definition for extended producer responsibility, to the proposal that the Commission shall consider the possibility of setting separate recycling targets for inert non-hazardous commercial and industrial waste by 2025 (at least for paper, metal, and bio-waste). He also suggests that by 2030, the preparing for re-use and the recycling of municipal waste shall be increased to a minimum of 70% by weight, instead of the current 65% proposed by the Commission.

Mr Ferreira (GUE) is responsible for the "packaging and packaging waste" file and has introduced 15 amendments. These include the need to recognise the different starting positions in each of the Member States with regard to the targets that are being set. As different levels of effort will be required to achieve these goals by Member States, the possibility of the Union to support Member States in making the necessary investments should be considered. The draft opinion also calls on Member States to include in their national prevention initiatives environmental awareness-raising activities aimed at the general public and the integration of environmental education activities in school curricula.

and Big data". The aim is to discuss the opportunities and challenges which new digital technologies bring to our industries and citizens.

During the upcoming meeting ITRE will also discuss the five proposals making up the 'Circular Economy package', which are particularly relevant for European industries.

Finally, we will hold an exchange of views on ITRE priorities for the 2017 EU budget with Mr. Jens Geier, the lead rapporteur in the Budget Committee.

Jerzy Buzek

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- *Deadlines of amendments: 16 June 2016, 12.00*
- *Vote in ITRE: 13 October 2016*
- *Vote in ENVI (lead): 7-8 November 2016*

Towards a New Energy Market Design

Rapporteur: [Werner Langen](#)

ITRE will vote on Mr. Langen's (EPP) draft own-initiative report 'Towards a New Energy Market Design'. Members have tabled 590 amendments to the draft report, of which almost all are covered by the 36 compromise amendments that have been agreed by the political groups. The compromise amendments concern all major aspects of the report, such as electricity capacity markets, improved market integration of renewable energy sources or EU's climate targets. The report is expected to be voted in plenary in September. Legislative proposals from the Commission on electricity market design and security of electricity supply are expected at the end of 2016.

Vote in Plenary: September 2016

Energy efficiency labelling

Rapporteur: [Dario Tamburrano](#)

The Committee will vote on the draft report on Energy Efficiency Labelling. More than 500 amendments were tabled to the draft report of the rapporteur, who has proposed 39 compromise amendments ahead of the vote. The ENVI committee has provided its opinion.

Vote in Plenary: tbc

2017 Budget - Mandate for the Trilogue

Draftsperson: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

The Committee will vote on its opinion on mandate for the trilogue for the 2017 EU budget. The aim of this opinion on the 2017 budget is to indicate ITRE priorities in the 2017 budget ahead the adoption of Council position. In total 38 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion and 8 compromise amendments have been proposed by the draftsperson.

Exchange of views with Ms Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, as part of the Structured Dialogue

Within the context of the structured dialogue with the Commission, Ms. Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, will visit ITRE to discuss the state of play and future developments in those areas of her portfolio which fall under the committee's remit. Amongst other things the debate is expected to focus on the overall industrial competitiveness of the EU, the situation in sensitive industrial sectors, the Commission's strategy for SMEs, the preparations for the next stage of the Galileo and Copernicus programmes, and the recent Commission initiative for the first industry-related Digital Single Market package.

ITRE Priorities in 2017 Budget: Exchange of views with Mr. Jens Geier (S&D), BUDG rapporteur

Mr Jens Geier, EP General Rapporteur for the 2017 budget, will visit the ITRE Committee to present his draft report on a mandate for the trilogue, aimed at being the first assessment of the Commission's proposal by Parliament and at feeding into the trilogue to be held in the Council. The report will be based on the EP political priorities in 2017 budget as expressed in the EP resolution of 09 March 2016 on general guidelines for the preparation of the 2016 budget. The visit of Mr Geier to the ITRE Committee aims at briefing the ITRE Members about main features of the 2017 draft budget and at having an exchange of views with ITRE Members on the main budgetary priorities in the 2017 budget.

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Next ITRE meeting:

- 27 June 2016 in Brussels

ITRE Mission to Ireland (29-31 March 2016), Debriefing

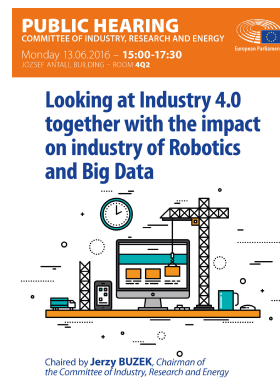
The ITRE committee sent a delegation of five Members to visit Cork in Ireland, from 29-31 March 2016. The delegation heard about the ICT sector in Ireland and its links with academia and visited in that respect the Tyndall National Institute. There was also a tour of the Cork Institute of Technology and presentations on a variety of projects, including in relation to energy efficiency. The delegation also visited a research centre specialising in tidal energy.

ITRE Mission to Finland and Estonia (17-19 May 2016), Debriefing

Ms. Kumpula-Natri (S&D), head of the delegation, will report on the ITRE mission to Finland and Estonia which took place in May. Five Members participated in the mission, which involved meetings and visits on a range of ITRE-related subjects. In Finland, the delegation learnt about the country's bioeconomy strategy, which is particularly relevant to its forestry sector; it discussed with digital start-ups how to promote and support innovation; and it learnt about developments in the Finnish electricity market, including its experience with smart meters. In Estonia, the delegation focussed on the development and take-up of eGovernment services, and the integration of public and private sectors in providing digital services.

Public Hearing on "Looking at Industry 4.0 together with the impact on Industry of Robotics and Big Data"

On 13 June 2016, ITRE is organising a public hearing entitled "Looking at Industry 4.0 together with the impact on industry of robotics and big data" which will delve into the implications of the digital technologies and their impact on industry, particularly that of Robotics and Big Data. It would explore what lies ahead, how this new industry in which everything is linked will develop in the future, the potential scenarios and required legislation, as well as the impact it will have on all related industries, energy, transport and citizens. Different aspects of the Big Data topic will also be addressed - how to ensure portability and interoperability of data records, the use of data for understanding current conditions and using them for the improvement of industry and for research. Four experts have been invited to participate in this hearing, representing a wide range of stakeholders.



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