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EU strategy for liquefied natural gas and gas storageAdoption of [draft report](#)Draftsperson: [András Gyürk](#)

In the meeting of 26 September, ITRE will vote on the draft report on the EU strategy for liquefied natural gas and gas storage. Members have tabled a total of 265 amendments to the draft report of the rapporteur. 21 compromise amendments have been tabled. Opinions have been provided by AFET, ENVI, INTA and TRAN.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in plenary: October II - November 2016 (tbc)*

Cross-border portability of online content services in the internal marketAdoption of [draft opinion](#)Rapporteur: [Carlos Zorrinho](#)

ITRE will vote on its opinion on the proposal for a regulation on ensuring the cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market.

The opinion focuses on ITRE areas of interest within the cross-border portability of online content services. In particular it aims to improve and clarify the content covered, by differentiating between payment for services and payment of licence fees, and guaranteeing that providers will be bound by contractual conditions, definitions, technological neutrality and date of application.

In total 156 amendments were tabled to the Commission's proposal for a regulation and 22 compromise amendments have been proposed by the rapporteur.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in plenary: tbc*

Scrutiny of the European Commission's implementing power: "Fair use" of roaming services - presentation by the Commission of the draft implementing act

On 26 September, the Commission will present to ITRE its new draft implementing act on how mobile operators should apply 'fair use' policies after roaming surcharges are abolished in June 2017. A first draft was published on 5 September but was withdrawn several days later after criticism that it restricted the possibility of Europeans to really 'roam like at home'. The new draft is expected in the days leading up to the ITRE meeting. The implementing act has to be finally adopted by the Commission, through the comitology procedure, by 15 December 2016.

A Word From The Chair

Dear colleagues,

This will be ITRE's second meeting this month. The Committee will continue its work on several legislative files and will also welcome Mr. Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy.

As part of the regular Structured Dialogue with the European Commission, ITRE will meet Commissioner Cañete to hold an exchange of views on the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project. We hope to hear the Commissions' assessment of the decisions adopted by the ITER Council, including the financial impact of the revised schedule and the overall strategy.

The European Commission will also come to ITRE to present its new draft implementing act on how mobile operators should apply 'fair-use' policies once roaming surcharges are abolished in June 2017. The Committee is particularly attentive to see that no policy restricts the possibility of European citizens to 'roam like at home'.

Exchange of views with Mr Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, as part of the Structured Dialogue

ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) is an international nuclear fusion research and engineering megaproject, which is currently building the world's largest experimental nuclear fusion reactor in the south of France.

The ITER project aims at making the long-awaited transition from experimental studies of plasma physics to full-scale electricity-producing fusion power plants.

Recently the ITER Council took important steps to put the ITER project on tracks. In particular, the June ITER Council approved a revised Resource-Loaded Integrated Schedule for the completion of the project construction needed for first plasma in 2025.

The exchange of views with Commissioner Cañete will address the Commissions' assessment of the impact of the decisions adopted by the ITER Council such as the financial impact of the revised schedule, the overall strategy from first plasma to deuterium-tritium and the ITER Council future milestones.

Finally, the Committee will vote on its draft report on 'an EU strategy for liquefied natural gas and gas storage' and on its opinion to the IMCO Committee on 'Cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market'.

Jerzy Buzek

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- 12-13 October 2016 in Brussels

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