

Words by the Chair



Dear Colleagues,

As part of the regular structured dialogue between the Parliament and the Commission, during our June meeting, we will have an opportunity of exchanging with three Commissioners responsible for policy areas that fall under ITRE's remit.

With Commissioner Moedas, the Committee will discuss the EU's key actions in research and innovation, not least in the context of the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020 and Parliament's recently adopted resolution on this matter.

With Commissioner Bieńkowska ITRE will look at the latest initiatives in industrial, space and defence policy, the latter being of particular interest in view of the recent proposals on European Defence.

Commissioner Arias Cañete will meet with our Committee to discuss the state of play of the Energy Union, especially with regard to the ongoing work on the Clean Energy Package.

Energy will also feature prominently on the rest of the committee agenda, as ITRE advances on key legislation from the Package. We will have a discussion on three draft reports: on energy efficiency, energy from renewable sources, and governance of the Energy Union.

Energy efficiency

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Adam Gierek](#)

On 22 June, the rapporteur, Mr Adam Gierek (S&D), will present his draft report on the Commission's proposal for the revision of Directive 2012/27/EU on Energy Efficiency. The proposal is part of the legislative package 'Clean Energy for all Europeans' that the Commission presented on 30 November 2016. It is an important step towards the achievement of the EU commitments made in the framework of the Energy Union and the global climate agenda established by the Paris Agreement of December 2015 (COP21). The Commission proposes a 30% binding energy efficiency target for 2030 at EU level. The rapporteur's draft report contains 82 amendments.

The rapporteur takes a holistic view on energy efficiency, including the stages of primary energy extraction and transport, the conversion of primary energy to electricity and/or heat, transmission and distribution to final consumers, and, equally important, measures to reduce the final energy demand. The rapporteur is also proposing a more ambitious energy efficiency target of 35% for 2030 at EU level.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 28 June 2017*

Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast)

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [José Blanco López](#)

At the meeting of 21-22 June the rapporteur, Mr Blanco López (S&D), will present his draft report on the proposal for a directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast). The rapporteur's draft report contains 92 amendments to the Commission's proposal.

Mr Blanco Lopez proposes to raise the level of ambition of the directive by setting an EU target of at least 35% for energy from renewable sources by 2030 and by reintroducing national binding targets to guarantee that the EU target is achieved. According to the Rapporteur, national binding targets have been the most important driver for renewable energy policies and investments in many Member States, and national binding targets have also been a straightforward measurable indicators against which progress can be measured to assess the effectiveness of the measures included in this Directive. He also suggests a target of 12% for energy from renewable sources in transport as well as amendments to improve legal certainty for investors and to foster self-consumption.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 29 June 2017*

Joint meeting of ITRE and ENVI on the Governance of the Energy Union

Consideration of [draft report](#)

The latter will be done jointly with ENVI.

With regard to other policy areas, we will consider the ITRE draft opinion on the Regulation on privacy and Electronic Communication and the amendments tabled to the European Electronic Communication Code.

The Committee also has an extensive voting agenda for the upcoming meeting, as it adopts the outcome of the Wifi4EU inter-institutional negotiations, the report on the Space Strategy for Europe, as well as two opinions: on the exercise of copyright in online transmissions, and on the limitations of scope for aviation activities in preparation for a global market-based measure from 2021. Finally, the Committee will also adopt its contribution to the COP23 resolution.

Jerzy Buzek

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The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

ACER still finds contractual congestion in the European Gas Transmission Network [More](#)

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

BEREC publishes its response to the Commission's Public Consultation on the Review of the SMP Guidelines [More](#)

Rapporteurs: [Claude Turmes](#), [Michèle Rivasi](#)

In a joint ITRE-ENVI committee meeting on 21 June the rapporteurs will present their draft report on the on the proposal for a regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union. The rapporteurs' draft report contains 199 amendments to the Commission proposal. The rapporteurs propose to establish a EU carbon budget consistent with pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. It is also proposed to establish a comprehensive strategy on methane emissions, given the high global warming potential of methane and its short atmospheric lifetime. The rapporteurs also propose to establish macro-regional partnerships that would draw up regional lists of cross-border renewable energy projects of Energy Union interest ('RPEI') contributing to the achievement of the 2030 renewable energy target.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 27 June 2017*

Respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications)

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Kaja Kallas](#)

Ms Kallas (ALDE) will present her opinion on Privacy and Electronic Communications to ITRE Members. The rapporteur is generally supportive of the proposal which aims to protect fundamental rights and freedoms, in particular the respect for private life, confidentiality of communications, the protection of personal data in the electronic communications sector and the guarantee of the free movement of electronic communications data, equipment and services in the Union.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 June 2017*
- *Vote in ITRE: 25 September 2017*
- *Vote in plenary: tbc*

European Electronic Communications Code (Recast)

Consideration of [amendments](#)

Rapporteur: [Pilar del Castillo Vera](#)

Members will discuss the AMs tabled in committee (1152) and the state of the negotiations on compromise amendments.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in ITRE: 11 September 2017*
- *Vote in plenary: tbc*

Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications

Consideration of [amendments](#)

Rapporteur: [Evžen Tošenovský](#)

Members will discuss the AMs tabled in committee (441) and the state of the negotiations on compromise amendments.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in ITRE: 11 September 2017*
- *Vote in plenary: tbc*

European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)

Malware causes for the first time the longest lasting incidents in Telecoms sector according to new ENISA report [More](#)

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Next ITRE meeting:

10-11 July 2017, Brussels

Promotion of Internet connectivity in local communities

Vote on the [provisional agreement](#) resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

Rapporteur: [Carlos Zorrinho](#)

On 21 June ITRE will vote on the text agreed during inter-institutional negotiations with the Maltese Presidency of the Council.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in plenary: September 2017*

A Space Strategy for Europe

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Constanze Krehl](#)

ITRE will vote on Ms Krehl's (S&D) report on the Space Strategy for Europe. The report welcomes the Commission's strategy, which will provide the framework for European space policy in the coming years. In particular, the report recognises the strategic importance of space policy and its significance for a wide range of other policy fields and calls for an increase in the space budget in the next MFF.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in plenary: June 2017*

Rules on the exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Angelika Mlinar](#)

ITRE will vote on its opinion on the regulation proposal on rules on the exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes. Ms Mlinar (ALDE) is the rapporteur in ITRE and JURI is the lead committee. 151 amendments have been tabled and the rapporteur and shadows have agreed on 17 compromise amendments.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in JURI: tbc*
- *Vote in plenary: tbc*

Continuing current limitations of scope for aviation activities and to prepare to implementing a global market-based measure from 2021

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Werner Langen](#)

ITRE will vote its opinion to the ENVI committee on the so called EU ETS Aviation proposal. A total of 59 amendments, including 9 in the Rapporteur's draft opinion, have been tabled to the report.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in ENVI: 11 July 2017*
- *Vote in plenary: tbc*

ITRE Contribution to ENVI resolution on COP 23 - Bonn

Adoption of compromise text

ITRE will vote on the draft text proposed as the committee's contribution to the ENVI motion for a resolution on the 2017 UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn (COP23). Paragraphs have been proposed on issues relevant for the ITRE Committee, namely: industry and competitiveness, energy policy, research, innovation and digital technologies. The text will be voted as a bloc.

Exchange of views with Mr Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, as part of the Structured Dialogue (15.00-16.30)

Commissioner Carlos Moedas is expected to give an update on the implementation of the part of the Commission Work Programme 2017 that falls under his responsibility. The exchange of views it is expected to touch on the ongoing midterm evaluation process, the BBI proposal, the work programmes 2018 to 2020 and the recently adopted Parliament resolution on Horizon 2020, which constitutes not only a comprehensive assessment on the actual implementation of Horizon 2020, but contains also clear ideas and proposals for the remaining years and in particular for FP9.

Exchange of views with Ms Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, as part of the Structured Dialogue (16.30-17.30)

Commissioner Bieńkowska will address the Committee on June 21. The meeting takes place in the framework of the structured dialogue. Mrs Bieńkowska is expected to update ITRE Members on the last developments and initiatives in the field of industrial, space and defence policy.

Exchange of views with Mr Miguel Arias Cañete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy as part of the Structured Dialogue (9.00-10.30)

Commissioner Arias Cañete will visit the ITRE Committee within the context of the structured dialogue between Parliament and the Commission. On this occasion he will give an update on the implementation of the Commission Work Programme for 2017 as far as energy policy is concerned. Furthermore, he is expected to give an outlook on upcoming initiatives and priorities for 2018. The debate with the Commissioner will also cover the progress made in the "Clean Energy Package".

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