

Words by the Chair



Dear Colleagues,

ITRE will hold its second meeting this month during which it will be welcoming several high-level guests to discuss various policy areas, including Ms. Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society. The Committee's exchange with the Commissioner will focus on the Cybersecurity package and the free flow of non-personal data. This discussion is also very timely, as ITRE has recently adopted its reports on the EEC and BEREC and negotiations with the Council on these files are expected to start soon.

The ITER project will also be on the agenda following the publication of a related Commission Communication earlier this year. The Committee will be welcoming representatives from the ITER organisation, Fusion4Energy and DG ENER to discuss the state of play of the project.

Moreover, Mr. Phil Wynn Owen, Member of the European Court of Auditors, will be presenting to the Committee the ECA 'Landscape review on Energy and Climate' while Mr. Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director at DG ENER will present the state of play of Nord Stream 2.

The Committee will discuss the amendments tabled to three of the files forming part of the Clean Energy Package, namely the Internal Market for Electricity,

Accelerating Clean Energy Innovation

Consideration of draft report

Rapporteurs: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

ITRE will hold the first exchange of views on its own-initiative report on 'accelerating clean energy innovation'. The report is mostly based on the eponymous communication of the Commission and accompanies the Committee's legislative work on the Clean Energy Package. In his draft proposal, the rapporteur looks at various aspects of the clean-energy transition in the Union, in particular the coherence of EU actions, the importance of long-term financing certainty, the leading role of the EU on the international stage and the importance of a bottom-up approach where citizens drive energy innovation.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 17 October 2017*
- *Consideration of amendments: 27-28 November 2017*
- *Vote in ITRE: tbc*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

Commission's proposals for a regulation and directive on the internal market for electricity

Consideration of amendments ([regulation](#) and [directive](#))

Rapporteurs: [Krišjānis Kariņš](#)

ITRE will discuss the amendments tabled to the Commission's proposals for a regulation and directive on the internal market for electricity. A total of 2820 amendments has been tabled to these two files: 1576 to the regulation and 1344 to the directive. These include the original amendments of the rapporteur, which constitute the draft reports. The Commission's proposals aim to overhaul and modernize the general framework of electricity markets in Europe with the aim of improving competitiveness and flexibility in an increasingly decentralized electricity system. Meeting the EU's climate targets will require a further increase of electricity produced by renewable energy sources, which will in turn require new solutions in grid balance management, such as better use of ICT. ITRE rapporteur Krišjānis Kariņš (EPP) will present his initial views on the amendments and how he intends to proceed with the negotiations amongst the political groups in the Parliament.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in ITRE: 11 December 2017*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (recast)

Consideration of amendments

Rapporteurs: [Morten Helveg Petersen](#)

The Committee will discuss amendments tabled to the proposal for a revised ACER Regulation, which forms part of the "Clean Energy for all Europeans Package" and is closely linked to the other proposals in the package, in particular those related to the revision of the electricity market. In total, 412 amendments were tabled to the draft report, touching upon a

ACER and the Risk-Preparedness in the Electricity markets. Several thousand amendments have been tabled to these files and this debate will be a part of the process of finding compromises.

ITRE will also hold the first exchange of views on the implementation of the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) which was adopted earlier this year. Now, the international agreements necessary to allow certain third countries to participate in the programme are being finalised and Parliament will need to give its consent.

During the upcoming meeting the Members will also vote on Committee's draft report on the Energy performance of buildings and on the opinion to JURI concerning the replacement of the Regulatory Procedure with Scrutiny with the post-Lisbon comitology procedures.

Finally, the outcome of the ITRE delegation visit to Poland in May this year will be presented to the Committee during this meeting as it was not possible to do so during our last meeting.

Jerzy Buzek

NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT A

Recent publications:

Study: The Potential of Electricity Demand Response

At a glance: Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - July 2017

Briefing: Study in focus: Review of EU-third country cooperation on policies falling within the ITRE domain in relation to Brexit

Study: Review of EU-third country cooperation on policies falling within the ITRE domain in relation to Brexit

Study: Workshop: Facilitating external trade via border management

variety of issues, both in relation to the objectives and tasks of the Agency and also with regard to its internal organisation and decision-making processes. While a number of amendments aim at increasing the Agency's responsibilities and resources, certain other amendments propose to limit ACER's powers and restrict the scope of its activities.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in ITRE: 11 December 2017*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

Risk-preparedness in the electricity sector

Consideration of [amendments](#)

Rapporteurs: [Flavio Zanonato](#)

ITRE will be considering the amendments tabled to the draft report on the Risk-Preparedness in the Electricity sector. A total of 233 amendments have been tabled, spanning the entirety of the text. Some amendments propose slight changes to the text, seeking to enhance certain parts of the instruments. Others are more radical and delete and replace sizeable parts of the text. Several amendments are directly linked to other files of the Clean Energy Package, such as the Governance and the ACER legislative proposals. This exchange of views is part of the process of finding a broad compromise on the amendments.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in ITRE: 11 December 2017*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

Energy performance of buildings

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Bendt Bendtsen](#)

The Committee will vote on the draft report on the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. More than 570 amendments were tabled to the draft report of the rapporteur, who has proposed 53 compromise amendments ahead of the vote. ENVI has provided its opinion to this report.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in plenary: tbc*

Adapting a number of legal acts providing for the use of the regulatory procedure with scrutiny to Articles 290 and 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Draftsperson: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

The Lisbon Treaty introduced a new hierarchy of acts, including an explicit distinction between delegated and implementing acts (Articles 290 and 291 of the TFEU respectively). Following the entry into force of the Treaty, it was agreed to proceed via a progressive adaptation of legal acts containing a reference to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny (RPS) to Articles 290 and 291 TFEU. In 2013, the Commission submitted three proposals aimed at aligning to the provisions of the Lisbon Treaty a number of legal acts providing for the use of the RPS. The European Parliament adopted its legislative resolutions on these proposals on 25 February 2014 but, due to the stagnation of the interinstitutional negotiations on these files, the Commission withdrew them in 2015.

The question of the alignment was taken up again during the revision of the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-Making. All institutions acknowledged the need for the alignment. The Commission submitted in 2016 a new proposal.

On 11 October, ITRE will endorse its position regarding the eight pieces of legislation included in the proposal that fall under its remit. This position takes the form of a letter, which will be sent to JURI, the lead committee on this matter.

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

ACER launches a Public Consultation on the revision of electronic formats for reporting under REMIT [More](#)

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

BEREC invites to its next public debriefing [More](#)

European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)

ENISA and Dutch National Cyber Security Centre organised the 5th NCSS workshop [More](#)

European Global Navigation Satellite System Gns Agency (GSA)

Time is of the essence [More](#)

Next ITRE meeting:

6 November 2017, Brussels

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

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

Exchange of views on PRIMA implementation: conclusion of international agreements

After the adoption of PRIMA in July this year, the European Commission has negotiated a series of international agreements with those third countries that are not participants in Horizon 2020. The aim of these agreements is to enable these countries to participate in PRIMA as of January 2018. So far the Commission has concluded agreements with Algeria, Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon and has asked the Council to adopt the signature of these agreements. In order for Parliament to be ready to express itself on the consent to these agreements in time for their implementation by the beginning of 2018, ITRE will commence its work on these procedures with a first exchange of views on the issue.

EU contribution to a reformed ITER project, Exchange of views with Mr Gerassimos Thomas, Deputy Director-General for Energy, DG ENER, Mr Bernard Bigot, Director-General, ITER Organization and Mr Johannes Schwemmer, Director, F4E Agency

ITRE will welcome Mr Gerassimos Thomas, Deputy Director-General for Energy, DG ENER, Mr Bernard Bigot, Director-General, ITER Organization and Mr Johannes Schwemmer, Director, F4E Agency for an exchange of views on the EU contribution to a reformed ITER project.

The exchange of views follows up on the Commission Communication of June 2017 on the same issue. The Union is the lead contributor to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project and its future contributions to the project will be a part of the upcoming negotiations on the new Multiannual Financial Framework. The presentations of the guests on the state of play and future outlooks of the ITER will be followed by an exchange of views with Members.

European Court of Auditors' Landscape review on Energy and climate, Exchange of views with Mr Phil Wynn Owen, Member of the European Court of Auditors

ITRE will welcome Mr Phil Wynn Owen, Member of the Court and Dean of the Chamber 1, responsible for Sustainable use of natural resources.

Mr Phil Wynn Owen will debrief the Committee on the ECA Landscape Review on Energy and Climate. This Landscape Review provides an overview of EU action, summarises key audit work by the European Court of Auditors and EU national audit institutions, and identifies the main challenges, in order to inform both the legislative debate and future audit work. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Members.

Exchange of views with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society on Cybersecurity package and free flow of non-personal data, as part of the Structured Dialogue

On 11 October, as part of the Structured Dialogue, ITRE will hold an exchange of views with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, on Cybersecurity package and free flow of non-personal data. Commissioner Gabriel is expected to give an update on the implementation of her part of the Commission Work Programme (CWP) 2017, including the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC) and BEREC proposals, with a look towards the forthcoming 2018 CWP. ITRE adopted its reports on the EECC and BEREC proposals on 2 October, and negotiations with the Council are expected to start soon. The Commissioner will also present the new Cybersecurity package, which includes a proposal for an updated and expanded ENISA Regulation, as well as the proposal for a Regulation on the free flow of non-personal data. ITRE is the lead Committee for both files and the exchange with the Commissioner is expected to kick-off the work on these legislative proposals.

Negotiation mandate for Nord Stream 2: state of play, Presentation by Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director, European Commission

The Commission will provide a state of play of the discussions in the Council on the negotiation mandate for Nord Stream 2 followed by an exchange of views with Members.



ITRE mission to Poland (22-24 May), Debriefing

Between 22-23 May 2017 an ITRE delegation visited Poland on a fact-finding mission related to ITRE competences. The delegation, composed of Michał Boni (EPP), Maria Spyrański (EPP), Krystyna Łybacka (S&D), Zdzisław Krasnodebski (ECR) and led by the Chair of ITRE, Jerzy Buzek, visited Warsaw and Krakow, going through a packed programme of meetings with various stakeholders.

The main aims of the mission were to a) learn more about the Polish energy-mix and about innovation in the field of clean energy, b) to meet with Polish start-up founders and entrepreneurs in order to understand first-hand their innovative approach and the challenges that they face and c) to get a better idea of the impact that EU funds are having on these sectors and how this could be improved.

Throughout the two days, the delegation met with several innovative start-ups offering e-Health digital solutions and start-ups in the digital sector. It also visited the ICM Technology Centre, the Targowa 56 Centre of Creativity, where it was received by Mr. Michał Olszewski, Deputy-Mayor of Warsaw, the Zabrze Clean Coal Technology Centre, the Kraków Technology Park and the Krakow Life Science Park. The mission served to collect important first-hand information directly from the stakeholders and the beneficiaries of the legislation for which ITRE is responsible and this information will be used to improve the work of the Committee in the future.

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