

Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

For our second meeting this month we will have the pleasure of welcoming Mr Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport. The Commissioner will be visiting ITRE as part of the Structured Dialogue between Parliament and the Commission. Our Committee is particularly interested in the state of play and future developments of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT), the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and Marie Skłodowska-Curie mobility actions.

ITRE will hold a Public Hearing on the Cybersecurity Act, during which Members will exchange views with several experts on the issue, coming from diverse backgrounds. The hearing will take place in two parts, with one focusing on ENISA's new mandate and another dealing with the certification framework.

ITRE will also be considering its draft report on the regulation establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme. This is a key piece of legislation aimed at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry.

Establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Françoise Grossetête](#)

Ms Grossetête (EPP) will present her draft report on the European Defence Industrial Development Programme. The rapporteur broadly supports the Commission proposal, which is a step towards ensuring that the European defence industrial base continues to be fit for purpose and supports the strategic autonomy of the Union. Given that the Programme should support defence industrial activities as from 1 January 2019, the file should be agreed promptly in 2018.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 30 November 2017*
- *Consideration of amendments: 11 January 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 21 February 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

Common rules for the internal market in natural gas

Exchange of views

Rapporteur: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

ITRE will hold a first exchange of views on the recent Commission proposal to amend Directive 2009/73/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas. Building upon the solidarity aspect of the Energy Union, the Commission proposes common rules for existing and future gas pipelines entering the European internal gas market. The main objective of the proposal is to clarify that the core principles of EU energy legislation, such as third-party access, tariff regulation, ownership unbundling and transparency, apply to all gas pipelines between the Union and third countries and to ensure that all major pipelines entering the EU territory comply with EU rules.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Consideration of draft report: 11 January 2018*
- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 16 January 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 21 February 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary (mandate): February II 2018*

Free flow of non-personal data in the European Union

Exchange of views

Rapporteur: [Zdzisław Krasnodbski](#)

On 28 November, ITRE will hold a first exchange of views on the proposal for a regulation on the "Free flow of non-personal data". The meeting will provide a first occasion for the ITRE rapporteur, Mr Krasnodbski (ECR), and for the shadow rapporteurs to present their ideas on the Commission's proposal, which is aimed at reducing current restrictions to data mobility. The timetable of the file still needs to be confirmed.

The Committee will further continue its work on energy-related legislation by holding a first exchange of views on the proposed amendments to the common rules for the internal market in natural gas. The main objective of this proposal is to clarify the application of the core energy rules and principles of the EU to all gas pipelines to and from third countries so that when entering EU territory these pipelines comply with EU legislation.

With regard to its telecommunications remit, ITRE will commence its work on the free flow of non-personal data in the European Union. This will be the first exchange of views on this proposal, which has the ultimate aim of reducing existing restrictions to data mobility.

The Committee will also be voting on its draft reports on four main pieces of legislation, namely the 'Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast)', the 'Energy Efficiency' directive and two opinions on the 'E-card'.

Finally, during this meeting, ITRE will be holding presentations on ACER's Annual Market Monitoring Report, and on a study on "Review of EU-third country cooperation on policies falling within the ITRE domain in relation to Brexit" as well as a debriefing on ITRE missions to ENISA and ACER.

Jerzy Buzek

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Recent publications:

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Periodicals: [Ban glyphosate - European Citizens' Initiative](#)

Briefing: [Digitising Industry \(Industry 4.0\) and Cybersecurity](#)

Study: [The Potential of Electricity Demand Response](#)

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

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [José Blanco López](#)

ITRE will vote on the Commission proposal for a directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast). 1300 amendments have been tabled by the Members of the ITRE Committee, including the ones proposed by the rapporteur in his draft report. Most amendments will be covered by 20 compromise amendments, which were agreed among political groups ahead of the vote. ENVI, which has exclusive competences on certain parts of the proposal under Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure, has also provided its opinion (192 amendments). Other opinion-giving committees are AGRI, PETI and DEVE. JURI has provided an opinion regarding the use of the recast technique.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: January 2018*

Energy Efficiency

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Adam Gierak](#)

ITRE will vote on the Commission proposal for the review of the Energy Efficiency Directive. 694 amendments have been tabled by the Members of the Committee, including the ones proposed by the rapporteur in his draft report. Most amendments will be covered by 25 compromise amendments, which were agreed among political groups ahead of the vote. ENVI has also provided its opinion.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary (negotiating mandate): November II 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary (ITRE report): tbc*

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a European services e-card and related administrative facilities
- Directive of the European parliament and of the Council on the legal and operational framework of the European services e-card introduced by Regulation ... [ESC regulation]

Adoption of [draft opinions](#)

Draftsperson: [Maria Spyrali](#)

ITRE will vote on two opinions on the European services e-card and related administrative facilities and on the legal and operational framework of the European services e-card, for which IMCO is the lead committee. 29 amendments have been tabled to the proposal for a Regulation and 61 to the proposal for a Directive. The rapporteur, Maria Spyrali, puts forward 2 compromises amendments for the Regulation and 12 for the Directive.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead committee (IMCO): 22 March 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Clara Poletti appointed as Vice-Chair of ACER Board of Regulators [More](#)

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Public Hearing on 'Cybersecurity Act'

On 27 November 2017, the ITRE Committee will hold a public hearing in the context of the legislative work on the 'Cybersecurity Act', which was adopted by the European Commission on 13 November 2017. The hearing will be divided in two parts. The first part will focus on ENISA (the "EU Cybersecurity Agency") and its new mandate, and the second on the European cybersecurity certification framework and its impact on the European cybersecurity and the industry. The hearing will allow Members to have a dialogue with the relevant experts and stakeholders on the content of the Commission's proposals.

Exchange of views with Mr Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, as part of the Structured Dialogue

Mr. Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, will visit ITRE, within the context of the structured dialogue with the Commission, to discuss the state of play and future developments in those areas of his portfolio which fall under the Committee's remit. The debate is expected to focus particularly on various activities under the Horizon 2020 programme such as the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT), the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and Marie Skłodowska-Curie mobility actions.

ACER Presentation of annual Market Monitoring Report and exchange of views

The Third Energy Package tasks the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) with monitoring the internal markets for electricity and gas. For this purpose, the Agency prepares an annual market monitoring report in close cooperation with the European Commission, National Regulatory Authorities and other relevant organisations. The legal basis for the Agency's market monitoring duties is in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No. 713 /2009. ACER will present to ITRE the newly released latest edition, which consists of four volumes covering electricity wholesale markets, gas wholesale markets, electricity and gas retail markets and consumer protection and empowerment, respectively.

Next ITRE meeting:
11 December 2017, Strasbourg

ITRE mission to ENISA (European Union Agency for Network and Information Security), Athens (19-20 September 2017), Debriefing

The European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) is a centre of expertise for cyber security in Europe and falls under the remit of ITRE. From 19 to 20 September, an ITRE delegation visited ENISA to follow its activities.

Members of the European Parliament official delegation: Angelika NIEBLER (EPP), Cora VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN (ALDE).

The main topics discussed during the visit were:

- recent ENISA regulation proposal by the Commission ("Cybersecurity Act");
- the work, budget and human resources of ENISA;
- the importance of coordination and the role of ENISA;
- ENISA objectives - increasing capabilities and preparedness, improving cooperation and coordination, increasing EU level capabilities to complement MS action, avoiding fragmentation of certification schemes, transparency of cybersecurity assurance;
- overview of training activities provided by ENISA, raising awareness about Cybersecurity.

ITRE mission to ACER (Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators), Ljubljana (21 September 2017), Debriefing

An ITRE delegation visited ACER at its headquarters in Ljubljana on 21 September 2017. Members of the delegation will provide feedback from the discussion with ACER, which mainly focused on the progress and challenges in completing the internal market in the electricity and gas sectors, the Agency's work in relation to energy infrastructure and REMIT as well as on the severe resource constraints under which ACER has to operate. Furthermore the delegation exchanged views with ACER on the progress made with regard to the legislative proposals forming part of the Clean Energy Package in general and the ongoing revision of the ACER Regulation in particular.

Study on "Review of EU-third country cooperation on policies falling within the ITRE domain in relation to Brexit", presentation by J. Scott Marcus

There will be a presentation of the study on a "Review of EU-third country cooperation on policies falling within the ITRE domain in relation to Brexit". The objective of the study was to examine how the EU cooperates with third countries in various of the fields falling within the ITRE remit. This will provide background information for the negotiations with the United Kingdom on the future relationship, which will begin once the European Council decides that sufficient progress has been made in the negotiations on the withdrawal agreement.

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