

## Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

First of all, allow me to extend my sincere best wishes for the new year to you and your loved ones.

As the last 'full year' of the current legislature, 2018 promises to be very busy for the European Parliament, and more particularly for the ITRE committee, as we are determined to conclude several important pieces of legislation before the end of term.

During its first January meeting, ITRE will continue to work on the European Defence Industrial Development Programme. Over four hundred amendments have been tabled to the rapporteur's proposal. These amendments will now be discussed among the Committee members with a view to facilitating compromises. We will also consider two draft reports: one on the Common rules for the internal market in natural gas and the other on the European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), for which ITRE is preparing an opinion.

Finally, the Committee will vote on three draft reports, namely the own initiative report on 'Accelerating Clean Energy Innovation', the agreement for scientific and

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

Consideration of amendments

Rapporteur: [Françoise Grossetête](#)

ITRE Members have tabled more than 430 amendments to the Commission proposal on the European Defence Industrial Development Programme, in addition to those included in the rapporteur's draft report. The amendments cover most of the issues addressed in the Commission proposal, and in particular the objectives, the sources of the budget, the eligible actions and entities, the award criteria and the funding rates.

#### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in ITRE: 21 February 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

### Common rules for the internal market in natural gas

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

The rapporteur will present his draft report on a Commission proposal to amend Directive 2009 /73/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas. The Commission proposal extends the scope of application of the Directive to pipelines to and from third countries, including existing and future pipelines, up to the border of EU 'jurisdiction'. The rapporteur welcomes the proposal but puts forward a number of amendments which aim to complement and further strengthen some of the provisions. Among them is a clarification of the Directive's scope, stricter conditions and a maximum time limit for derogations and a shortened deadline for the transposition of the Directive.

#### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

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

### A European One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Draftsperson: [Lieve Wierinck](#)

The ITRE rapporteur, Ms Wierinck (ALDE), will present her draft opinion to the ENVI own-initiative report on One Health Action Plan against Antimicrobial Resistance. The fight against antimicrobial resistance is one of the challenges of the Horizon 2020 Framework programme on Research and Innovation. The rapporteur in particular states that AMR-related challenges will increase in the years ahead and effective action is reliant on continued, cross-sectoral investments in research & innovation (R&I), so that better tools, products and approaches can be developed following a 'One Health' approach. In this sense, she formulates several concrete actions to be taken.

technological cooperation between the Union and Brazil' and, last but not least, ITRE's opinion on the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

Jerzy Buzek

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## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 12 January 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 21 February 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 16 May 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

## Accelerating Clean Energy Innovation

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

ITRE will vote on the own-initiative report on Accelerating Clean Energy Innovation. 179 amendments have been tabled to the report and 31 compromises amendments have been agreed upon.

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: February 11 2018*

## Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Angelo Ciocca](#)

ITRE committee will vote on its recommendation on the draft Council decision concerning the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil.

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: February 1 2018*

## The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Draftsperson: [Marian-Jean Marinescu](#)

ITRE will vote on its position on the post-2020 MFF programmes, notably the Framework programme for research and innovation, the space, energy and telecom programmes. 180 amendments were introduced as well as 30 compromise amendments.

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

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

**Next ITRE meeting:**  
22-23 January 2018, Brussels

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