

Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

For our second meeting this month, we will have the pleasure of hosting several key guests, with whom we will be discussing policy issues across the whole spectrum of ITRE's remit.

The Bulgarian presidency will be presenting its priorities for the coming six months for the ITRE policy areas. Ms Temenuzhka Petkova, Minister for Energy, will outline the Presidency's roadmap for energy and nuclear matters, Mr. Ivaylo Moskovski, Minister for Transport and ITC, will lay out the priorities for telecommunication and the digital agenda, Mr. Emil Karanikolov, Minister for Economy, will present the priorities in the fields of space, industry and SMEs, while the Minister for Education and Science, Mr. Karsimir Valchev, will speak on research and innovation.

ITRE will also be welcoming two Commissioners within the context of the Structured Dialogue with the Commission. With Commissioner Carlos Moedas, the Committee will discuss the mid-term review of Horizon 2020 and the preparations for 9th Framework Programme, while with Commissioner Mariya Gabriel we will be discussing the 'Cyber Security Package', which is to equip Europe with the right tools to deal with cyber-attacks, as well as propose new measures to boost investment in innovation.

Commission Delegated Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the Union list of projects of common interest

Scrutiny session - Exchange of views with Commission representatives

Projects of common interest (PCIs) are key infrastructure projects, especially cross-border projects, that link the energy systems of EU countries. They are intended to help the EU achieve its energy policy and climate objectives: affordable, secure and sustainable energy for all citizens, and the long-term decarbonisation of the economy in accordance with the Paris Agreement. Every two years, the European Commission draws up a new list of PCIs. The Commission has been invited by the ITRE Committee to present the delegated act by which the third list of PCIs is adopted. This event takes place in the framework of Parliament's scrutiny over Commission's implementing powers.

Implementation of the Ecodesign Directive (2009/125/EC)

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Michèle Rivasi](#)

The rapporteur, Ms Michèle Rivasi (Greens), will present in ITRE her draft opinion (to ENVI) on the implementation of the Ecodesign Directive (2009/125/EC). The Ecodesign Directive, which was adopted in 2009, sets out minimum mandatory requirements for improving the environmental performance of products, such as household appliances, information and communication technologies or engineering. The opinion looks at the implementation of the Directive. The rapporteur recommends that more consumer products are included within the scope of the Directive, and emphasises that priority should be given to ICT products that are sold in large numbers and replaced frequently. She also calls for the ecodesign criteria to be broadened to include resource efficiency, the circular economy and health. Focusing on the criteria of durability, upgradability, reparability and recyclability will also provide a unique opportunity for job development. She also stresses the need to optimise the market surveillance of products placed on the market.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 25 January 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 21 March 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 25 April 2018*

Rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Draftsperson: [Claude Turmes](#)

During its next meeting, ITRE will consider a draft opinion on a Commission proposal aiming at amending rules and general principles in the field of implementing powers. The rapporteur, Mr. Turmes (Greens), focuses his amendments on the improvement of transparency throughout the entire legislative process, providing public with more access to information.

During this meeting ITRE will also move ahead with its legislative work. The Committee will consider the draft opinions on the 'Implementation of the Ecodesign Directive' and on the changes being proposed to the mechanisms for control of the Commission's implementing powers. The Committee will also be deliberating on an important delegated act, namely the one concerning Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) in the area of energy.

During this meeting ITRE will also be holding its first Public Hearing of 2018, namely on the future of the European defence industrial policy. This is a very topical issue for our Committee, particularly in view of the current Commission proposal for a European Defence Industrial Development Programme which sets out proposals to support an innovative European defence industry and defence capability priorities agreed by EU countries

The Committee will also be welcoming Professor Tommaso Calarco, Director of the Centre for Integrated Quantum Science and Technology of the University of Ulm, to discuss the EU Quantum Technology initiative. As the Committee responsible for research and innovation it is very important for ITRE to keep abreast with the latest technological and scientific developments which will shape our future.

Jerzy Buzek

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- *Vote in lead Committee (JURI): tbc*

Public Hearing on 'The Future of Defence Industrial Policy'

Monday, 22 January 2018, 15:00-17:30
Room: JAN 4Q2



On 22 January 2018, the ITRE Committee will be holding a public hearing on the future of defence industrial policy, which will focus on the current Commission proposal on the European Defence Industrial Development Programme. This is one of the building blocks of the European Defence Fund and should be the forerunner to programmes in the next MFF to support defence industrial development and defence research. The final programme is available on the [hearing webpage](#).

Exchange of views with Mr Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, as part of the Structured Dialogue and presentation of the Cybersecurity Act

On 23 January, as part of the Structured Dialogue, ITRE will hold an exchange of views with Mr Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, on the main conclusions of the Horizon 2020 midterm evaluation in view of the Framework Programme 9 proposal, and with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, on the legislative proposal "Cybersecurity Act" that updates the mandate of the European agency ENISA and introduces a certification scheme for cybersecurity.



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EU Quantum Technology initiative, Presentation by Prof. Tommaso Calarco, Director, Centre for Integrated Quantum Science and Technology, University of Ulm

Prof. Dr. Tommaso Calarco, coordinator of the Coordination and Support Action mandated to prepare the start of the Quantum Technologies Flagship in early 2019, will update Members on this projects financed up to 500 million Euro under Horizon 2020.

Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Visit of Ms Temenuzhka Petkova, Minister of Energy and Mr Ivaylo Moskovski, Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications, and of Mr Emil Karanikolov, Minister of Economy and Mr Krasimir Valchev, Minister of Education and Science

On 23 January, ITRE will welcome four Bulgarian Ministers who will present the priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency for the coming six months in the Committee's policy areas.

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Mr Krasimir Valchev, Minister of Education and Science, will present the Presidency priorities for research and innovation; Mr Ivaylo Moskovski, Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications will focus on the telecoms and digital agenda; Ms Temenuzhka Petkova, Bulgarian Minister of Energy will cover the priorities for energy, nuclear issues and Mr Emil Karanikolov, Minister of Economy, will outline the priorities of the Presidency in the fields of industry, SMEs and space.

Feedback from ongoing negotiations (EECC/Del Castillo, BEREC/Tošenovský, EPBD/Bendtsen)

The rapporteurs, Ms. Del Castillo (EPP) and Mr Tošenovský (ECR), will report back from the trilogue held on 6 December. It should be stressed that BEREC will be agreed in parallel with the European Electronic Communications Code, to ensure consistency between the two texts.

Mr. Bendtsen (EPP), rapporteur on the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive will provide feedback on the informal trilogues and the provisional agreement reached in negotiations with the Council on 19 December 2017.

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