

### Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

In this meeting we will address a number of different topics under the ITRE remit, ranging from energy, industry to digital issues.

In the field of energy, several files will be under discussion, including Investment projects in energy infrastructure and two draft opinions on two legislative proposals from the Clean Mobility Package, concerning new CO2 emission performance standards for cars and vans, and the promotion of clean vehicles in public procurement. The Committee will also hold a debate with representatives of the Energy Community, an international organisation which aims at extending the EU internal energy market to South East Europe and also to Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia.

In addition to these, the Committee will also consider the following draft reports – the extension of the Euratom Research and Training Programme until 2020, the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking report and an important digital report on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency", which is part of the priority files under the Joint Declaration.

### Regulation on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency", and repealing Regulation (EU) 526 /2013, and on Information and Communication Technology cybersecurity certification ("Cybersecurity Act")

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Draftsperson: [Angelika Niebler](#)

The rapporteur, Ms Niebler, will present her draft report on Enisa, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency". The draft report contains 92 amendments. On the part aiming at reforming the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA), Ms Niebler's proposal clarifies the limits of the ENISA mandate regarding the competences of the Member States while giving new tasks. Regarding the EU cybersecurity certification system, the report introduces a multiannual Union work programme; reinforces the role of the industry in its development; redefines the assurance levels, making high level certification compulsory and allowing for self-assessment for the basic level; establishes a notification system for national certification schemes and introduces audits.

#### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 April 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 19 June 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary (mandate): July 2018*

### Investment projects in energy infrastructure within the European Union

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Draftsperson: [Barbara Kappel](#)

At this meeting, the ITRE committee will consider a draft report on the proposal from the Commission to repeal Regulation (EU) No 256/2014, which requires Member States to notify the Commission on investment projects in energy infrastructures. Following the 2016 fitness check exercise, the Commission concluded that the information could be obtained via other high-quality sources. Therefore, it proposes to remove these reporting obligations which were duplicating other exercises.

The rapporteur, Ms Barbara Kappel, welcomes the proposal from the Commission in accordance with the better regulation exercise, and proposes to approve it without amendment.

#### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 April 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 19 June 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: September 2018*

We will also hold two exchange of views. The first with Mr Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, as part of the Structured Dialogue with a key focus on the ongoing negotiation on the Defence Industrial Development Programme and on preparation of the post-2020 programmes. The second exchange of views will be with BUDG rapporteur Mr Daniele Viotti, on ITRE Priorities in 2019 Budget.

Finally, the Committee will vote on four draft opinions, namely on the 'Framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the EU', on the 'Free flow of non-personal data in the EU', on 'Language equality in the Digital age' and on the 'Commission's exercise of implementing powers'.

Jerzy Buzek

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European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)

## Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Draftsperson: [Rebecca Harms](#)

Having held a debate on the proposal of the Commission, ITRE will now be considering the draft proposal of Ms Rebecca Harms (Greens) on the extension of the Euratom Research and Training Programme until 2020. The Rapporteur is proposing several amendments to the text of the Commission, including putting more focus on research in nuclear safety during decommissioning and emergency preparedness and research in nuclear waste management and disposal. Given the current energy landscape, the Rapporteur also questions the use of public funds to support research in future reactor technologies.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 April 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 10 July 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: September 2018*

## European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Draftsperson: [Balčytis Zigmantas](#)

The rapporteur will present his draft report on a Commission proposal for a Council regulation on establishing the European high Performance Computing Joint Undertaking, for which the European Parliament is required to draft a report under the consultation procedure. The Commission proposal is a response based on the need of European science and industry to access world-leading HPC and data infrastructures to keep pace with the growing demands and complexity of the problems to be solved. It builds on the 2012 Communication on "High performance computing: Europe's place in a global race". With this new proposal the Commission and the Member States would start creating a leading European HPC and big data ecosystem, underpinned by a world-class HPC, data and network infrastructure. Such an infrastructure would help the EU to become one of the world's top supercomputing powers by 2022/2023 thanks to exascale supercomputers based on European technology.

The rapporteur stresses that involvement of academic and research institutions and other stakeholders should be encouraged, as well as guaranteeing the data flow between the supercomputer and the researcher ("end mile"). He would like to ensure a level playing field for users from all Member States, scientists and industries, and administrative simplification.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 April 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 19 June 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

## Emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles (recast)

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Draftsperson: [Jakop Dalunde](#)

The Commission proposal sets new CO2 emission standards for cars and vans in the EU for the period after 2020. The proposal provides for an EU-fleet-wide target of 15 % emission reductions compared to 2021 for 2025 and of 30 % for 2030. The ITRE Rapporteur for the opinion, Mr Dalunde (Greens/EFA), will present his draft opinion on this proposal, for which ENVI is lead committee. The Rapporteur proposes higher CO2 emission reduction targets of 45 % for 2025 and 75% for 2030 and a target of 0g CO2/km for 2035. He also proposes a binding minimum share of 15 % zero-emission vehicles by 2025. In order to incentivise light-weighting and downsizing of vehicles, the Rapporteur suggests to remove the differentiation of manufacturer-specific targets based on vehicle mass. He also suggests to empower the Commission to adjust the emission reduction targets in the event of discrepancies between real world emissions and measured emissions.

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#### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 April 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 10 July 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 10 September 2018*

### Promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Draftsperson: [Claude Turmes](#)

The rapporteur will present his draft opinion (to ENVI) on the Commission proposal amending Directive 2009/33/EC on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles. The Commission proposal widens the Directive's scope, extending it to forms of procurement other than purchase, namely vehicle lease, rent or hire-purchase. It sets a definition for clean light-duty vehicles based on a combined CO<sub>2</sub> and air pollutant emissions threshold, and makes it possible to adopt a delegated act to adapt the same approach for heavy-duty vehicles.

The proposal also sets minimum targets at Member State level for the procurement of clean vehicles. The rapporteur welcomes the Commission proposal and puts forward a number of amendments which aim to strengthen the emission thresholds for light-duty and heavy-duty vehicles as well as the minimum targets to be achieved by Members States by 2020, 2025 and 2030 as regards the procurement of clean vehicles. The Rapporteur is also proposing to replace the term 'clean vehicle' used in the Directive with 'ultra-low emission vehicle'.

#### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 30 April 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 19 June 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 10 September 2018*

### Establishing a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the European Union

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Reinhard Bütikofer](#)

ITRE will vote on its draft report on the screening of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). A total of 335 amendments have been tabled, including the 59 that make up the original proposal of the Rapporteur. Agreement has been found on 24 compromise amendments that cover the majority of the text. ITRE is involved in this procedure as associated committee, with INTA, under Rule 54.

#### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead Committee (INTA): 17 May 2018*

### Free flow of non-personal data in the European Union

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Zdzisław Krasnodębski](#)

ITRE will vote on the opinion on the proposal for a Regulation on free flow of non-personal data, for which IMCO is the lead committee. 78 amendments have been tabled by the Members of the Committee, including the ones proposed by the rapporteur, Zdzisław Krasnodębski, in his draft opinion. Most amendments will be covered by 6 compromise amendments, which were agreed among political groups ahead of the vote.

#### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead Committee (IMCO): 4 June 2018*

## Language equality in the digital age

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Marisa Matias](#)

ITRE will vote on its position on the CULT own-initiative report. 69 amendments were tabled as well as 11 compromise amendments.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 25 April 2018*

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

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Claude Turmes](#)

ITRE will vote on its position on the ENVI report. 76 amendments were tabled, including those of the Rapporteur, and 6 compromise amendments have been agreed.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 25 April 2018*

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## Exchange of views with BUDG rapporteur on ITRE Priorities in 2019 Budget

The ITRE Committee will welcome the General Rapporteur of the European Parliament for the European Union's general budget for the year 2019. Mr Daniele Viotti will give an overview of the general approach of the European Parliament in this year's budgetary procedure and hold an exchange of views with ITRE Members on how ITRE priorities could be reflected in the European Parliament's overall position on the 2019 budget.

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## Exchange of views with Mr Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, as part of the Structured Dialogue

It is expected that the exchange will mainly focus on the ongoing negotiations on the Defence Industrial Development Programme, the activities planned on industrial policy and on the preparation of the post-2020 programmes that fall within the remit of the ITRE Committee.

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## Exchange of views with Energy Community

The ITRE Committee will hold an exchange of views with Mr Janez Kopac, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat and national Parliamentarians from Energy Community Contracting Parties. The Director of the Energy Community will give an introductory presentation of the organisation's ongoing work. Furthermore, he will make reference to the Clean Energy Package and its implications for the Energy Community. This will be followed by a discussion and debate with Members and Parliamentarians of the Energy Community contracting Parties.

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## Feedback from ongoing negotiations

ITRE members will be debriefed on ongoing negotiations on the following files:

- RED - Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast) (Rapporteur: Mr Blanco López)
  - Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry (COM(2017) 0294 – C8-0180/2017 – 2017/0125(COD)) (Rapporteur: Ms Grossetête)
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