

Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

The June meeting will include a plethora of topics, ranging from presentations of draft opinions to exchanges of views with three Commissioners in view of the recent MFF programmes, a number of votes, reports from ongoing negotiations, as well as a workshop. The meeting will kick off with a consideration of the opinion "Deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in European Union: time to act!". Mr Krasnodebski will present his draft opinion on deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in which he calls on the Member States to accelerate the update of research related to electro-mobility and stresses the importance of ensuring fair access for electricity providers to recharging points in order to avoid monopoly situations. That will be followed by the discussion of the legislative opinion on Structural funds and the proposal from the Commission to introduce a two year testing phase for a new financial instrument, provisionally financed with existing EU funds. That would support structural reforms in Member States under the European Semester. This has met the opposition by the rapporteur of the ITRE opinion who will lead what will surely be a lively debate on the issue.

Deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: Time to act!

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Draftsperson: [Zdzisław Krasnodebski](#)

The rapporteur, Mr Krasnodebski (ECR), will present his draft opinion on deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels. In his draft opinion the rapporteur calls on the Member States to accelerate the update of research related to electro-mobility and wants to see ambitious EU funding under the next MFF (multiannual financial framework). The rapporteur stresses the importance of ensuring fair access for electricity providers to recharging points in order to avoid monopoly situations.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 19 June 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 10 July 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (TRAN): 24 September 2018*

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083 /2006 as regards support to structural reforms in Member States

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Draftsperson: [Sofia Sakorafa](#)

The Committee will hold a consideration of the draft opinion on a regulation amending several EU funds so as to support structural reforms in Member States. Under the post-2020 multiannual financial framework, the Commission intends to propose a new tool to support Member States in the implementation of the structural reforms adopted in the framework of the European Semester. This tool shall have its own budgetary endowment, separate from and in addition to the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI). The proposal under discussion has been introduced by the Commission to test the main features of this reform delivery tool in a pilot phase for the period 2018-2020, by offering the possibility to Member States to use all or part of the performance reserve in the current European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds to support reforms instead of specific projects. The rapporteur has expressed her opposition to this legislative proposal in her draft opinion.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 19 June 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 10 July 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (REGI): tbc*

Within the Structured Dialogue we expect three lively and intense exchange of views with Commissioners Carlos Moedas, Mariya Gabriel, and Elżbieta Bieńkowska, who will present the newly adopted MFF legislative programmes. We will also have a presentation of the Connecting Europe Facility instrument in the area of energy, as part of the newly adopted MFF legislative programmes, by Director General Dominique Ristori.

Vote-wise, several important files will be decided upon. The ITRE Committee will vote on the provisional agreement reached with the Council on the European Defence Industrial Development Programme. This is a historic piece of legislation, since for the first time the EU budget will support defence-related activities.

Three important votes with international relevance will also be voted, namely the Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union and the Extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Government of the United States of America. The ITRE Committee will decide whether to recommend to Parliament to give its consent to the agreement between the EU and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar in relation to satellite navigation services. The committee will also vote on the energy and infrastructure related files - Investment projects in energy infrastructure within EU and Promotion clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles. ITRE will also vote on the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking. This report also prepares the ground for the upcoming MFF Digital Europe Programme file.

Rapporteurs will report on the current inter-institutional negotiations concerning BEREC, European Electronic Communications Code, Renewable Energy Directive, the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Governance of the Energy Union. A debriefing on the recent ITRE mission to Silicon Valley will also take place.

Finally, the meeting will be wrapped up with a workshop on 'Brexit and ICT policy' which will provide a chance to explore in detail the potential impact of Brexit on ICT policy and indicate possible ways forward for the EU27.

Jerzy Buzek

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

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

Rapporteur: [Françoise Grossetête](#)

The ITRE Committee will vote on the provisional agreement reached with the Council on the European Defence Industrial Development Programme. This is an historic piece of legislation, since it represents the first time that the EU budget will support defence-related activities.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: July 2018*

European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Zigmantas Balčytis](#)

ITRE will vote on its draft report on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation on establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (HPC), for which the European Parliament is required to draft a report under the consultation procedure. A total of 135 amendments have been tabled, including the 14 that make up the original proposal of the Rapporteur. Agreement has been found on 12 compromise amendments.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: July 2018*

Promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Claude Turmes](#)

ITRE will vote on its opinion to the ENVI Committee on the Commission proposal amending Directive 2009/33/EC on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles. 161 amendments have been tabled by the Members of the Committee, including those proposed by the rapporteur, Mr Turmes (Greens), in his draft opinion.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: October / 2018*

Investment projects in energy infrastructure within the European Union

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Barbara Kappel](#)

ITRE will vote on its position on the repealing regulation on the notification of investment projects in energy infrastructure within the EU. Four amendments have been tabled.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: July 2018*

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Briefing: An EU intellectual property policy to boost innovation

Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Rolandas Paksas](#)

ITRE committee will vote on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union. There have been no amendments to the recommendation of the rapporteur.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: September 2018*

Extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Government of the United States of America

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Rolandas Paksas](#)

The committee will vote on the extension of the EU/USA agreement for scientific and technological cooperation. There have been no amendments to the recommendation of the rapporteur.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: July 2018*

Conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the EU and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

The ITRE Committee will decide whether to recommend to Parliament to give its consent to the agreement between the EU and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar in relation to satellite navigation services.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: July 2018*

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

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Exchange of views with Commissioners Bieńkowska, Gabriel and Moedas

The exchanges of views under the structured dialogue format during the next Committee meeting on 18-19 June will mainly focus on the MFF proposals under ITRE remit.

Commissioner Bieńkowska will present the Single market programme including Cosme, the European Defence Fund and the Space programme. Commissioner Gabriel will present the Digital programme and the digital part of the CEF, and Commissioner Moedas will speak about the Horizon Europe package.

Connecting Europe Facility in the area of energy, as part of the newly adopted MFF legislative programmes - Presentation by Director General Dominique Ristori, European Commission

During the ITRE Committee meeting on 19 June 2018, Mr Dominique Ristori, Director General in DG ENERGY of the European Commission, will make a presentation of the energy part of the proposal for a Connecting Europe Facility. The proposal provides more than EUR 42 billion of funding to the transport, energy and digital sectors, of which EUR 8,65 billion is proposed to be allocated to the energy sector, to contribute to the development of projects of common interest relating to further integration of the internal energy market.

ITRE mission to Silicon Valley, USA (2-5 April 2018), Debriefing

A delegation of ITRE Members went to Silicon Valley, USA. The meetings and visits which took place on 3-5 April were on subjects related to three main areas:

- Digital innovation, considering ITRE active involvement in the Cybersecurity Act;
 - Energy efficiency, bearing in mind the Clean Energy Package;
 - Space policy, in view of the new space programmes of the new MFF (multiannual financial framework), in particular linked with the research framework.
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Feedback from ongoing negotiations

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

- Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (COM(2016)0591 – C8-0382/2016 – 2016/0286(COD)) (Rapporteur: Mr Tošenovský)
 - European Electronic Communications Code (Recast) (COM(2016)0590 – C8-0379/2016 – 2016/0288(COD)) (Rapporteur: Ms del Castillo Vera)
 - Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast) (COM(2016)0767 – C8-0500/2016 – 2016/0382(COD)) (Rapporteur: Mr Blanco López)
 - Energy efficiency (COM(2016)0761 – C8-0498/2016 – 2016/0376(COD)) (Rapporteur: Mr Poche)
 - Governance of the Energy Union (COM(2016)0759 – C8-0497/2016 – 2016/0375(COD)) (Rapporteur: Mr Turmes, Ms Rivasi)
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Brexit and ICT policy

Tuesday, 19 June 2018, 16.00 – 17.30

The purpose of the workshop is to give Members the chance to explore in detail the potential impact of Brexit on ICT policy and indicate possible ways forward for the EU27. The workshop will focus on three particular issues: implications for digital innovation in the EU27, implications for EU27 ICT policymaking and regulation, as well as implications for EU27 innovation and deployment of 5G.

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