

## Newsletter of TRAN Committee meeting of 11 January 2018

### Editorial by Karima Delli

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the TRAN Committee, I wish you all a wonderful and thrilling New Year, and, in particular, success to the Bulgarian Presidency which will accompany us during the first semester of 2018.

With all my heart, I hope that 2018 will be devoted to social issues. Great achievements are expected on social aspects in the Mobility Package as well as in other sectors. The European Union is meant to protect its citizens and workers, especially those in the transportation sector who are crossing borders on a regular basis. I will make sure our Committee is working in that direction.

2018 will also see the emergence of brand new initiatives such as the EU Startup Prize for mobility. So far, 457 startups have applied to our Prize. The pitch competition and Prize rewards are scheduled for the 22 February 2018. So save the date and come enjoying the first innovation challenge from the European Parliament.



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### Proposal for Regulation 868/2004 on competition in air transport

#### *Presentation of draft report*

- Rapporteur: Markus Pieper (EPP)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure, report
- Vote in TRAN: 5 March 2017
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

Following the presentation of Mr Pieper's report, MEPs across all political groups expressed their support for the Commission's initiative and agreed that a new instrument protecting EU carriers against unfair competition from third countries should be efficient and dissuasive at the same time.

According to some MEPs, all measures going against these two objectives, such as extensive requirements and conditions put on the Commission to start investigation, excessive consultation periods or

investigation deadlines, should be discarded in order to allow for a smooth and quick procedure.

There was an overwhelming consensus about sending a strong message to the Council confirming that the Parliament firmly stands behind the Commission's initiative.

However, at closer look, there were also different opinions, above all when it came to the solutions which should be applied in the process. These included, for example, Parliament's role in the consultation process, finding a definition of "Union's interest" without politicising it too much or dealing with the notions of "thread of injury" and negative effects on regional connectivity as triggers to launch the Commission's investigation.

As the next step, the TRAN Committee will assess the amendments to Pieper's report on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### Odometer manipulation

#### *Presentation by Policy Department and EPRS*

The two studies deal with an issue of odometer tampering used in the second-hand car market in the EU. They also provide for cost benefit analysis of potential EU legislative action in this field. Studies estimate the cost of odometer tampering at around €8.8 billion a year. In some Member States the fraud may relate to 80% of cars imported from other Member States. Currently, there are only national solutions in a limited number of Member States, such as Car-Pass in Belgium. There is a lack of cross border exchange of data. A cost benefit scenario for potential EU-wide legislative action is positive for most policy options.

Members underlined that it is important to enable cross-border exchange of odometer readings. Members also mention block chain technology as an option to tackle odometer fraud in new cars. External dimension of exporting used cars outside the EU should also be addressed according to Members.

The studies bring valuable input for reflection on EU-wide legislative action tackling odometer manipulation. The debate will continue with a presentation of Mr Ertug's report at the Committee meeting on 22/23 January 2018.

### Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Transport Community Treaty - COM(2017)0324

#### *Presentation by the Commission*

Alain Baron (EC) presented this Treaty, signed by the Western Balkans parties (ratified by all of them, except Montenegro) and applied provisionally.

The aim of the Treaty is the creation of a Transport Community in the field of road, rail, inland waterway and maritime transport; as well as the development of the transport network between the EU and the Southern European parties. It is based on the progressive integration of transport markets into the EU transport market on the basis of the relevant acquis, including the areas of technical standards, interoperability, safety, security, traffic management social policy, public procurement and environment, for all modes of transport, excluding air transport, with a 5-year rolling work programme and a permanent secretariat (in Belgrade).

At the debate, the Rapporteur (Mr Taylor) and other MEPs proposed to support this Treaty as a way to prepare the future Western Balkan's accession to the EU and to coordinate with the TEN-T.



### Memoranda of Understanding on rail statistics

#### *Exchange of views with Eurostat, the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) and DG MOVE*

In the context of its work on the revision of the Regulation of Rail transport statistics, the TRAN Committee had an exchange of views with Eurostat, the Commission (DG MOVE) and the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA).

In order to conclude the inter-institutional negotiations on the previous revision of the Regulation on Rail transport statistics in 2016, the European Parliament insisted on better cooperation between Eurostat, ERA and DG MOVE to share data and provide easy access to this data. As a consequence, the memoranda of understanding between these institutions were revised. Eurostat explained that on this basis, administrative arrangements have been signed and action plans defined.

Members reiterated the importance of having comprehensive, accurate and reliable statistics on freight and passenger rail transport as a basis for better

law-making, and adequate funding of transport policy and priorities. They expressed disappointment about the attitude of some Member States not ready to provide data on rail, in particular regarding passengers' movements.

Members welcomed the efforts of the institutions to collaborate in the collection of reliable statistical data on the basis of harmonised procedures. They insisted on the fact that data should be available from a central point and be user-friendly. In this context, they recalled the importance to get statistical data on European Rail Traffic Management System and on the cross-border railway sections.

## Next TRAN Committee meeting: planned draft agenda - To be confirmed

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, (15h00 – 18h30)

- Mobility package – road charging aspects – presentation of draft reports (separate debates)
  - Proposal for Eurovignette Directive amending Directive 1999/62/EC on road charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructure - COM(2017)0275
  - Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures, as regards certain provisions on vehicle taxation – COM(2017)0276
  - Proposal for a Directive on the interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union (recast) – COM(2017)0280
- Scrutiny: Presentation by the Commission of two Delegated Regulations on Railway Common safety methods

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, (09h00 – 12h30)

- Parcel delivery services – confirmation vote
- EASA Regulation – confirmation vote
- Discharges 2016: European Commission and Agencies ERA, EASA, EMSA, SESAR, Shift2Rail – consideration of draft opinions
- INI Report on Odometer manipulation in motor vehicles – presentation of draft report
- Presentation by Minister of Transport and Infrastructure of Bulgaria, Mr Yvaylo Moskovski, on BG Presidency priorities

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, (15h00 – 18h30)

- Mobility package – market and social aspects – presentation of draft reports (separate debates)
  - Proposal for a Regulation on minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, rest periods and tachographs – COM(2017)0277
  - Proposal for a Directive of the Posting of drivers in the road transport sector – COM(2017)0278
  - Proposal for a Regulation amending Reg (EC) 1071/2009 on access to occupation and Reg (EC) 1072/2009 on haulage market – COM(2017)0281
- Proposal for a Directive on the use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road

Meeting room: P1A002 (PHS)

## TRAN Committee meetings 2018, Brussels

Thursday, 1 February, 9h00-12h30	Wednesday 20 June, 9h00-12h30
Monday, 19 February, 15h00-18h30	Wednesday 20 June, 15h00-18h30
Tuesday, 20 February, 9h00-12h30	Thursday 21 June, 09h00-12h30
Tuesday, 20 February, 15h00-18h30	Monday, 9 July, 15h00-18h30
Monday, 26 February, 15h00-18h30	Tuesday, 10 July, 09h00-12h30
Tuesday, 27 February, 9h00-12h30	Tuesday, 10 July, 15h00-18h30
Monday, 5 March, 15h00-18h30	Wednesday, 29 August, 9h00-12h30
Monday, 19 March, 15h00-18h30	Wednesday, 29 August, 15h00- 18h30
Tuesday, 20 March, 9h00-12h30	Thursday, 30 August, 9h00-12h30
Tuesday, 20 March, 15h00-18h30	Thursday, 6 September, 09h00-12h30
Thursday, 12 April, 9h00-12h30	Thursday, 6 September, 15h00-18h30
Wednesday, 25 April, 9h00-12h30	Monday, 24 September, 15h00-18h30
Wednesday, 25 April, 15h00-18h30	Monday, 8 October, 15h00-18h30
Thursday, 26 April, 9h00-12h30	Tuesday, 9 October, 9h00-12h30
Monday 14 May, 15h00-18h30	Tuesday, 9 October, 15h00-18h30
Tuesday, 15 May, 9h00-12h30	Thursday, 8 November, 9h00-12h30
Tuesday 15 May, 15h00-18h30	Thursday, 8 November, 15h00-18h30
Thursday 24 May, 9h00-12h30	Wednesday, 21 November, 9h00-12h30
Thursday, 24 May, 15h00-18h30	Wednesday, 21 November, 15h00-18h30
Thursday, 7 June, 9h00-12h30	Thursday, 22 November, 9h00-12h30
Thursday 7 June, 15h00-18h30	Monday, 3 December, 15h00-18h30

## Useful links

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Policy Department Publication in the European Parliament:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/supporting-analyses.html>

European Aviation Safety Agency newsletters: <http://easa.europa.eu/communications/general-publications.php>

European Railway Agency newsletters: <http://www.era.europa.eu/Communication/Newsletter>

European Maritime Safety Agency newsletters: <http://www.emsa.europa.eu/news-a-press-centre/newsletters.html>

SESAR Joint Undertaking news: <http://www.sesarju.eu/newsroom/all-news>

Innovation & Networks Executive Agency: <http://ec.europa.eu/inea/en>

DG MOVE newsletter: [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/media/newsletter\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/media/newsletter_en)

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