

## Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

The last committee meeting before the summer break promises a full and interesting agenda as ITRE welcomes the Austrian presidency, the Commissioner for Competition and it commences its work on the MFF programmes.

As is the custom at the start of each rotating presidency of the Council, we will hold an exchange of views with the relevant Ministers on the Presidency priorities in the ITRE areas of competence. This time we will welcome Ms Margarete Schramböck, Austrian Federal Minister for Digital and Economic, Mr Heinz Faßmann, Austrian Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research and Mr Norbert Hofer, Austrian Federal Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology.

ITRE will also be welcoming Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, Commissioner for Competition, to discuss how the Commission assesses the impact of international competition on European industries. This is a very pertinent topic for Union industries and SMEs.

## General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Jens Geier](#)

The aim of the opinion is to explain the ITRE priorities in the EU 2019 budget. The opinion will address ITRE's sectorial priorities and possible issues that could be raised when considering the Commission's 2019 Draft Budget and Council's position on it.

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 5 September 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 24 September 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (BUDG): 8-9 October 2018*

## Exchange of views on MFF files

The rapporteurs of Horizon Europe ([Dan Nica](#) and [Christian Ehler](#)) and the Space programme ([Massimiliano Salini](#)) will present on 9-10 July their first reflections thereby kicking off officially an intense work period on all the MFF programmes in the remit of ITRE. This exchange follows the presentation by Commissioner Bieńkowska of the MFF programmes in her portfolio, made at the previous committee meeting.

## Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Draftsperson: [Aldo Patriciello](#)

The Committee will discuss the consent to the Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement (STC) between the EU and Morocco, in view of the Partnership for Research and Innovation for the Mediterranean Area. This STC is necessary to enable Morocco's participation in PRIMA since it is not an Associated Country to Horizon 2020. The Rapporteur, Mr. Patriciello (EPP), is proposing that Parliament gives its consent.

Adopted in July 2017, PRIMA is the first Public-to-Public partnership to involve the participation of third countries. The partnership is an example of EU science diplomacy put to the service of promoting solution for water and agri-food challenges in the Mediterranean basin.

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 11 July 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 3 September 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

The Committee will also hold its first exchange of views on the regulation establishing Horizon Europe and the decision establishing the related specific programme. The ITRE Rapporteurs for these two files have agreed to work faster than usual in order to allow the European Parliament to advance as much as possible. This effort reflects the huge responsibility ITRE has with regard to this programme, which not only allows so many researchers to do their work but also has an important impact on EU competitiveness and delivers answers to many global challenges.

We will also consider the proposal for the conclusion of a scientific and technological cooperation agreement between the Union and Morocco. This agreement has been negotiated in order to allow Morocco to participate in PRIMA: the partnership and innovation programme for the Mediterranean adopted last year. ITRE will also consider its draft opinion on the 2019 budget resolution while at the same time adopting its opinion on the budget lines concerning the Committee's responsibilities.

During our July meeting we will also vote on several dossiers. From our telecoms portfolio we will adopt the Regulation on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency" and a European cybersecurity certification framework as well as the European Electronic Communications Code. ITRE will also confirm the provisional agreement on BEREC. With regard to its Energy remit the Committee will be voting on the provisional agreements reached on the Energy Efficiency and on the Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources interinstitutional negotiations. It will also vote on its opinion on emission performance standards for new passenger cars and the one on deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the EU. The Committee will also be voting on the extension of the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020).

With regard to the other policy areas, ITRE will also be voting on the opinion on the common provision to several EU funds. In this case, the rapporteur is in favour of rejecting the Commission's proposal. Furthermore, the committee will vote on the proposal for a regulation on health technology assessment and on its contribution to the COP 24 resolution.

## Joint meeting of ITRE and ENVI to vote on the provisional agreement on "Governance of the Energy Union"

Rapporteur: [Michèle Rivasi](#)

At the fourth informal trilogue on the Governance of the Energy Union (RIVASI) that took place on 19-20 June, the Parliament, the Council and Commission succeeded in reaching a provisional agreement. On 10 July 2018 a joint ITRE-ENVI committee will vote on the provisional agreement reached between the institutions.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

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

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations

Rapporteur: [Angelika Niebler](#)

The ITRE committee will vote on the Regulation on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency" and a European cybersecurity certification framework (Cybersecurity Act). In total a number of 631 amendments and 24 compromise amendments have been tabled on this file.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

## European Electronic Communications Code (Recast)

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

Rapporteur: [Pilar del Castillo Vera](#)

Assuming approval of the text by Coreper on 29 June 2018, ITRE will vote on the provisional agreement on the European Electronic Communications Code reached between the EP negotiation team and the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council in the final informal trilogue that took place on 5 June 2018.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

## Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

Rapporteur: [Evžen Tošenovský](#)

Assuming approval of the text by Coreper on 29 June 2018, ITRE will vote on the provisional agreement on the BEREC reached between the EP negotiation team and the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council in the final informal trilogue that took place on 5 June 2018.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

Finally, a joint meeting of ITRE and ENVI will take place so that both committees vote on the provisional agreement on the "Governance of the Energy Union", while Ms. Iliana Ivanova, Member of the ECA, will present her institution's report on "Broadband in the EU Member States".

I wish you all a relaxing summer recess, after which we will come back to continue our legislative work in earnest.

Jerzy Buzek

## Energy efficiency

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

Rapporteur: [Miroslav Poche](#)

ITRE will vote on the provisional agreement on the review of the Energy Efficiency Directive reached between the EP negotiation team and the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council in the final informal trilogue that took place on 19 June 2018.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

## Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast)

Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

Rapporteur: [José Blanco López](#)

ITRE will vote on the provisional agreement on the review of the Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources Directive reached between the EP negotiation team and the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council in the final informal trilogue that took place on 13 June 2018

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

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

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Jakob Dalunde](#)

ITRE will vote on its opinion to the ENVI report on the proposed Regulation setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles. 374 amendments have been tabled by the Members of the Committee, including 36 proposed by the Rapporteur in his draft opinion.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 10 September 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: October I 2018*

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

Adoption of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Rebecca Harms](#)

The Committee will be voting on the extension of the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020), complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Rapporteur, Mrs. Harms (Greens), has proposed significant changes, including a redirection of funds towards expertise and safety for decommissioning activities and the removal of fusion-related activities from the scope of the programme. A total of 212 amendments, including 62 from the Rapporteur, have been tabled to the original proposal of the Commission. Parliament is involved in this legislation under the Consultation procedure.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in Plenary: September 2018*

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

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Zdzisław Krasnodebski](#)

In its meeting on Tuesday, 10 July ITRE will vote on an opinion on 'Deployment infrastructure for alternative fuels in EU: time to act!'. In total 51 amendments have been tabled to the draft opinion.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead Committee (TRAN): 24 September 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: November 2018*

## General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2019 - all sections

Adoption of [draft opinion](#) on budgetary lines

Rapporteur: [Jens Geier](#)

ITRE will vote on its draft opinion on the budget lines in 2019 Draft Budget. Altogether 275 amendments have been tabled.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 5 September 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (BUDG): 8-9 October 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

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Sofia Sakorafa](#)

At the consideration of the draft opinion at the last ITRE meeting, the position of the rapporteur to reject the Commission's proposal for a test phase allowing to use existing EU funds to support structural reform policies recommended in the European Semester seemed to be positively welcomed by the majority of the groups. Along the same lines, the hearing on the topic that took place in the lead committee (REGI) on June 20 heard most of the MEPs object to the proposal as it stands. In total, 12 amendments to the legislative proposal have been tabled by the Members. Should the amendment on the rejection be adopted, all other amendments will fall.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

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

## Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Lieve Wierinck](#)

The ITRE committee will vote on the Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU. In total a number of 126 amendments have been tabled on this file.

### PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

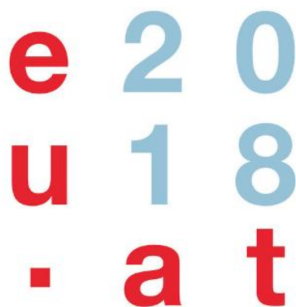
- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 10 September 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: October I 2018*

## ITRE Contribution to the COP 24 draft motion for a resolution

Consideration and adoption of draft opinion in letter form

Rapporteur: [Jerzy Buzek](#)

ITRE will hold a single vote on its contribution to the ENVI resolution on the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2018 UN Climate Change Conference in Katowice, Poland (COP 24). The co-sponsors have agreed on 16 paragraphs, addressing topics within ITRE remit: industry and competitiveness; energy policy; and research, innovation, digital technologies and space policy.



### Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The ITRE Committee will welcome three Austrian Ministers who will present the priorities of the Austrian Presidency for the coming six months in the Committee's policy areas.

Ms Margarete Schramböck, Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs will cover the industry policy and digital agenda, Mr Heinz Faßmann, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research will focus on the research policy as well as present the energy policy, whereas Mr Norbert Hofer, Federal Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology will present the Presidency priorities for telecommunication, infrastructures and space.

During these upcoming six months, ITRE will be dealing with a wide range of important dossiers that fall within the portfolios of visiting Ministers, amongst others the Clean Energy Package and new legislative proposals related to the new Multiannual Financial Framework.

### Exchange of views with Commissioner Margrethe Vestager

ITRE Members invited Commissioner Vestager to discuss how the current impact of international competition on the European industries is assessed by the Commission.

### Presentation of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) special report on "Broadband in the EU Member States", Exchange of views with Iliana Ivanova, Member of the ECA

The ITRE Committee will welcome Ms Iliana Ivanova, Dean of Chamber II of the European Court of Auditors, who will debrief the Committee on the ECA special report on Broadband in the EU Member States. The report has found that broadband coverage has generally been improving across the EU, but that the Europe 2020 targets will not all be achieved. Rural areas, where there is less incentive for the private sector to invest, remain less well connected than cities, and take up of ultra-fast broadband is significantly behind target. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with Members.

### Feedback from ongoing negotiations

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

- Internal market for electricity (recast) (COM(2016)0861 - C8-0492/2016 - 2016/0379(COD)) (Rapporteur: Mr Kariņš)
- Common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast) (COM(2016)0864 - C8-0495/2016 - 2016/0380(COD)) (Rapporteur: Mr Kariņš)

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