

Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

ITRE continues work with an intense pace this autumn and will start its third September meeting with a workshop on "Brexit and industry and space policy". This is the third in a series of four workshops on the impact of Brexit on the EU27. With less than half a year until Brexit, the workshop will explore the potential legal and economic impacts on the EU27 of Brexit and industry and space policy.

During the upcoming meeting ITRE will focus mainly on ICT-related topics with the consideration of one draft report and two draft opinions. The draft report concerns the dot eu top-level domain (TLD). The Commission proposal wants to repeal existing Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 as its legal framework is now outdated for the needs of the ever-changing digital world and therefore ought to be thoroughly reviewed in order to provide a future-proof and flexible regulatory environment.

Implementation and functioning of the .eu top level domain name

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Rapporteur: [Fredrick Federley](#)

The rapporteur, Mr Federley (ALDE), will present his draft report on the .eu Top Level Domain name to the ITRE Committee. The .eu top-level domain (TLD) was set up by Regulation (EC) No 733/2002 and is now a well-established and functioning TLD. However, it is governed by an outdated legal framework which needs to be thoroughly reviewed so as to provide a framework future-proof and flexible regulatory environment, and the Commission proposal aims at repealing the existing legislation.

The rapporteur welcomes the proposal and shares the aim to keep up with the rapid evolution of the TLD market and the dynamic digital landscape. While supporting the general principles, the rapporteur wants to underline the promotion of EU values such as multilingualism, respect of users' privacy and security, consumer protection and human rights. Especially on the issue of safeguarding the rule of law, the rapporteur suggests additional safeguards. The rapporteur also wishes to have better control from the European Parliament on the establishment of the criteria and the procedure for the designation of the Registry by using delegated acts.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 September 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 21 November 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: tbc*

Promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Anna Záborská](#)

The rapporteur, Ms Záborská (EPP), will present her draft opinion on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services. The rapporteur believes that a more ambitious approach could deliver better results and that the first revision of this Regulation should reflect the high speed of evolution of the digital economy.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 September 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 21 November 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (IMCO): 6 December 2018*

ITRE will also consider two draft opinions, one on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services and the other an own-initiative opinion to the INTA report on Blockchain: a forward-looking trade policy.

ITRE will also adopt its opinion on the budget lines in EU 2019 Budget concerning the Committee responsibilities, as well as the opinion on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment.

Finally, the outcome of the ITRE delegation visit to Norway in May this year will be presented to the Committee during this meeting. The main aim of this mission was to get an overview of national legislation and the implementation of European legislation in the fields of electricity markets and renewable energy, operation of gas networks and future of the gas industry, oil refining technology, research on clean energy, efficiency and waste management.

Jerzy Buzek

Blockchain: a forward-looking trade policy

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Cristian-Silviu Buşoi](#)

The rapporteur, Mr Buşoi (EPP), will present his draft opinion on Blockchain: a forward-looking trade policy. ITRE is associated (under Rule 54) to the lead Committee INTA. In his draft opinion the rapporteur calls for a broader understanding of Blockchains to Distributed Ledger Technologies and highlights the importance of interoperability and standardisation, wants to see an innovation friendly ecosystem, especially for SMEs and start-ups, and stresses the opportunities offered by smart contracts and the energy challenges of energy consumption for the consensus of the ledgers.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 8 October 2018*
- *Vote in ITRE: 5 November 2018*
- *Vote in lead Committee (INTA): 20 November 2018*

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

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Jens Geier](#)

ITRE will vote on its opinion to the BUDG report on the proposed Parliament's position on the 2019 Draft Budget. 37 amendments have been tabled by the Members of the Committee.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead Committee (BUDG): 8-9 September 2018*
- *Vote in Plenary: October 11 2018*

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Briefing: [Review of the Directive on the Re-use of Public Sector Information \(Directive 2013/37/EU\)](#)

Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment

Adoption of [draft opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Barbara Kappel](#)

ITRE will vote on the legislative opinion on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (lead committee ENVI) to which 259 amendments have been tabled by the Members. The legislative proposal aims to reduce the amount of plastic marine litter from single-use plastic items and fishing gear containing plastic by complementing the measures already envisaged under the EU Plastics Strategy.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Vote in lead Committee (ENVI): 11 October 2018*

ITRE mission to Norway (7-9 May 2018)

Debriefing

An ITRE delegation visited Norway from 7 to 9 May. The head of the delegation, Ms Virkkunen (EPP), will debrief on the meetings and visits that took place during the mission.

Workshop 'Brexit and industry and space policy'

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The aim of the workshop, which will take place on 24 September from 15:00 to 16:00, is to give Members the chance to explore in detail the impacts of Brexit on industry and space policy for the EU27. Three high level speakers will give a general overview of the potential impacts of Brexit; consider the implications for EU business; and examine the implications for EU space policy. Their presentations will be followed by a question and answer session with Members.

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