

Newsletter of TRAN Committee meeting of November 2018

Editorial by Karima Delli

Dear colleagues and friends,

For the first time, TRAN hosted the European Youth Event follow-up hearing. I enjoyed being part of EYE 2018 in Strasbourg this summer and now was proud to see those active young people addressing my committee with their ideas on sustainable mobility and eco-tourism!

TRAN, together with ITRE adopted the legislative report on the Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027. Sustainable mobility is the basis for prosperity and jobs in Europe. The renewal of the CEF is therefore a key file for transport and beyond. Committee members voted for an increase in the CEF transport funds of about EU 6 bn compared to the Commission's proposal to an overall volume of EUR 33.5bn (2018 prices). The CEF transport funds should boost investments for the completion of the Trans-European transport network and its corridors, delivering better accessibility and connectivity to citizens and business across all of Europe. In the next step the CEF report, being part of the MFF funding programme package, will be presented to the plenary.

TRAN also adopted its position on automated vehicles and asserted the importance of access to in-vehicle data ahead of the upcoming recommendations of the European Commission on the subject. This on-going revolution might shape our mobility for the next decades and that is why our committee should stand at the heart of the debate.



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Autonomous driving in European transport

Consideration of amendments and vote

- Rapporteur: Wim van de Camp (EPP)
- Own initiative report
- Vote in Plenary: January 2019

With this report TRAN adds to the EU strategy for mobility of the future recently put forward by the Commission. The Rapporteur and Shadow Rapporteur highlighted the need for the EU to boost efforts in developing autonomous vehicles in all transport modes and take a leading role in the rapid technological developments around the world.

Members underlined the importance of clarifying regulatory issues related to autonomous driving on roads such as liability, data protection, vehicle and route data use, and cyber security. Some called for prompt measures in particular on access to in-vehicle data, while others favour a more differentiated approach. Standardisation efforts at international level should be intensified to ensure interoperability of vehicles and infrastructure across borders.

Speakers underlined that safety ought to be the first priority in the operation of autonomous vehicles. With a view to building citizens' trust in automated vehicles, user responsibilities and ethical aspects should be clarified. Acknowledging the impact of increasingly automated road transport on employment, Members called for initiatives to promote skills education and training in order to keep the EU at the forefront of the autonomous transport sector.

The report was adopted with 33 in favour, 3 against, 0 abstentions.

Promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services

Consideration of amendments and vote

- Rapporteur: Claudia Țapardel (S&D)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

TRAN Members welcomed the Commission proposal on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services.

This proposal aims to address the imbalances that exist between platforms and business users in today's online platform economy.

There was a general consensus that providers of online intermediation services and online search engines shall be required to implement a set of measures to ensure transparency and fairness in the contractual relations they have with online businesses (e.g. hotels and restaurants businesses).

Members agreed on several issues, including the establishment of non-discriminatory conditions on ratings and penalties, the length of the notification period and the limitation of MFN clauses (Most Favoured Nation clauses).

This Regulation will have a positive impact on online platforms, businesses and ultimately to customers in the EU.

The opinion was adopted with 34 in favour, 2 against and 0 abstentions.

Proposal for a regulation of the EP and of the Council laying down common provisions on the ERDF, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument - (CPR-REGI)

Consideration of amendments and vote

- Rapporteur: Kosma Złotowski (ECR)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Vote in REGI : November 2018
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The rapporteur expressed his wishes to strike a good balance among the numerous amendments tabled, focusing on issues essential for transport.

Programming and co-financing rates being among the important items for which an agreement should be pursued.

Members agreed on the difficulty of the task and reaffirmed their support for the negotiations of compromises in order to achieve a satisfactory result.

The text was adopted with 34 votes in favour, 9 against and no abstention.

Proposal for a Directive on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers

Consideration of amendments and vote

- Rapporteur: Georg Mayer (ENF)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in JURI: tbd
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The opinion was adopted with 21 in favour, 14 against and 1 abstention.

Joint ITRE-TRAN report on Connecting Europe Facility

Vote

- Rapporteurs: Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP), Henna Virkkunen (EPP), Pavel Telička (ALDE)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The joint-report was adopted with 71 in favour, 19 against and 3 abstentions.

Regulation on ERDF and Cohesion Fund

Vote

- Rapporteur: Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy (S&D)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The text was adopted with 38 votes in favour, 4 against and 2 abstentions.

Digital Europe programme for 2021-2027

Vote

- Rapporteur: Deirdre Clune (EPP)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The opinion was adopted with 45 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Regulation establishing the InvestEU Programme

Vote

- Rapporteur: Wim van de Camp (EPP)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The text was adopted with 29 votes in favour, 13 against and 5 abstentions.

Proposal for Regulation establishing Horizon Europe

Vote

- Rapporteur: Henna Virkkunen (EPP)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The text was adopted with 44 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Decision establishing Horizon Europe specific programmes

Vote

- Rapporteur: Henna Virkkunen (EPP)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The text was adopted with 44 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the EU and its MS and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Vote

- Rapporteur: Keith Taylor (Greens)
- Non-legislative enactment
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The text was adopted with 47 votes in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

Approval of the agreement on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community

Vote

- Rapporteur: Claudia Țapardel (S&D)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The agreement was voted with 32 in favour, 3 against and 0 abstentions.

Proposal for a Decision amending Directive 96/53/EC as regards the time limit for the implementation of the special rules regarding maximum length in case of cabs

Presentation of draft report

- Rapporteur: Karima Delli (Greens)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN: 22 January 2019
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The Rapporteur underlined that the improved aerodynamic of cabs would have positive impact on road safety and energy performance of trucks. Therefore, she supports the Commission's proposal to shorten the period for the introduction of new cabs. Other Members supported the Rapporteur's approach. One Member will table an amendment to slightly prolong the period for the introduction of aerodynamic cabs.

Minimum level of training of seafarers

Presentation of draft report

- Rapporteur: Dominique Riquet (ALDE)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN 22 January 2019
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The Rapporteur welcomed the Commission's proposal, which aims to align the EU rules with international framework. He stressed the importance of ensuring quality of training of seafarers and welcomed the proposal to review the procedure for recognising seafarers' certificates issued by a third country. He also proposed the introduction of the European Certificate of Excellence for seafarer training that goes beyond the minimum standards laid down at international level and the transfer of the certificates issued by Member States or recognised third countries to an electronic, centralised EU-level database. Members largely supported these proposals during the discussions.

Proposal for a Regulation on electronic freight transport

Presentation of draft report

- Rapporteur: Claudia Schmidt (EPP)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN 22 January 2019
- Vote in Plenary: February/March 2019

The transport sector is lagging behind in the use of digital means in comparison to other sectors.

The slow uptake of digitisation leads to inefficiencies for market players in the transport and logistic chains, in particular in multimodal and cross-border transport, and to an unnecessary environmental burden.

Furthermore, it complicates the enforcement of the rules by national authorities. In order to speed up the uptake of electronic transport documentation, the Commission proposal requires competent authorities to accept regulatory information in electronic form, and sets up of framework of certified electronic freight transport information platforms and service providers (by conformity assessment bodies).

The Rapporteur presented her draft report, in which she welcomed the proposal and suggested amendments to strengthen it and make it more ambitious.

European Maritime Single Window environment

Presentation of draft report

- Rapporteur: Deirdre Clune (EPP)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN: 10 January 2019
- Vote in Plenary: February/March 2019

Ms Clune presented her draft report on the proposal on the European Maritime Single Window environment (EMSWe).

The Rapporteur welcomed the Commission's proposal aiming at addressing the current non-harmonised reporting environment for ships in the EU and thus reducing the administrative burden facing maritime transport operators; as well as enhancing use of digital information.

The Rapporteur noted that a harmonised dataset is essential to reach that goal, as well as for improving the maritime logistic chain.

The proposal on building upon the existing National Single Windows' structures, in her view, can be supported, but with the two way communication between the declarant and the relevant authorities ensured, as well as with a clear governance dimension in order for the smooth processing, flow and handling of data. That should be done without prejudice to the customs information reporting.

The Members expressed their support for the general aim of this proposal and the direction taken by the Rapporteur.

They commented on several aspects, such as the need to reduce the administrative burden, thus making maritime transport more competitive vis-a-vis other transport modes and, on the need to harmonise the data to be reported.

Proposal on the conclusion of an agreement amending the Agreement between the USA and the EC on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety

Presentation of draft report

- Rapporteur: Theresa Griffin (S&D)
- Non legislative enactment
- Vote in TRAN: 3 December 2018
- Vote in Plenary: January 2019

All groups agreed on the need to have the EU-US civil aviation agreement on safety updated, as cooperation is a key issue between our countries.

Access to international bus and coach market

Consideration of amendments

- Rapporteur: Roberts Zile (ECR)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN 22 January 2019
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

The Members discussed a total of 406 amendments that have been tabled.

The Rapporteur noted that the proposals broadly fall into three groups - those seeking to keep the national markets closed, those who have some reservations regarding proposed liberalisation and those who welcome the proposal and encourage liberalisation.



The most difficult discussions concern bus services performed as public service obligations.

Divergent views were presented during the discussions. Some Members called for a flexible approach to liberalisation, allowing Member States to choose the extent of it.

There were proposals to abolish the requirement to establish a regulatory body, as such bodies already exist in many Member States, while other Members (and the Commission) stressed that an independent regulatory body plays a key role in the proposal. Other issues raised, concerned cabotage, terminals and working conditions of the drivers.

Opinion to LIBE on Proposal for a Regulation amending (EC) N°810/2009 establishing a Community Code of Visas (Visa Code)

Consideration of amendments

- Rapporteur: István Ujhelyi (S&D)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN: 3 December
- Vote in LIBE: 3 December
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

During his presentation, the rapporteur underlined the need to strike a good balance between our wish to welcome more tourists in the Schengen area to develop economic activity and create more jobs, in another hand we have to safeguard our security.

These goals was supported by a large majority of groups.

As a consequence, the Report shall press for the use of simplified procedures to get a short term visa (e.g.: using on-line procedures) and insist on a right of having a negative decision reviewed. At the same time, security objectives shall remain constant during the all process.

Protection of animals during transport within and outside the EU

Consideration of amendments

- Rapporteur: Keith Taylor (Greens)
- Opinion to implementation report
- Vote in TRAN: 3 December 2018
- Vote in AGRI: tbd
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

On 21 November TRAN Members discussed the amendments tabled to the draft opinion y Keith Taylor on implementation report by AGRI on Reg. 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport.

While TRAN Members overwhelmingly shared concerns over the insufficient implementation of the existing regulation, the rapporteur and a number of speakers called for stricter rules and proper sanctions against infringements whereas some shadows insisted on the need to focus primarily on the implementation of existing rules and to strengthen controls.

84 amendments have been tabled in TRAN and compromises are being negotiated among shadow rapporteurs. The vote initially scheduled for 22 November has been postponed to 3 December.

Proposal for a regulation of the EP and of the Council streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the trans-European transport network

Consideration of amendments

- Rapporteur: Dominique Riquet (ALDE)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN: 3 December
- Vote in Plenary: tbd

A majority of Members supported the Rapporteur's position to set up measures to streamline the realisation of projects on the Core TEN-T network. In particular Members were in favour of establishing a single competent authority in order to accelerate the permit granting procedures.

For cross-border projects, a joint competent authority should facilitate these procedures. However, some Members cannot support this idea on the grounds that regional or local authorities are responsible for land-use or permits.

Even though delegation of power to regional or local level is foreseen by the Rapporteur, such delegation may entail complex coordination, additional bureaucracy and further delays. A Member explained that establishing a single competent authority risks to be incompatible with Constitutional Law.

More generally, Members recalled that it is very important to accelerate permitting procedures, as CEF subsidies are lost when procedures are not completed on time. They also expressed their appreciation of the work done at EU level by the TEN-T Coordinators, who are making many efforts to facilitate the completion of the core TEN-T network.

Proposal for a Directive of the EP and of the Council amending Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management

Consideration of amendments

- Rapporteur: Daniela Aiuto (EFDD)
- Ordinary legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN: 3 December
- Vote in Plenary: December

Members discussed the ideas behind, over 200 amendments which were tabled to the Commission's proposal, considering Aiuto's report as an important tool to improve the safety of the road infrastructure. All speakers agreed that there should be more emphasis put on protecting vulnerable road users and on equipping roads in appropriate markings and signs integrating modern technology in anticipation of a roll out of smart and automated vehicles.

On the other hand, MEPs expressed diverging views about widening the scope to all primary roads and to bridges and tunnels underlining the respect for the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

The Rapporteur confirmed her determination and expressed her hope to reconcile diverging positions in order to deliver the report in time to vote and to negotiate the final agreement with the Romanian Presidency before Parliament's elections next Spring.

Type-approval requirements for motor vehicles - general safety

Consideration of amendments

- Rapporteur: Matthijs van Miltenburg (ALDE)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Vote in TRAN: 10 January
- Vote in IMCO: 20/21 February

On 21 November Members discussed the amendments tabled to the draft opinion by Matthijs van Miltenburg. 191 amendments were tabled in TRAN and compromises are being negotiated among shadow rapporteurs. The Rapporteur noted that the proposals go in very different directions so it will be difficult to strike compromises on all issues at stake.

The rapporteur and shadows thanked the Commission for having taken into account the EP's position when preparing the proposal and requested some technical information regarding the blind spot information system and anti-dooring. The vote initially scheduled for 3 December has been postponed to 10 January.

Proposal for a Directive on discontinuing seasonal time changes

Presentation by the Commission

- Rapporteur: Marita Ulvskog (S&D)
- Ordinary Legislative procedure
- Consideration draft report: 21/22 January
- Consideration amendments: 20/21 February
- Vote in TRAN: 4 March
- Vote in IMCO: March II

Following Parliament's Resolution of February 2018, which called on the Commission to conduct a thorough assessment of Directive 2000/84/EC on summer-time arrangements and, if necessary, come up with a proposal for its revision, the Commission analysed available evidence and carried out a public consultation, which generated 4.6 million replies.

Given the amount of public interest in the topic, President Juncker announced in his State of the Union, the Commission's proposal to discontinue the mandatory seasonal changes and to allow each Member State to decide on their standard time.

The Commission presented the proposal in the TRAN meeting of 21 November. A lively debate with Members followed the presentation.

During the debate, different topics were raised, including the advantages and disadvantages of the continuing the bi-annual clock change, the need to avoid a patchwork of time zones in the EU, the preparation of the proposal by the Commission and the internal mechanisms for Member States to decide on their future preferred time zone.

European Youth Event 2018

Hearing

On Wednesday 21 November, TRAN hosted the hearing with three EYE2018 participants who developed further and presented some of their ideas from the event and obtained direct feedback from MEPs.

Philip Voß (29 yrs) introduced two concepts on the cost-efficient decarbonisation of the transport sector, such as the inclusion of transport in the EU ETS and fostering the diffusion of smart public bikes in European cities.

Eva Günther (22 yrs) focused on sustainable mobility and eco-tourism through the implementation of free public transport schemes and enhancing the efficiency of public transport in rural areas.

Last but not least, Pelumi Fadare (23 yrs) delivered ideas on innovative and competitive tourism in terms of fostering the sustainability of cultural heritage through a multi-stakeholder approach, and with respect to raising awareness on the environmental impact of tourism.



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MEPs reacted with their suggestions on how those policies can be implemented, as well as on the political constraints that currently hamper the full realisation of such strategies. Public funding and the subsidiarity principle emerged as the main issues to overcome.

The three young speakers replied to these observations managing to highlight the importance of innovative, ecological and sustainable transportation and tourism for the EP agenda.

EUROCONTROL – Mr Eamonn Brennan

Exchange of views with Director General

The presentation of Eurocontrol Director General Eamonn Brennan was a wake-up call and a sincere warning that the current European air traffic management system is not fit to cope with the constantly increasing air traffic volume. Next summer, the situation will already become critical.

The existing fragmentation of the European sky was neither effective nor environmental friendly and caused delays that are continuously increasing since years, triggering significant economic losses. For this reason, the Director General said that Europe needs the Single European Sky (SES) II plus, that is blocked in the Council, in order to address the serious capacity issue existing in the Member States.

Members welcomed the open and honest approach of Mr Brennan and expressed their support to tackle the capacity issue, notably by pursuing an European approach through the adoption of the SES II +.



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Some Members put forward concrete proposals to address the issue, such as modifying the current route charges performance scheme by rewarding more capacity provided.

Mr Brennan added that the current performance scheme needed to be replaced by a more network focussed approach, with Eurocontrol playing more a role of a command centre such as in the US.

In reply to some Members questions concerning Eurocontrol's contribution to the protection of environment, DG Brennan stressed that the aviation industry has become more environmental friendly over the years by using more efficient technologies, applying the international emission mitigation system CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation) and by assessing the environmental impact of air routes.

Questioned about Eurocontrol's contribution to passenger compensation claims for delays and cancellations, DG Brennan explained that his organisation simply provided an opinion on the cause of delays.

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

Monday 3 December, 15h00-18h30

- Announcements by the Chair - International Day of Persons with Disabilities - key ideas on Transport and tourism for persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility
- Opinion to LIBE on Proposal for a Regulation amending Reg (EC) N°810/2009 establishing a Community Code of Visas (Visa Code) - vote
- Proposal on the conclusion of an agreement amending the Agreement between the USA and the EC on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety - vote
- Opinion to AGRI Implementation report as regards protection of animals during transport within and outside the EU - vote
- Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management - vote
- Interoperability of electronic road toll systems - confirmation vote
- Proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 with regard to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union - presentation of draft report
- Proposal for a regulation of the EP and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 391/2009 with regard to withdrawal of the UK from the Union - presentation of draft report
- Discharges 2017: European Commission and Agencies (EMSA, EASA, ERA, SESAR, SHIFT2RAIL) - consideration of draft opinions
- Presentation of a study by Policy Department on BREXIT: transport and tourism - the consequences of a no-deal scenario

Meeting room: JAN 6Q2

TRAN Committee meetings 2019

Thursday, 10 January, 9h00-12h30 (new)
Thursday, 10 January, 15h00-18h30 (new)

Monday, 21 January, 15h00-18h30
Tuesday, 22 January, 9h00-12h30
Tuesday, 22 January, 14h30-18h30

Tuesday, 29 January, 14h30-18h30

Monday, 04 February, 15h00-18h30

Wednesday, 20 February, 9h00-12h30
Wednesday, 20 February, 14h30-18h30

Thursday, 21 February, 9h00-12h30

Monday, 4 March, 15h00-18h30
Monday, 18 March, 15h00-18h30

Monday, 8 April, 15h00-18h30

Thursday, 11 April, 09h00-12h30
Thursday, 11 April, 15h00-18h30

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