Dear colleagues,

The next ITRE meeting will be dealing with several matters on Energy Policy. A Policy Department study on “Sector coupling: how can it be enhanced in the EU to foster grid stability and decarbonise?” will open the day’s agenda. It will be followed by the presentation by the European Commission of five delegated acts related to energy labelling of certain products, a delegated act related to the Renewable Energy Directive as well as the vote on the provisional agreement on the Common rules for the internal energy market in natural gas.

The meeting will conclude with feedback from several missions from ITRE Members as well as from ongoing inter-institutional negotiations.

ITRE is also taking part in the OCEANS High Level Conference co-organised by the Parliament and the Commission that will be held on 19th March in the Hemicycle.

Jerzy Buzek

---

**Votes on 18 March**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dossier</th>
<th>Rapporteur</th>
<th>No of AMs</th>
<th>No of CAs</th>
<th>Vote in lead com /Plenary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common rules for the internal market in natural gas</td>
<td>Jerzy Buzek</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>PLENARY: April 2019</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vote on the provisional agreement</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Other news and events**

**Energy labelling, Presentation by the European Commission of a package of delegated acts for five priority product groups**

Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1369 on energy labelling empowers the Commission to adopt by 2 November 2018 delegated acts introducing A to G rescaled labels for dishwashers, washing machines, refrigerators, lighting and televisions, with the aim of displaying the rescaled label both in shops and online, 12 months after their date of entry into force. In the ITRE meeting on 18 March the Commission will make a presentation of the delegated acts followed by a discussion.

Due to the election recess period, Parliament's scrutiny period for this delegated act will be limited in time. Instead of the usual two month scrutiny period (with possible extension of two months) the scrutiny period for this delegated act will end with the last plenary session in April.

**Renewable energy directive, Presentation of delegated act by the European Commission**

The Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources, adopted last December 2018, empowers the Commission to adopt a delegated act setting out the criteria for certification of low indirect land-use change-risk biofuels, bioliquids and biomass fuels and for determining the high indirect land-use change-risk feedstock for which a significant expansion of the production area into land with high-carbon stock is observed. Last 8 February, the Commission published a draft delegated act, for which a public consultation of 4 weeks was open. Once the public consultation has been closed and two expert meetings have been organised by the Commission, the Commission has formally adopted the delegated act. It will be presented by Mr Ristori, Director General in DG ENER.

Due to the election recess period, Parliament scrutiny period over this delegated act will be limited in time. This means that instead of the usual two month scrutiny period (with possible extension of additional two months) the scrutiny period for this delegated act will end with the last plenary session in April. ENVI Committee is associated committee to ITRE on this file.
NEWS FROM THE POLICY DEPARTMENT A

Recent publications:

In-Depth Analysis: Brexit and Horizon Europe

Study: Sector coupling: how can it be enhanced in the EU to foster grid stability and decarbonise?

In-Depth Analysis: Roaming: One Year After Implementation

Study: Brexit and Industry and Space Policy - workshop proceedings

Study: European Artificial Intelligence (AI) leadership, the path for an integrated vision

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

ACER publishes the Costs report on day-ahead and intraday coupling for 2017 More

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

Invitation to the BEREC public debriefing of the 38th BEREC Board of Regulators ordinary meetings More

European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)

Security and privacy considerations in autonomous agents More

European Global Navigation Satellite System Gns Agency (GSA)

New Regulation mandates Galileo capability for all smartphones sold in the EU More

EP mission to the 13th Meeting of Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Paris, France (12-14 November 2018), Debriefing

A cross-committee delegation of 6 Members representing ITRE, CULT, IMCO and JURI participated in the 13th meeting of the UN-convened Internet Governance Forum in Paris from 12 to 14 November 2018. The EP delegation took part in the official programme and had various bilateral meetings with stakeholders and government representatives. Amongst others the delegation met with US government representatives, the Internet Society, ICANN, EuroDIG as well as the Youth IGF and NGOs like Counterpart International and the Association for Progressive Communications.

ITRE mission to Israel (16-19 December 2018), Debriefing

A delegation of ITRE Committee went to Israel from 16 to 19 December 2018. Members had meetings in Tel Aviv to discuss progress in the field of innovation with professors of Tel Aviv University and with the Innovation Authority.

In Jerusalem, the delegation met the Ministry of Energy and the Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee in Knesset. The last day was dedicated to an interesting tour of the Israel's Space Agency.

ITRE mission to Sweden (27 February-1 March 2019) Debriefing

From 27 February to 1 March an ITRE delegation travelled to Luleå, Sweden. A joint venture between SSAB, LKAB and Vattenfall, presented the HYBRIT project, which aim is to develop the world's first fossil-free steel-making technology.

The delegation also visited Facebook's data centre, the first of its kind built outside the US, RISE SICS North – a lab formed around the ICE data center, Node Pole - a company supporting new and emerging energy intensive industries and a local hydro power plant run by Vattenfall. The delegated also visited Luleå University of Technology, one of the leading universities in Scandinavia in the development of sustainable, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly systems and processes.

Study on "Sector coupling: how can it be enhanced in the EU to foster grid stability and decarbonise?". Presentation by Koen Rademaekers, Trinomics BV

Sector coupling involves the increased integration of energy end-use and supply sectors with one another. This can improve the efficiency and flexibility of the energy system as well as its reliability and adequacy. Additionally, sector coupling can reduce the costs of decarbonisation. To foster the full potential of sector coupling in several end-use and supply applications, it is important that existing techno-economic, policy and regulatory barriers are removed. Furthermore, a more integrated approach to energy systems planning is needed. Link to the study

Feedback from ongoing negotiations

The ITRE Committee Members will receive un update on the ongoing negotiations for the following files:

- Establishing the Connecting Europe Facility (COM(2018)0438 - C8-0255/2018 - 2018/0228(COD)) - Rapporteurs: Ms Virkkunen, Mr Marinescu and Mr Telička
SUBSCRIPTION
If you wish to receive the ITRE Newsletter, please send an e-mail with your contact details and "Newsletter" in the subject field to the ITRE secretariat.

FURTHER INFORMATION
For further information please contact the ITRE secretariat or visit ITRE website. The Committee meetings are web-streamed and can be watched live on the EP website or on Europarl TV.