Dear colleagues,

This week's ITRE meeting will be heavily dedicated to exercising the Parliament's scrutiny powers through the Structured Dialogue with the Commission whereby Commissioner's Gabriel and Timmermans will debate with Members Research and Innovation Policy as well as the proposal for the European Green Deal respectively. In addition, Members will hold exchange of views on 5G Deployment, the roaming market, the ISA² programme and Blockchain. They will also hear the report from the EP Delegation to the 14th meeting of the UN Internet Governance Forum that took place at the end of 2019. SME policy will be at the centre of a joint debate with the Commission and the European Court of Auditors who will be presenting a special report on this matter. ITRE Members will also hold the consideration of the draft opinion on the Guidelines for the 2021 Budget and will vote a resolution on the revision of the TEN-E Guidelines.

Cristian-Silviu Buşoi

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**Consideration of opinion**

**Guidelines for the 2021 Budget - Section III**

**Rapporteur:** Cristian-Silviu Buşoi

Consideration of [draft opinion](#)

The EP resolution on the budget guidelines provides for a first opportunity to flag the Parliament's expectation for the 2021 budget, ahead of the adoption of the draft budget by the Commission. In the absence of an agreement on the MFF, the guidelines this year have the additional function of underlining critical points on the overall MFF. The Rapporteur, Chair Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, recalls in his draft report the Parliament's position on the MFF programmes in the ITRE remit and highlights the need for sufficient funding and staffing of agencies.

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**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

- **Deadline for tabling amendments:** 19 February 2020, 12.00
- **Vote in ITRE:** 18 March 2020
- **Vote in main Committee (BUDG):** 30 March 2020

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**Votes on 18 February**

**Motion for resolution on the revision of the TEN-E Guidelines**

Adoption of motion for a resolution further to a question for oral answer

Following the debate which took place last Monday during the plenary session in Strasbourg, the Committee is voting on Tuesday a draft motion for resolution asking the Commission to come forward with a proposal, by the end of 2020 at the latest, for a revision of the TEN-E guidelines. This revision should consider, in particular, the Union energy and climate targets for 2030, the Union's long-term decarbonisation commitment, and the energy efficiency first principle. With this resolution the Committee calls on the Commission to propose transitional guidance on spending under the Connecting Europe Facility and on the selection of projects for the 5th PCI list by the end of 2020 to ensure that spending and selection is in line with commitments made under the Paris Agreement.

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**News and events**

**Structured dialogue with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth**

Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, will be visiting ITRE for a debate on Research and Innovation policy. This debate will be part of the structured dialogue with the Commission and the Commissioner is expected to brief the Committee on the Horizon Europe planning and on the relevant initiatives that are part of the new Commission's Work Programme.
Structured dialogue with Mr Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal

In the ITRE committee meeting on 18 February the Executive Vice-President responsible for the European Green Deal, Mr Frans Timmermans will make a presentation of the European Green Deal. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views.

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Secure 5G deployment in the EU - Implementing the EU toolbox

As a major enabler for future digital services, 5G will play a key role in the development of our digital economy and society in the years to come. Due to its less centralised architecture, smart computing power at the edge, the need for more antennas and increased dependency on software, 5G networks offer more potential entry points for attackers. Therefore, ensuring the security of the EU's future 5G networks is of utmost importance. The Commission will present to the ITRE Committee the highlights of the report “Secure 5G deployment in the EU - Implementing the EU toolbox” and the current state of play regarding the cybersecurity of the 5G networks. A question and answer session with ITRE Members will follow.

Link to the Communication

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the review of the roaming market

In October 2015, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2015/2120 - new roaming rules widely known as “Roam-Like-At-Home” (RLAH) which mandated the end of retail roaming charges in the Union from 15 June 2017.

New rules mandated European Commission to submit, by 15 December 2019, a review report to the European Parliament and the Council to assess the functioning of the roaming market under the RLAH rules.

This report broadly confirms that the RLAH reform has been successful and met its objective to unleash the roaming consumption. Operators generally apply the EU Roaming Regulation correctly, while national regulators swiftly deal with any infractions.

The current legislation expires in June 2022. The European Commission will launch in early 2020 a public consultation on a possible legislative proposal extending the EU roaming rules beyond June 2022.

Link to the report

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Results of the interim evaluation of the ISA² programme

Ms Gertrud Ingestad, Director-General in DG DIGIT will present to the ITRE Committee the highlights of the report “Secure 5G deployment in the EU - Implementing the EU toolbox” and the current state of play regarding the cybersecurity of the 5G networks. A question and answer session with ITRE Members will follow.

Link to the report

Joint debate on EU SME policy: exchange of views with the Commission on the horizontal SME policy and presentation by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) of the Special Report ‘The SME Instrument in action: an effective and innovative programme facing challenges’

During its meeting of 18th February, ITRE will hold a joint debate on the Union's SME policy. The first point on the debate will be an exchange of views with Ms Kristin Schreiber Director for COSME Programme and SME Policy. Ms Schreiber is expected to brief the Committee on how the different strands of the Commission's SME policy have been working together.

The second part on the debate will be an exchange of views with Mr Alex Brenninkmeijer, the Dutch Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA). Mr Brenninkmeijer will present to Members the main findings of the ECA’s latest Special Report on ‘The SME Instrument in action: an effective and innovative programme facing challenges’.
Presentation by the Joint Research Centre of the Report on Blockchain now and tomorrow

The JRC will present to the ITRE Committee the conclusions and recommendations from their latest studies on blockchain and artificial intelligence. A questions and answer session will follow.

Feedback from the EP delegation to the UN-convened 14th meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (Berlin, Germany, 25-29 November 2019)

A four Member EP delegation participated in the Internet Governance Forum in Berlin from 25 to 29 November 2019. The three main themes of the programme were data governance, digital inclusion and security, safety, stability and resilience. There were 200 sessions in the official programme and 3700 participants from 161 counties participated in Berlin. In addition, the EP delegation had bilateral meetings with stakeholders like ICANN, the Internet Society, Wikimedia and APC. They also met with Vint Cerf, known as a ‘father of the internet’ and with representatives from the US government. The delegation was led by ITRE Vice-Chair Lina Galvez Muñoz who will report back to committee.

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