

## Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

As Governments, institutions and citizens alike continue their fight of the COVID-19 crisis, it is up to each of us to try to continue our work to attempt to flatten the curve while doing all we can to ensure as much business continuity as possible finding innovative ways to fulfil our role as legislators. In this regard, the Parliament ITRE Committee will be meeting remotely to discuss the ongoing revision of the EIT Regulation and the accompanying Decision on its Strategic Innovation Agenda as well as hold votes on the renewal of the Scientific and Technological Agreements with India and Ukraine as well as the adoption of the second reading recommendation on labelling of tyres with respect to fuel efficiency and other essential parameters.

I would like to finish by first wishing you and your families health and resilience in this time of crisis. Be sure that this difficult period will soon pass so that we can all return to our normal routine and to work with renewed vigour.

Cristian-Silviu Buşoi

## Vote on 28 April

Dossier	Rapporteur	No of AMs	No of CAs	Vote in lead com /Plenary
<b>Labelling of tyres with respect to fuel efficiency and other essential parameters</b>  Vote on the draft recommendation for second reading	<a href="#">Henna Virkkunen</a>	N/A	N/A	PLENARY: May 2020

## Consideration of reports - Joint debate

## European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast)

Rapporteur: [Marisa Matias](#)

Consideration of [draft report](#)

## Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) 2021-2027: Boosting the Innovation Talent and Capacity of Europe

Rapporteur: [Maria da Graça Carvalho](#)

Consideration of [draft report](#)

Created as an EU body in 2008, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) aims to reinforce the Union's innovation capacity through the integration of the knowledge triangle (higher education, research and innovation). The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation. Its headquarters are in Budapest and its operations started in 2010. It currently operates through 8 EU-wide thematic Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) which are large partnerships between academia and industry in the fields of climate, digital technologies, food, health, energy, manufacturing, raw materials, and urban mobility.

The initial EIT Regulation had been adopted in 2008 and amended in 2013. The Commission is proposing this time to adapt the EIT Regulation to Horizon Europe through a recast proposal and an annex detailing the changes in EIT's governance.

The proposal for a new Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) of the (EIT) accompanies the above-proposal for a recast of the EIT Regulation and lays down the priority fields, long-term strategy and resources needed for the EIT during the next financial period 2021-2027.

The rapporteurs (Marisa MATIAS for the Regulation and Maria da Graça CARVALHO for the Decision) have recorded a detailed presentation of their reports that are accessible [here](#).

The draft reports were drafted before the COVID-19 outbreak.

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## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 30 April 2020, 12.00*
- *Vote in ITRE: 15 June 2020*
- *Vote in Plenary: June/July 2020 (tbc)*

### Approval of application of the simplified procedure without amendment

**The renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India**

Rapporteur: [Cristian-Silviu Buşoi](#)

[Link to the draft recommendation](#)

The Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of India first entered into force in 2002, and has been renewed twice since. The current Agreement is due to expire on 17 May 2020. It is in the interest of the EU to renew this Agreement for an additional period of five years in order to continue to further engage in scientific and technological cooperation and facilitation thereof. The substance of the renewed Agreement would be identical to that of the current one. As per the Treaties, the consent of European Parliament is necessary before the agreement comes into force. As a result, ITRE Committee will hold a debate on the proposed renewal.

**The renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine**

Rapporteur: [Cristian-Silviu Buşoi](#)

[Link to the draft recommendation](#)

The Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine was first signed in 2002, and has been renewed twice since. The renewal of the Agreement for an additional period of five years is in the mutual interest in order to continue facilitating cooperation between EU and Ukraine in common science and technology priority areas leading to mutual benefit. The substance of the renewed Agreement will be identical to that of the current one. As per the Treaties, the consent of European Parliament is necessary before the agreement comes into force. As a result, ITRE Committee will hold a debate on the proposed renewal.

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