Dear colleagues,

At our next ITRE committee meeting Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, Mariya Gabriel, will be present to discuss with Members the impact on the R&I landscape of the Union of the New Generation EU recovery plan. While this plan reinforces the role of Horizon Europe it still falls short of the ambitious EUR 120 Billion proposal by the Parliament which will continue to support a strong and ambitious research and innovation policy in the Union. In addition, ITRE will be voting the draft reports of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology legislative package and the mandate to enter into inter-institutional negotiations as well as on the draft opinion for ENVI’s initiative report on Shortage of Medicines in the EU.

Cristian-Silviu Buzoii

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**News and events**

**Exchange of views with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, on European recovery after COVID-19**

Following the announcement of the New Generation EU recovery plan ITRE has invited Commissioner Gabriel to discuss the impact of the recovery plan on the R&I landscape in the Union. The exchange of views is also expected to focus on the role of the research framework programme in the recovery plan.

Amongst other things, the recovery plan provides for the strengthening of Horizon Europe. The proposed amounts, however, are still less than the EUR120 billion proposed by Parliament in its 1st reading position. Given the central role that research plays in avoiding and treating pandemics, as well as in enabling Europe to lead the green and digitalisation transitions, ITRE has been given a lot of importance to discussion on creating the best conditions for R&I to thrive in the Union.

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