

Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

We need to keep ITRE programmes strong and well financed in order to attain EU's digital and green transformation goals, while maintaining our industries competitive and boosting innovation. I have confidence 2021 shall be the year EU bounces back, but for this we need to offer alternatives via all the available flexibility instruments. We need also to insure that the Agencies in the ITRE remit, especially GSA and ACER will be proper financed and staffed in order to meet all their new responsibilities and challenges in the current context, and better prepare for the future.

This week we also welcome in ITRE Professor Bourguignon, recently re-elected ERC President, for a discussion that will plea once more that only an ambitious and future-oriented budget for research and innovation can help the EU to come out from the current unprecedented crisis and prepare our next generation to be more resilient.

Cristian-Silviu Buşoi

Exchange of views

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections

Consideration of [opinion](#)

Rapporteur: [Cristian-Silviu Buşoi](#)

The draft opinion to the budget 2021 resolution (Rapporteur: Chair Busoi) focusses on the need to strengthen all programmes in the ITRE remit that are essential to attain the twin goals of a digital and green transformation. As those programmes have been cut by the European Council below the level proposed by the Commission and considered necessary by Parliament, it is now necessary to make use of the entire available margin and to make recourse to all available flexibility instruments to ensure that these programmes can start in 2021 with sufficient financial resources. The draft opinion also stresses the importance of sufficient financial and human resources for EU agencies, highlighting in particular the needs of ACER.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- *Deadline for tabling amendments: 17 September 2020, 12:00*
- *Vote in ITRE: 12 October 2020*
- *Vote in main committee (BUDG): (tbc)*

Votes on 7 September

Dossier	Rapporteur	No of AMs	No of CAs	Vote in lead com /Plenary
General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections Adoption of budget amendments	Cristian-Silviu Buşoi	104	N/A	Lead committee (BUDG): week 42
Establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law) Adoption of opinion	Zdzisław Krasnodebski	524	11	Lead committee (ENVI): 10 September 2020

Recent publications:

Briefing: [COVID-19: List of the measures taken in relation to the ITRE remit May-June 2020](#)

Study: [Energy-intensive industries](#)

Study: [Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence](#)

Study: [SME focus - Long term strategy for the European industrial future](#)

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

ACER assesses that most long-term contracts for gas transportation in Europe will expire in the next ten years [More](#)

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

BEREC issues new summary report on internet capacity during the COVID-19 pandemics [More](#)

European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)

European Cybersecurity Month: How to Get Involved [More](#)

Euratom Supply Agency (ESA)

ESA Annual Report 2019 - Analysis of supply and demand of nuclear material and services in the EU [More](#)

Fusion for Energy (F4E)

ITER Neutral Beam Test Facility gets too cool! [More](#)

European Global Navigation Satellite System Gns Agency (GSA)

EU Satellite navigation: a wealth of opportunities [More](#)

News and events

Exchange of views with Professor Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, interim President of the European Research Council (ERC)

After a 6-years mandate as ERC President (2014-2019), Prof. Bourguignon has been recently re-appointed at the helm of the European funding agency for fundamental research. His re-appointment comes at a crucial moment, in particular given the context of intense budgetary negotiations during an unprecedented crisis for the EU. Therefore ITRE invited Professor Bourguignon to present and discuss the main challenges ahead for the ERC and more broadly for European science and innovation.

ABOUT THE EDITOR

European Parliament
Directorate General for Internal Policies of the Union
Industry, Research and Energy Committee
Head of Unit / Editor: Peter Traung
Administrator: Eugen Sandu
Layout: Lina Paskeviciute / Monika Kawalec

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 (itre-secretariat@europarl.europa.eu).

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](#).

Disclaimer: The items contained herein are drafted by the secretariat of the European Parliament and are provided for general information purposes only. The opinions expressed in this document are the sole responsibility of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official position of the European Parliament. This document may contain links to websites that are created and maintained by other organisations. The secretariat does not necessarily endorse the view(s) expressed on these websites.