Dear colleagues,

During our next Committee meeting, Mr. Hans van Steen, Director in DG Energy of the European Commission, will present us two reports adopted by the Commission on 14 October together with the 2020 State of the Energy Union report.

The Report on progress of clean energy competitiveness, which takes stock on whether developments are on track to deliver the green transition and the EU’s long-term climate goals. This is particularly important because today’s energy production account for more than 75% of the EU’s greenhouse gas emissions, which requires a major transformation of the EU energy systems.

The Renewable Energy Progress Report provides the latest insights into progress made on clean and renewable energy, which is one of the most important building blocks of the economic recovery in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis.

Mr. Janez Kopač, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat, will also present to the Committee the Energy Community Annual Implementation report, issued on 1 November 2020 outlining the results of key activities in the fields of electricity, gas, energy regulators, oil, renewable energy, energy efficiency, environment, climate, infrastructure, competition, statistics and for the first time cybersecurity.

We will be also having a consideration of draft opinion of Ms Nicola Beer

Exchange of views

Shaping the digital future of Europe: removing barriers to the functioning of the digital single market and improving the use of AI for European consumers

Consideration of draft opinion

Rapporteur: Nicola Beer

ITRE is an associated Committee (Rule 57) with exclusive competences to IMCO for this report. The ITRE rapporteur for opinion, Ms Beer (RE), will present her draft to the ITRE Committee. The report reacts to the Commission's Communication 'Shaping Europe's digital future' and the White paper on ‘Artificial Intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust'.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

- Deadline for tabling amendments: 10 December 2020, 12.00
- Vote in ITRE: March 2021
- Vote in IMCO: April 2021
- Vote in Plenary: May 2021 (tbc)

Feedback from ongoing negotiations

The ITRE Committee Members will receive an update on the ongoing negotiations for the following file:

Nicola Beer “Shaping the digital future of Europe and improving the use of AI for European consumers”. AI brings huge opportunities as well as significant risks. We must support research in AI, as well as the development and deployment of useful AI applications. We must also provide an appropriate legal and ethical framework based on European values to ensure that AI contributes to the social good. Developing appropriate policies and regulations for AI is a priority since AI has become a powerful driver of social transformation. 

Cristian-Silviu Buşoi

Presentation by the European Commission on clean energy competitiveness and on progress made towards the 2020 renewable energy targets

Mr Hans van Steen, Director in DG Energy of the European Commission, will present to the Committee two reports: the Report on progress of clean energy competitiveness and the Renewable Energy Progress Report. Both reports were adopted by the Commission on 14 October together with the 2020 State of the Energy Union report.

The annual progress report on clean energy competitiveness aims to analyse the state of clean energy technologies and the EU clean energy industry’s competitiveness, in order to assess if their development is on track to deliver the green transition and the EU’s long-term climate goals. The Renewable Energy Progress Report provides the latest insights into progress made up to 2018 towards the 2020 national binding targets on renewables. The report confirms that the EU is on track for reaching its renewable energy targets for 2020.

Presentation of the Energy Community Annual Implementation Report

Mr Janez Kopač, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat, will present to the Committee the Energy Community Annual Implementation report, which was issued on 1 November 2020.

The Energy Community is an international organisation, which brings together the European Union and its neighbours (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine) to create an integrated pan-European energy market.

The organisation was founded by the Treaty establishing the Energy Community signed in October 2005 in Athens, and is in force since July 2006. The key objective of the Energy Community is to extend the EU internal energy market rules and principles to countries in South East Europe, the Black Sea region and beyond on the basis of a legally binding framework.

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