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1. INTRODUCTION - COMPETENCES OF ITRE

6th legislative term (2004 - 2009)

According to Annex VI ("Powers and responsibilities of standing committees", adopted by decision of Parliament of 29 January 2004) of the Rules of Procedure in force as of 20 July 2004, the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy is responsible for:

1. the Union's industrial policy and the application of new technologies, including measures relating to SMEs;
2. the Union's research policy, including the dissemination and exploitation of research findings;
3. space policy;
4. the activities of the Joint Research Centre and the Central Office for Nuclear Measurements, as well as JET, ITER and other projects in the same area;
5. Community measures relating to energy policy in general, the security of energy supply and energy efficiency including the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the energy infrastructure sector;
6. the Euratom Treaty and Euratom Supply Agency; nuclear safety, decommissioning and waste disposal in the nuclear sector;
7. the information society and information technology, including the establishment and development of trans-European networks in the telecommunication infrastructure sector.



2. COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

2.1 INDUSTRIAL POLICY

2.1.1. Highlights

Enterprise and industry is a policy area where the competence lies mainly within the remit of Member States. However, on Community level, several horizontal issues are tackled that are key for setting the right framework conditions, such as the proper working of the internal market, research & innovation, an international level playing field or ensuring the protection of intellectual property. Furthermore, during this legislature, several High Level Groups were set up to assess the situation in specific sectors (such as the automotive, shipbuilding, textiles, chemicals or pharmaceuticals) and to make recommendations to strengthen their competitiveness. Parliament contributed to the policy debate by drafting specific, targeted own-initiative reports and by consistently trying to reduce administrative burden, foster entrepreneurship and pay specific attention to SMEs in all legislative files it was involved in.



2.1.2. Legislative dossiers

Title	Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency and amending Directive 1999/45/EC and Regulation (EC) {on Persistent Organic Pollutants} *		
Rapporteur (ENVI)	Guido SACCONI (PES)		
Draftsperson (ITRE)	Lena EK (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2003) 0644	Procedure number	2003/0256 (COD)

** Opinion in enhanced cooperation*

Summary:

This proposal was a heavily debated and lobbied one, aiming at testing and registering some 30.000 chemical substances and taking the most dangerous ones off the market. The proposal aimed to improve the protection of human health and the environment from the risks of chemicals, without compromising the competitiveness of the EU chemicals industry and its downstream users. ENVI was leading, but ITRE was closely involved in an enhanced cooperation procedure, whereby exceptionally ITRE's adopted amendments were tabled "en bloc" to Plenary.

Main points/EP position:

Important aspects in ITRE's remit were: less strict rules for low-volume substances; specific exemptions (recyclable materials, certain minerals and ores); simplification of registration procedure; increase workability and decrease bureaucracy, especially for SMEs; lowering testing costs through sharing of information; dissemination of information throughout the supply chain; safeguarding business confidential information, simplification of procedure for substances in articles; research into alternatives to hazardous chemicals and alternative testing methods.

Title	Competitiveness of industry and enterprises: Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme CIP, 2007-2013		
Rapporteur	Jorgo CHATZIMARKAKIS (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0121	Procedure number	2005/0050 (COD)

Summary:

This proposal combined several smaller programmes, into one new framework programme to enhance competitiveness and innovation, in particular for SMEs. The programme has a total budget of EUR3.6 billion for the period 2007 to 2013. It consists of 3 specific programmes: Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme, ICT Policy Support Programme and Intelligent Energy Programme.

Main points/EP position:

Important aspects in ITRE's remit were: simplification of the application procedure accommodating needs of SMEs (including providing a one-stop-shop solution), limitation of the share of administrative expenditures, orientation of the ICT programme towards SMEs and focus on technologies in measures on intelligent energy.

Title	Education, research and innovation: European Institute of Technology EIT		
Rapporteur	Reino PAASILINNA (PES)		
COM number	COM (2006) 0604	Procedure number	2006/0197 (COD)

Summary:

This proposal established a European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), aiming to promote and integrate higher education, research and innovation (the knowledge triangle) of the highest standards. During the negotiations, a two-stage approach has been agreed upon, whereby in the first phase a limited amount of KICs will be developed. The EIT in its first phase (until 2013) has a budget of EUR300 million and will set up 2 to 3 Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) in the field of climate change, renewable energy and the new generation of ICT.

Main points/EP position:

In this dossier ITRE worked hand in hand with the Budget Committee, that was negotiating the financing. Some of ITRE's key issues were: a bigger focus on innovation; avoidance of FP7 funding going directly to the EIT; independence of the Governing Board; proper EP involvement in the proposed strategic priorities for the second phase of the EIT; a sufficient level of private funding for the EIT and the KICs; a lower level of administrative expenditure

Title	CO2 emissions of cars *		
Rapporteur (ENVI)	Guido SACCONI (PES)		
Draftsperson (ITRE)	Werner LANGEN (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0856	Procedure number	2007/0297 (COD)

** Opinion in enhanced cooperation*

Summary:

This proposal to limit the CO2 emissions of new passenger cars was part of the ambitious "climate change package" to reduce EU's greenhouse gas emissions by 20% compared to 1990 levels. ENVI was leading, but ITRE was closely involved in an enhanced cooperation procedure and was participating in the informal trilogues that led to a 1st reading agreement under the French Presidency.

Main points/EP position:

Important aspects in ITRE's remit were: phase-in of scheme, long-term target, level of penalties for manufacturers, taking into account of eco-innovation, specific arrangements for small manufacturers and bonus for low-emission vehicles.

Title	Air pollution, greenhouse gas emission: allowance trading system of the Community (amend. Directive 2003/87/EC) * (ETS)		
Rapporteur (ENVI)	Avril DOYLE (EPP-ED)		
Draftsperson (ITRE)	Lena EK (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0016	Procedure number	2008/0013 (COD)

** Opinion in enhanced cooperation*

Summary:

This proposal to tighten up the Emission Trading Scheme was part of the ambitious "climate change package" to reduce EU's greenhouse gas emissions by 20% compared to 1990 levels. ENVI was leading, but ITRE was closely involved in an enhanced cooperation procedure and was participating in the informal trilogues that led to a 1st reading agreement under the French Presidency.

Main points/EP position:

Important aspects in ITRE's remit were: auctioning of allowances versus benchmarking, measures against "carbon leakage", spending of auction revenue, specific arrangements for small installations, compensation for electricity-intensive industries (indirect effects), encouragement for certain efficient technologies (carbon capture, co-generation, waste gases) and predictability for industry (stock market based rules, legal certainty, consultation).

2.1.3. Non - legislative dossiers

Title	Strengthening EU manufacturing		
Rapporteur	Joan CALABUIG RULL (PES)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0474	Procedure number	2006/2003 (INI)

Summary:

In this own-initiative report, Parliament recognised the important role of the manufacturing industries in the EU and supported the development of a coherent industrial policy at European level.

Main points/EP position:

Parliament called for the development of European Flagships for Excellence, urged the Commission to come forwards with concrete proposals to protect and enforce intellectual property rights and to fight unfair competition and counterfeiting. Furthermore, Parliament urged the Commission to identify international practices which could adversely affect the competitiveness of European undertakings, particularly regulations and subsidies, and tackle barriers to trade and investment that were in breach of international rules. Finally, the importance was stressed of improving education, lifelong learning and training, boosting the application of research results in new products and processes and improving the access to finance and venture capital, especially for innovative start-ups and SMEs.

Title	Implementing the Community Lisbon Programme: small and medium-sized enterprises SMEs policy for growth and employment		
Rapporteur	Pilar DEL CASTILLO VERA (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM(2005)0551	Procedure number	2006/2138 (INI)

Title	Putting knowledge into practice: A broad-based innovation strategy for Europe		
Rapporteur	Adam GIEREK (PES)		
COM number	COM(2006)0502	Procedure number	2006/2274 (INI)

Summary:

Parliament has showed continuous commitment to delivering the Lisbon agenda, creating and maintaining jobs, supporting small and medium sized enterprises and strengthening the innovation potential of Europe.

Main points/EP position:

- Parliament emphasized the need to further promote a knowledge-based society and all angles of the "knowledge triangle", foster entrepreneurship amongst Europeans from the earliest stages of education, and remove obstacles to business creation.
- EP supported the establishment of clusters and technology & innovation parks and called for establishing SME clusters as well around technology parks, public laboratories and universities in order to create dynamic environments in Europe.

- Parliament highlighted the crucial role of SMEs; and called for comprehensive support including the setting up of "one stop shops", improving regulation, providing tax incentives, supporting the setting up of new businesses, and cutting red tape to facilitate the transfer of family businesses to third parties or employees. Parliament also called for assessing the use of public funds including the Structural Funds, to begin establishing risk capital funds in the form of public-private partnerships in regions and fields having innovative potential and a sound knowledge base.
- Parliament welcomed the "lead market" initiative aiming at facilitating the marketing of new innovative products and services in areas where the EU can become the world leader.
- Parliament also reiterated that a reasonable and reliable copyright protection and patent systems are crucial elements in building an innovative knowledge-based economy and society, and confirmed the need to reform patent policy in Europe. In this context the Parliament called for examining the possibilities for providing SMEs with adequate financial support for their patent applications; assessing the integration of the European Patent Organisation into the Community; establishing a procedure for eliminating trivial patents and sleeping patents filed for the sole purpose of obstruction; and drawing up measures that are alternative and complementary to patents.

Title	Mid-term review of industrial policy		
Rapporteur	Romana JORDAN-CIZELJ (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0374	Procedure number	2007/2257 (INI)

Summary:

This own initiative report stressed that a prosperous industrial sector is essential for the achievement of the Lisbon goals but regretted the weakness of the link between EU and national industrial policy. The main role of EU industrial policy should be to put in place the right framework conditions for enterprise development, industrial investment, innovation and job creation, paying particular attention to the needs of SMEs.

Main points/EP position:

Parliament called upon the Commission to step up its efforts to eliminate unnecessary administrative barriers that make access to the internal market difficult, to simplify and to improve the regulatory environment and to reduce the administrative burden on enterprises. It believed that EU's environmental goals should not be seen as a threat to industry, but as an opportunity to gain a first mover advantage and make industry in the EU a world leader in environmentally friendly and socially acceptable technologies, products and services.

Title	CARS21		
Rapporteur	Jorgo CHATZIMARKAKIS (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0022	Procedure number	2007/2120 (INI)

Summary:

This own-initiative report was a response to Report by the High Level Group on a Competitive Automotive Regulatory Framework (CARS21). It highlighted the economic importance of the European automotive industry as a sector producing 19 million vehicles yearly and providing 2.3

million direct jobs and a further 10 million in ancillary sectors. Parliament called on the Member States to work closely with the Commission in implementing the CARS 21 recommendations, especially in the field of the internal market, the environment, road safety, trade and R&D.

Main points/EP position:

In particular, Parliament urged the Commission to submit proposals for the creation of an internal market for custom and tuning parts, stated that improved air quality could be achieved only by a speedier renewal of the automobile fleet, believed that an average target of 125g/km of CO₂ emissions for new passenger cars for 2015 was ambitious but achievable, pointed out to the existence of a trade-off between improving road safety and decreasing CO₂ emissions, called for the improvement of cross-border inspection of vehicles and the cross-border



enforcement of fines, encouraged the Commission to negotiate new bilateral trade agreements, primarily in Asia, in order to improve market access conditions and advocated a significant increase of R&D funding for the automotive sector, paying particular attention to supply industries.

Title	Small Business Act (SBA)		
Rapporteur	Edit HERCZOG (PES)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0394	Procedure number	2008/2237 (INI)

Summary:

This own initiative report deals with one of the key and most recent instruments in the Community policy towards SMEs was the adopted in June 2008 Commission communication entitled, "Think Small First: A Small Business Act for Europe"(SBA). Accompanied by a series of new legislative proposals presenting concrete action to aid European SMEs financial situation, the SBA is a set of policy commitments on both European and Member State level intended to open up the way for unrestricted growth of SMEs by entrenching the 'Think Small First' principle in policy making at all levels. These commitments address the three main conditions - administrative, regulatory and financial - that affect the development of European SMEs.

Main points/EP position:

Setting up the right horizontal framework for the creation, operation and development of SMEs in Europe is of a key importance. In its resolution, the European Parliament while warmly welcomed this initiative, it also regretted that the SBA is not a legally binding instrument. A set of further recommendations were made focusing on five main areas: boosting R&D and innovation; ensuring funding and access to finance; improving access to the single market, international markets and public procurement; fighting bureaucracy and red tape; turning sustainability in to business opportunities for SMEs.

2.2 INFORMATION SOCIETY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY

2.2.1. Highlights

Key legislative reports including the regulation of Community-wide roaming and mobile satellite services, as well as EP's second reading position on the overall reform of the regulatory framework for electronic communications ('Telecom Package') were adopted in the 6th legislative terms. In order to express EP's views and priorities on developing an all-inclusive Information Society, major *non-legislative resolutions* were also passed on, among others, the i2010 policy framework, digital dividend and broadband policy.



2.2.2. Legislative dossiers

Title	'Telecom Package' - Electronic communications: common regulatory framework for networks and services, access, interconnection and authorisation (amending Directives 2002/19/EC, 2002/20/EC and 2002/21/EC)		
Rapporteur (ITRE)	Catherine TRAUTMANN (PES)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0697 COM (2008) 0724	Procedure number	2007/0247 (COD)

Summary:

The Telecom Package aims at reforming the 2002 legislative framework on electronic communications. It comprises 3 legislative reports: the Trautmann report (2007/0247) and the del Castillo report (2007/0249 (COD)) which were dealt within ITRE and the Harbour report (2007/0248) dealt within IMCO. The Trautmann report addressed the amendment of Directives 2002/21/EC on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services, 2002/19/EC on access to, and interconnection of, electronic communications networks and associated facilities, and 2002/20/EC on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services with the objective of to establishing a modern set of rules for ensuring efficient management of radio spectrum and helping to remove regulatory obstacles and inconsistencies in the single telecoms market. After numerous trialogues, an agreement was reached between the EP's negotiating team and the Czech Presidency on the three reports of the package which were approved on 6 May 2009 by the EP at second reading. However, the EP also decided, in its plenary vote, to adopt one amendment to the Trautmann report not included in the compromise with Council imposing a judicial decision prior to any restriction on Internet access. This amendment attempted blocking a controversial law being discussed in France. Council has not by June 2009 reached a decision on this amendment although most probably it will reject it. Due to their interlinked nature it is expected that at least formally the three components of the package will be subject to third reading.

Main points/EP position:

Throughout the whole procedure Parliament defended and, to a large extent, succeeded in reaching compromises with Council on:

The respect of the fundamental rights and freedoms of electronic communications end-users to become a general obligation of the whole regulatory framework.

Reinforcing the impartiality, operational autonomy and independence of national Regulatory Authorities are reinforced.

More effective appeal procedures for undertakings providing electronic communications and services and appeal bodies with appropriate expertise to enable them to carry out its functions effectively.

A new co-regulation procedure between the Commission, the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the individual NRAs to improve the consistency of the application of the regulatory framework across the Community including empowering the Commission (subject to the control of the Parliament and the Council) to adopt binding decisions where the inconsistent application of the regulatory framework by NRAs creates a barrier to the internal market.

A new set of regulatory principles is added (Article 8(5) of the Framework Directive) aiming at making regulation more targeted and focused and at providing a level playing field and legal certainty to boost investments in new generation networks.

Improving the coherence and strategic dimension of the Community spectrum policy through the adoption by codecision of multiannual radio spectrum policy programmes setting the policy orientations and objectives for the use of radio spectrum.

Flexibility in spectrum management and access to spectrum through technology and service-neutral authorisations to allow spectrum users to choose the best technologies and services to apply in frequency bands subject only to restrictions for technical or for public policy objectives.

A harmonised approach in the Community regarding numbering, including number ranges, portability of numbers and access to 112 emergency services would be possible. (Article 19 of the Framework Directive).

Title	'Telecom Package' - Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the Office		
Rapporteur	Pilar DEL CASTILLO VERA (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0699 COM (2008) 0720	Procedure number	2007/0249 (COD)

Summary:

The file forms part of the overall reform of the regulatory framework of electronic communications, the so-called Telecom Package. In order to further consolidate the internal market for electronic communications the Commission proposed to set up a new European agency, the European Electronic Communications Market Authority (EECMA).

Parliament and Council, while recognising the need for further consolidation, discarded the option to create such a heavy structure. Parliament in its first reading position voted in favour of a small-sized Community body with legal personality, and with the heads of NRAs in the centre of the structure (BERT). Council in its common position proposed to create a non-Community body without legal personality composed of the heads of NRAs (GERT).

The structure and formulation of GERT was rejected by the Parliament due to its completely non-Community nature. Parliament in second reading, while keeping the NRAs in the core of the new structure, insisted that the new body had to be transparent and accountable, and that to this end it had to be properly embedded into the Community legal framework.

Following several rounds of trialogue negotiations, overall compromise agreement was reached between the Parliament and Council on the whole legislative package. With regard to the present file the compromise agreement foresees the establishment of the Body of European Regulators of Electronic Communications (BEREC) and its Office building upon the main principles outlined by the Parliament above.

The compromise agreement on BEREC/Office has already been endorsed by Parliament's second reading plenary vote. However, an amendment on the Framework Directive concerning fundamental rights of internet users, which had not been included into the compromise package, was adopted by Parliament's second reading plenary vote (see note on 2007/0247(COD) above). At the time of writing this note Council is still considering its options and preparing its second reading position; but given the circumstances the whole Telecom Package might be subject to conciliation.

Main points/EP position:

Parliament emphasized that the new body would have to be centred around the heads of the national regulatory authorities (NRAs) and build upon their local knowledge and expertise. This has been ensured by conferring all policy-related decisions upon BEREC which is composed of the heads of NRAs.

Parliament also took the view that in order to ensure transparency and accountability, the new body had to be embedded into the Community's legal framework. As a compromise, BEREC is established and recognised by Community law but does not have a legal personality, while its Office is set up as a small-sized Community agency.

Parliament also underlined that in order to ensure its smooth functioning, BEREC would have to be provided with professional and administrative support. To this end it has been agreed that the Office, whose staff would be composed of Community officials and possibly by officials seconded by national public administration will take care of this task.

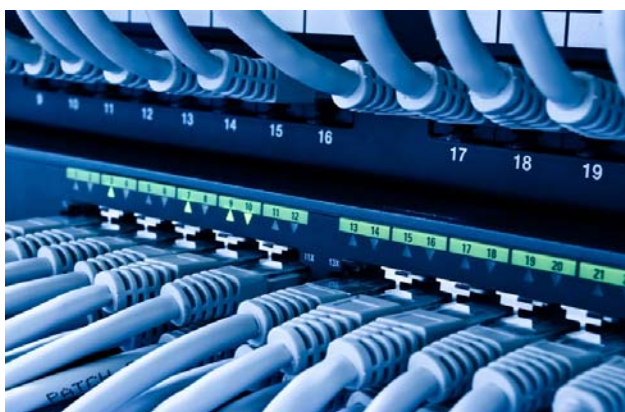
Finally, in order to guarantee independence both from Member States and the Commission, Parliament proposed to set up the new body with mixed financing, i.e. part of the budget to be provided by the Community budget, and another part by the Member States or their NRAs. The compromise foresees that the core of the Office's budget would be secured by the Community budget, with additional voluntary contributions by the Member States or their NRAs.

Title	Electronic communications: regulatory framework for networks and services, reductions on mobile roaming charges across the Community (amend. Dir. 2002/21/EC)		
Rapporteur (ITRE)	Paul RUBIG (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2006) 0382	Procedure number	2006/0133 (COD)

Summary:

The Roaming Regulation was approved by the European Parliament by an overwhelming majority in a plenary vote on 23 May 2007 in one of the fastest ever co-decision procedures (11 months from the adoption of the Commission proposal to its publication in the Official Journal). This Regulation introduces a common approach to ensuring that users of public mobile telephone networks when travelling within the Community do not pay excessive prices for Community-wide roaming services when making calls and receiving calls. It lays down rules on the charges that may be levied by mobile operators for the provision of international roaming services for voice calls originating and terminating within the Community and applies both to charges levied between network operators at wholesale level and to charges levied by home providers at retail level. The duration of the Regulation is limited to three years (1 July 2007 - 30 June 2010) unless, on the basis of a Commission proposal, the Council and the Parliament decide to extend its duration and/o its scope.

Main points/EP position:



It was a priority for Parliament that the Regulation applied from the summer of 2007 to enable consumers to benefit from a ‘Eurotariff’ which sets a maximum limit for calls made and received during the holiday period.

Parliament struggled to get lower price limits as those proposed by the Commission which was achieved by setting a glide path of yearly reductions in those prices

Parliament also strived to ensure that information about pricing is clearer for consumers obliging mobile service providers to give free personalised information on retail roaming charges to their customers and regularly informing their users about the latest roaming charges.

Although the regulation concerns the capping roaming prices for voice services only, Parliament included the requirement for national regulators to monitor closely price developments for roamed short message services (SMS) and data services and for the Commission to review the functioning of the Regulation not later than 31 December 2008 and, if appropriate, to come up with a new legislative proposal to prolong and/ or extend the scope of the Regulation.

Title	Electronic communications: roaming on public mobile telephone networks within the Community; regulatory framework for networks and services (amend. Regulation (EC) No 717/2007 and Directive 2002/21/EC)		
Rapporteur	Adina-Ioana VALEAN (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0580	Procedure number	2008/0187 (COD)

Summary:

The 'Roaming II' amending Regulation provides for the extension in time and scope of Regulation (EC) No 717/2007. As regards voice roaming, the legislative act extends the existing Regulation for two more years and sets new maximum wholesale and retail maximum prices. 'Roaming II' also extends the Regulation to cover intra-Community roaming SMS services, by establishing a maximum limit for the wholesale provision of roaming SMS messages and by requiring mobile operators to offer a retail "Euro-SMS tariff" which must not exceed a maximum price limit per SMS. In addition, it introduces price transparency and safeguards mechanisms for data roaming services and sets a limit on the average wholesale charge for the provision of regulated data roaming services.

Main points/EP position:

It was a priority for the EP that the Roaming Regulation would cover SMS and data roaming as well and as of 1 July 2009 and that voice and data roaming maximum charges would continue falling.

Parliament also strived for customers to be charged by the second after an initial minimum charging period of 30 seconds.

To prevent "bill shocks", Parliament emphasised that roaming customers would be able to opt free of charge for a maximum financial limit and that a financial limit set at €50 (excluding VAT) or the corresponding data volume would automatically apply to all customers who have not made another choice by 1 July 2010-

On MEPs' initiative the Commission will have to review by mid-2011 at the latest, among other points, "the extent to which consumers have benefited through real reductions in the price of roaming services" and the competitive situation of smaller, independent or newly started operators. In addition, Members, with a view of perpetuating price regulation, required the Commission to "assess methods other than price regulation" for creating a competitive internal market for roaming.

Title	Selection and authorisation of systems providing mobile satellite services (MSS)		
Rapporteur	Fiona HALL (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0480	Procedure number	2007/0174 (COD)

Summary:

This Decision lays down procedures for the common selection at Community level of mobile satellite system operators – to provide services such as broadband internet or mobile TV -as well as provisions for the coordinated authorisation by national authorities of the selected operators. It

provides the basis for a comparative selection procedure organised by the Commission with the assistance of a comitology committee. The authorisation (rights to use radio spectrum) of selected operators would be granted at national level subject to a minimum set of harmonised conditions laid down in the proposal.

Main points/EP position:

MEPs approved a first-reading compromise aiming at improving improve accessibility, speed, and quality of electronic communications services especially in rural areas.

The purpose is to facilitate the development of a competitive internal market for mobile satellite services across the Community and to ensure gradual coverage in all Member States. MEPs achieved securing that services would have to reach at least half of the EU's population in the future.

This legislation obliges a system operator to cover at least 60% of the EU's overall land area from the time the system starts operating. After 7 years at the latest the mobile satellite service must be provided within all Member States covering at least 50% of their population and 60% of each Member States land area.

If the demand for spectrum would exceed the amount of radio spectrum available, the European Commission will select operators following certain criteria. Strong emphasis was put by Parliament on pan-European geographic coverage (with 40% weighting) and consumer and competitive benefits, spectrum efficiency and public policy objectives like protection of health, safety and security each accounting for 20%.

Title	Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administration (ISA)		
Rapporteur	Dragoş FLORIN DAVID (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0583	Procedure number	2008/0185 (COD)

Summary:

As a follow-up to the IDABC programme, a new Community programme ensuring the seamless and interoperable provision of public service is to be established (ISA). The aim of the ISA programme is to facilitate the efficient cross-border and cross-sector interaction of European electronic public administrations by helping them to overcome electronic barriers due to the lack of interoperability; as such, it will also help citizens and businesses to interact more easily with public administrations. The ISA programme is established as a multiannual programme for the period of 2010-2015 with the budget of EUR 164.1 million.

Main points/EP position:

Following trilogue negotiations, compromise agreement was reached on the text in the first reading of the legislative procedure. The compromise agreement is built around the following main elements:

- Further emphasizing the role of local regional administrations;
- Promoting openness in terms of standards and specifications;
- Reinforcing the interaction with stakeholders by building upon existing well-working practices;

- Further accentuating the need for technological neutrality and adaptability, and the protection of privacy and security;
- Emphasizing the need to further explore the possibility of exploiting synergies between the ISA programme and the pre-accession funds in order to facilitate the participation of candidate countries in the ISA programme, and co-financing by the Structural Funds.

Title	Amending the term of mandate of the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)		
Rapporteur	Angelika NIEBLER (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0285	Procedure number	2007/0291 (COD)

Summary:

ENISA, the European Network and Information Security Agency, was established by Regulation (EC) No 1007/2008 for a fixed term mandate from 2004 until 2009. In the context of the overall reform of the regulatory framework of electronic communications ('Telecom Package', see the notes above) the Commission proposed to merge ENISA into the future European telecom authority; and in order to bridge the gap between the end of mandate of ENISA in 2009 and the setting up of the proposed new authority in 2011, the Commission put forward a separate proposal to prolong the mandate of ENISA with two years.

This seemingly simple and technical proposal sparked an early debate both in Parliament and Council about the structure and competences of the future telecom authority, as well as the ways to deal with network and information security (NIS) issues at EU-level in the future. Parliament and Council came to a compromise agreement in the first reading of the legislative procedure sharing the views that ENISA and the future telecom authority would have to be clearly separated, and that an in-depth consultation and debate on NIS issues, followed-up with the appropriate legislative proposals, would have to start soon.

Main points/EP position:

- An in-depth consultation and debate on NIS issues will have to start soon to reflect, among others, the structures within which NIS issues are to be dealt with. The discussion will have to build upon the outcome of the ENISA evaluation process, recommendations by the ENISA Management Board and the results of the negotiations on the Telecom Package.
- The future European telecom agency (BEREC) shall not be entrusted with competencies in the NIS field; i.e. ENISA and BEREC will have to be kept separately.
- In order to allow enough time to complete the debate on the future of NIS issues and ENISA, and prepare the necessary follow-up, the term of mandate of ENISA is to be extended with three years until 2012.

2.2.3. Non - legislative dossiers

Title	i2010 - European Information Society for Growth and Employment		
Rapporteur	Reino PAASILINNA (PES)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0229	Procedure number	2005/2167 (INI)

Summary:

As the digital convergence of information society and media services, as well as networks and devices became an everyday reality, the European Community recognised the need for a convergent policy approach. i2010, the integrated policy framework aims at completing a 'single European information space' which promotes an open and competitive internal market for information society and media; strengthens innovation and investment in ICT research; achieves an all-inclusive European Information Society in line with sustainable development. When conceived in 2005, the i2010 policy was a step stone of the renewed Lisbon agenda by contributing to the promotion of growth and jobs and the building of a knowledge-based society; in present times the future follow-up programme of i2010 will be expected to help the recovery of the European economy from the financial and economic crises.

Main points/EP position:

- Parliament stated that the EU can not achieve the Lisbon targets unless the Member States take decisive action to implement fully the i2010 strategy.
- Parliament called for increasing investment in ICT research and innovation as the EU was lagging behind, investing only EUR 80 per head as compared to EUR 350 in Japan and EUR 400 in the US.
- Parliament considered that, unless the digital divide is overcome, enabling all citizens to gain access to, use and take part in the production of knowledge, there will be no knowledge-based society, but rather a cultural and industrial decline in the EU as a whole.
- Furthermore, Parliament urged the Commission to adopt an innovative line in its reform of ICT-related legislation by considerably broadening the scope and including the rights of consumers and users. In this regard Parliament called for applying the principle of technological neutrality, thus guaranteeing that new inventions and actors can access the market as easily as possible.
- Parliament also emphasized that Member States should invest more heavily in the exploitation of ICT in public sector services, such as health, education, and government, in which ICT can make it easier to respond to future social service needs.
- Parliament further emphasized the need for a balanced but robust IPR-system; for the development of such a spectrum management regime which seek to facilitate market access for new inventions; and removing the obstacles from deploying Next Generation Networks.

Title	Building a European policy on broadband		
Rapporteur	Gunnar HOKMARK (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2006) 0129	Procedure number	2006/2273 (INI)

Summary:

General access to broadband is an essential prerequisite for social development and improved public services. Member States should make every effort to ensure that all citizens have access to broadband. In particular they must promote broadband connections in every school, university and educational centre in the EU, with a view to a future where no child in the EU and no individual involved in educational programmes is left off line. Private investment is essential for wider broadband deployment and universal coverage. Improving broadband infrastructure should be a special priority for the use of EU structural and rural funds.

Main points/EP position:

The report stresses that a single market of nearly 500 million people with broadband connections would create a globally unique critical mass of users, helping Europe to become a world leading knowledge-based economy.

The report notes that it is precisely in the EU's less-developed regions that broadband internet connections may contribute most to more sophisticated, inclusive health-care and education systems, by enabling distance-diagnosis and distance-healing as well as distance-learning applications in regions that lack a satisfactory school infrastructure.

Improving broadband infrastructure should therefore be a special priority for the use of EU structural and rural funds. MEPs believe that these funds could also be used for upgrading or replacing broadband networks that do not provide connections with suitable functional capacity. Nevertheless, the report also calls on the Commission to closely examine whether the EU regulatory framework is fully implemented and whether state aid rules are applied whenever those funds are used for broadband investments. EU funding should not favour specific players or technological options, but only the most efficient solutions and should only be permitted in under-served areas. The EU's role would be to provide a regulatory framework that invites competition and private investment and by the use of relevant funds to drive demand for broadband services.

Title	Towards a European policy on the radio spectrum		
Rapporteur (ITRE)	Fiona HALL (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0400 COM (2005) 0411 COM (2005) 0461	Procedure number	2006/2212 (INI)

Summary:

The efficient use of spectrum is critical in ensuring access to spectrum for the various interested parties who want to offer services, and is therefore a key factor in the growth, productivity and development of European industry in accordance with the Lisbon Strategy. Spectrum shortage has been an obstacle to the deployment of new services. Creating a more flexible approach to radio spectrum management is essential for European innovation in wireless technology to flourish.

Main points/EP position:

The report stresses that there could be more unrestricted use of spectrum and welcomes the Commission's proposal to adopt differentiated spectrum management models including the unlicensed model which provides additional flexibility by allowing for free access within some technical limitations. However, the freeing up of spectrum raises a number of issues for existing users and therefore needs to take place within a very clear legal framework.

For MEPs, the principle of service and technology neutrality is the key to a more efficient use of spectrum. When access to spectrum is without restriction on the service to be offered on a particular bandwidth or the technology to be used for the delivery of that service, then spectrum-dependent innovation is able to flourish.

MEPs emphasised that spectrum management should not only be based on a market-driven approach but also needs to take into account wider social, cultural and political considerations.

Adequate amounts of spectrum should be allocated to meet the needs of consumers and of services of public and general interests. The stability and continuity of media services provided by broadcasters needs to be secured but on the other hand a level playing field for new entrants and for new technologies is important since room for innovation must be guaranteed.

MEPs consider that the introduction of a market-based approach to spectrum will be most effective if based on a consensual agreement backed by regulators, operators and other actors." They highlight that a common agreement at political level be reached for their implementation, in accordance with the existing division of competences between the European Union and the Member States.

Summing up, MEPs underlined that the European Union needs to adopt a sustainable approach to spectrum which will promote competition and the development of innovative technologies, inhibit the hoarding of frequency rights and the aggregation of monopolies and benefit consumers, and that this approach should take into consideration technological change as well as the needs of market players and of citizens.

Title	Reaping the full benefits of the digital dividend in Europe: a common approach to the use of the spectrum released by the digital switchover		
Rapporteur	Patrizia TOIA (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0700	Procedure number	2008/2099 (INI)

Summary:

The immediacy of the switchover from analogue to digital broadcasting in some Member States and the differences in national switchover plans require a response at Community level that can not wait until the reform directives enter into force (from the 'telecom' package). The report advocates a common and balanced approach to the use of the digital dividend, which allows broadcasters to expand their services and electronic communications operators to deploy new services will help to bridge the digital divide and contribute to the achievement of the Lisbon goals.

Main points/EP position:

Around 100 MHz of the digital dividend could be reallocated to mobile broadband and other services such as public safety services, radio frequency identification (RFID), and road safety applications, without preventing broadcasting services from flourishing.

At the same time, the digital dividend will enable public and private broadcasters to provide a much larger number of programmes serving general interest objectives such as the promotion of cultural and linguistic diversity.

The report urges Member States to release their digital dividends as quickly as possible, to allow European citizens to benefit from the deployment of new, innovative and competitive services. Following a common methodology, Member States should develop national digital dividend strategies by the end of 2009.

The report also stresses that the Commission should propose measures to Parliament and Council for better coordinating the use of the digital dividend at EU level. Member States, together with

the Commission, should identify common spectrum sub-bands of the digital dividend for different application clusters that could be harmonised on a technology-neutral basis.

Title	World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)		
Rapporteur	Catherine TRAUTMANN (PES)		
Responsible	EPP-ED Group, PES Group, ALDE Group, Greens/EFA Group, UEN Group, GUE Group		
COM number	COM (2004) 0411 COM (2004) 0488	Procedure number	2008/2204 (INI) B6-0041/2008; P6_TA(2008)0020

Summary:

Since the very beginning of the process, the European Parliament has paid due attention to the development of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), and has been working in close cooperation with the European Commission and stakeholders on the subject. A delegation of MEPs attached to the Commission's delegation as observers attended the WSIS-2005 in Tunisia, the IGF-2006 in Athens, the IGF-2007 in Rio de Janeiro, and preparation of the next delegation to the IGF-2009 to Sharm El Sheikh is already being prepared. Those delegations, in cooperation with the Commission, have played a pivotal role in the promotion of European values and the interaction with civil society organisations and representatives of national parliaments present at these WSIS and IGF events. Parliament also organised several hearings and workshops and drew up resolutions to prepare its position and express its opinion. Given the variety of issues falling under the subject, several committees were closely cooperating with each other in the process.

Main points/EP position:

- Parliament recognised that the IGF gives a context to the shaping of the Internet's future on the basis of a multi-stakeholder approach, and therefore called on the EU to support the IGF process even if the IGF is not to adopt formal conclusions, and to build on the conclusions drawn from this process.
- Parliament underlined the importance of raising the parliamentary profile of the IGF process; praised and called for the furtherance of close cooperation with the Commission; and stressed the importance of engaging national and regional interests in the IGF process in order to form 'local' IGFs.

2.3 RESEARCH POLICY

2.3.1. Highlights

The EP's most relevant activity in the field of research was the adoption of the **7th Framework Programme**. With a budget of over **EUR 50.521 million**, it is the third largest EC programme after agriculture and the structural funds.

The 7th Framework Programme includes five **Specific Programmes**: Ideas, People, Capacities and Cooperation and the Joint Research Centre non-nuclear direct research activities. Each Specific Programme is the subject of a separate legislative act. In addition, the **Rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities** under the 7th Framework Programme adopted by codecision is a part of the legislative package.



Next, two important sets of new instruments for the implementation of FP7 were adopted: the **Joint Technology Initiatives** (ARTEMIS, ENIAC, IMI, Clean Sky and Fuel Cells and Hydrogen) and the **EC participation in joint research programmes by several Member States under Article 169** of the Treaty (Ambient Assisted Living, Eurostars and Metrology).

The 7th framework programme Euratom for nuclear research and training activities is established according to Article 7 of the Euratom Treaty. The Euratom framework programmes are drawn up for a period of not more than five years. The 7th Euratom framework programme with a budget of **EUR 2 751 million** comprises two specific programmes:

- **Fusion energy research** and
- **Nuclear fission and radiation protection**. This programme covers also the nuclear activities of the Joint Research Centre.

2.3.2. Legislative dossiers

Title	Research RTD, 7th EC Framework Programme 2007-2013: research, technological development and demonstration activities		
Rapporteur	Jerzy BUZEK (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0119	Procedure number	2005/0043 (COD)

Summary:

The 7th Framework Programme seeks to strengthen the EU industrial competitiveness and to respond to the research needs of SMEs, research undertakings and universities. The general aim of the programme is to contribute towards the EU becoming the world's leading research area. In order to implement these objectives, five specific programmes were established: Cooperation, Ideas, People, Capacities, Joint Research Centre funding. Each of the Specific Programmes is the subject of a separate legislative act. Two of them are described in more detail below.

The 7th FP introduces a new approach to attain its objectives in a more flexible and efficient manner. The approach includes smaller and more simplified funding schemes, setting up a Risk Sharing Finance Facility (RSFF) to improve EIB access for large scale European actions, externalisation of administrative tasks to an executive agency and the establishment of a European Research Council for basic research funding. The total budget is **EUR 50 521 million** and the mid term evaluation is to be carried out in 2010.

Main points/EP position:

The Commission accepted all 40 amendments adopted by the European Parliament at first reading. These relate mainly to the European Research Council, renewable energy sources and energy efficiency, budgetary distribution and some rearrangement of content in the themes of the Cooperation Programme.

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the Buzek report on the Council common position, already reflecting many amendments made by the Parliament at first reading, namely the shifting of some spending towards the EP's own priorities, including research on renewable energy and energy efficiency, on the promotion of child health, respiratory diseases and neglected diseases. On the ERC, the EP agreed that the administration costs should not exceed 5% of its budget and the European Institute of Technology was not allowed any funds to cover establishment or administrative costs from FP7.

Title	Research RTD, 7th Framework Programme: specific programme "Ideas" frontier research		
Rapporteur	Angelika NIEBLER (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0441	Procedure number	2005/0186 (CNS)

Summary:

Possibly the most innovative of the five specific programmes, the Ideas specific programme seeks to address the growing realisation that Europe is failing to deliver the kind of outstanding research required if it is to become the most competitive knowledge based economy in the world by 2010. The aim of the Ideas programme is to provide a pan-European mechanism to support truly creative researchers whose activities will result in unpredictable and spectacular discoveries. The term "frontier research" reflects the fact that basic research is an intrinsically risky endeavour involving the pursuit of fundamental advances in science and technology without regards for disciplinary boundaries. The programme has a budget of **EUR 7 519 million**.

Main points/EP position:

The European Parliament adopted a resolution including the following amendments:

- basic research will be evaluated on the basis of the sole criterion of excellence as judged by peer review and should emphasize interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary high risk pioneering projects;
- as with all the specific programmes, Parliament stipulated that the Commission shall provide information to the budgetary authority whenever it intends to depart from the breakdown of expenditures stated in the general budget of the EU.
- the Scientific Council and the Commission shall submit an annual report on the work of the ERC to the EP and the Council in particular giving details on the extent to which the objectives have been achieved.

- after a trial period of two to three years the ERC's work will be assessed by independent experts to decide whether the ERC's objectives have been achieved, whether its procedures have been structured efficiently and transparently, the scientific excellence is insured and the concept of scientific excellence has been taken into account. Moreover, the assessment shall address the question of what structure would be most appropriate for the ERC in the long term.
- the amount deemed necessary for administrative expenditure and expenditure on staff shall be at the most 3% of the programme's budget.

Title	Research RTD, 7th Framework Programme: trans-national cooperation specific programme on policy defined themes		
Rapporteur	Teresa RIERA MADURELL (PES)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0440	Procedure number	2005/0185 (CNS)

Summary:

The Co-operation specific programme has been designed to offer leadership in key scientific and technological fields by supporting co-operation between universities, industry, research centres and public authorities at a European as well as global level. The total budget for the programme is **EUR 32 413 million**.

The programme includes ten themes: health; food agriculture and technology; information and communication technology; nano-sciences, nanotechnologies and new production technologies; energy; environment; transport; socio-economic sciences and humanities and space and security.

In addition, "bottom-up" applications were approved to allow researchers to present exciting research topics directly for funding. Another action allows the Commission to consider initiatives which focus on specific, highly challenging objectives in emerging scientific fields. The bulk of the programme is devoted to collaborative research.

Main points/EP position:

The EP adopted a resolution, including amendments on enhancing complementarity with other Community programmes, multidisciplinary, transfer of knowledge, and access of SMEs.

Title	Establishment of the Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking (IMI)		
Rapporteur	Françoise GROSSETETE (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0241	Procedure number	2007/0089 (CNS)

Summary:

The **Joint Technology Initiatives** are funding schemes presented under the Co-operation specific programme. The JTIs respond to the need for long term public private partnerships in certain fields of large scale and on-going research activities. They are implemented through the establishment of a Joint Undertaking under Article 171 of the Treaty. Five of these initiatives, established in FP7 were adopted by the EP under the consultation procedure: ARTEMIS, ENIAC, Clean Sky, IMI and Fuel cells and Hydrogen.

The IMI JTI was established to set up the IMI joint undertaking to improve the effectiveness of the drug development process, increase investments in the biopharmaceutical sector in Europe and help to establish Europe as the most attractive place for biopharmaceutical research and development. The maximum contribution of the Commission is **EUR 1000 million**.

Main points/EP position:

The main amendments in the Grossetête report concerned SME's participation and the limit on running costs to 4% of the budget and the appointment of an external auditor. Regarding recruitment of staff it deleted references to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities. The EP insisted on focusing the objectives in research to be carried out exclusively in Member States and Associated Countries.

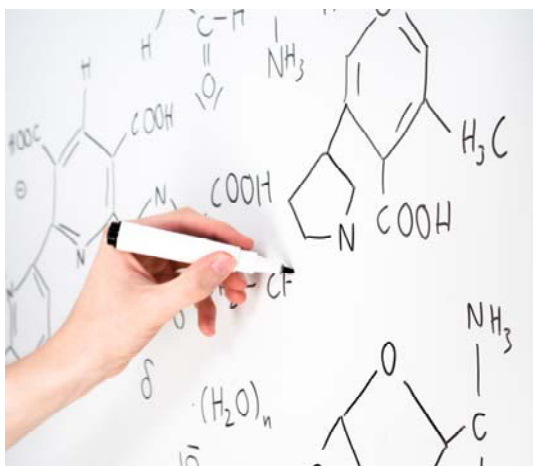
Title	Enhancing the quality of life of older people through the use of new ICT (AAL)		
Rapporteur	Neena GILL (PES)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0329	Procedure number	2007/0116 (COD)

Summary:

Article 169 of the Treaty allows the participation of the Commission in joint programmes for research undertaken by several Member States. In FP7, three of these programmes have been adopted by the EP under codecision procedure.

The joint programme Ambient Assisted Living aims at improving the quality of life of older people whilst strengthening the industrial base through the use of information and telecommunication technologies. It is the first of four initiatives based on Article 169 to be launched during FP7. 20 Member States and three associated countries participate in it. The contribution of the Commission is **EUR 150 million**.

Main points/EP position:



The Gill report included amendments on minimum financial contribution from participating countries, ensuring that solutions are accessible to all, including rural and peripheral areas and selection criteria to ensure the respect to the privacy and dignity of the elderly and contribute to their increased social participation. The EP stressed that the granting of financial support shall be subject to the principles of equal treatment and transparency, predictability for applicants and independent evaluation.

Title	Protection of animals used for scientific purposes (repeal. Directive 86/609/EEC) *		
Rapporteur (AGRI)	Neil PARISH (EPP-ED)		
Draftsperson (ITRE)	Esko SEPPANEN (GUE/NGL)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0543	Procedure number	2008/0211 (COD)

* *Opinion in enhanced cooperation [Rule 47]*

Summary:

Directive 86/609/EEC was adopted to harmonise practices in the area of animal experimentation in the EU. However, due to a number of weaknesses in that Directive, a number of Member States have established considerably more far reaching measures in their national implementation whereas others apply only minimum rules. The proposal aims at ensuring a level playing field through the EU for industry and the research community, at the same time strengthening the protection of animals still used in scientific procedures in line with the EC Treaty's Protocol on Animal Welfare. The proposal was a very controversial one confronting researchers from academy and industry with animal rights organisations.

Main Points/EP position:

ITRE Committee was associated under Rule 47. The main points of the EP position were:

- encourage funding for the development of alternative methods to animal testing
- allow the use of Non Human Primates (NHP) in basic research subject to peer review evaluation and introducing a review of their use in procedures to be conducted by the Commission every two years.
- request a feasibility study before banning the use of NHPs taken from the wild
- request a definition of the severity of procedures and ensuring that procedures classified as "severe" are scientifically justified and ethically monitored if the pain is likely to be prolonged. Such procedures must be exceptional and shall be subject to particular harm/benefit analysis and scrutiny by the competent authority
- allow the re-use of animals already used in a procedure classified as "up to moderate".

2.3.3. Non - legislative dossiers

Title	Better careers and more mobility: a European partnership for researchers		
Rapporteur	Pia Elda LOCATELLI (PES)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0317	Procedure number	2008/2213 (INI)

Summary:

Researchers are indispensable for a competitive, knowledge based EU economy as the core producers of new knowledge and the main agents in its transfer and exploitation. In order to attract and retain the best research talents a balanced approach is required to ensure that researchers across the EU benefit from the right training, attractive careers and the removal of barriers to their mobility.

Main points/EP position:

The adopted report called for improved availability and transparency of information on recruitment opportunities for researchers and more openness in recruitment procedures by public

institutions; the need for a revision of the necessary conditions for the portability of grants; the establishment of a single EU career model in the field of research and the possibility of creating a European Pension Fund for researchers.

2.4 ENERGY POLICY

2.4.1. Highlights

In the energy field, the 6th Legislature saw the emergence of a real European energy policy with a strategic review of the European energy situation and a complete set of European energy policy



measures in response to the challenges faced by the European Union - namely security of supply, competitiveness and sustainability. The European energy policy in the 6th Legislature was further driven by several gas disputes between Russia and its Eastern European neighbours, by a sharp increase (and fall following the economic downturn) of the crude oil price and its economic

implications and security of supply, as well as an increasing discussion about the establishment of a truly integrated and functioning internal market, with more investments in cross-border interconnectors and transmission infrastructure.

The Energy Package presented by the Commission on January 2007 was part of the movement begun by the "Green paper on a European Strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy" in March 2006 and led to the adoption of a comprehensive energy action plan at the Spring European Council on March 2007. For the first time, it integrated energy issues and climate change concerns, through binding commitments to reduce absolute emissions of greenhouse gas, primary energy consumption and introduce binding target for renewable sources in energy consumption, the so-called "20-20-20 by 2020" commitment. Its major implementation took place through various key legislative measure adopted by the European Parliament and the Council, mainly the "Third energy package on internal electricity and gas market", adopted in second reading in Plenary April 2009 and a whole and comprehensive "Energy and Climate change package", including a directive to promote renewable energy in Europe, adopted following a first reading agreement in Plenary in December 2008.

This European energy policy paved the way towards a more programmatic approach with the presentation in November 2008 of the "Second Strategic Energy Review", which developed a "European energy security and solidarity action plan" and set the scene for future political decisions with the planning of a "Roadmap towards a vision for 2050".

In this context, the Parliament pressed vigorously for the implementation of important energy policy objectives (increasing energy efficiency, developing alternative sources of energy and secure energy supply systems, combating the greenhouse effect and pursuing international cooperation). Important initiatives were adopted by the Parliament on diversification of sources and renewable energies which prepared the adoption of legislative measures in this field. Since 2005, it adopted strong resolutions to create a coherent global energy strategy and achieve a more resolute and concrete European energy policy together with new, ambitious targets. The Parliament was also at the origin a wide-ranging measure in the field of energy efficiency and will continue to push for strong commitments to EU's own target so as to make the energy savings targets by 2020 legally binding on Member States. The international aspects of an energy policy were also tackled through resolutions emphasising the need to further develop a common energy strategy for Europe that incorporates producers, distributors and consumers, to speak with

"one single voice" and to create a transparent and sustainable energy system that enhances the regional diversity of energy supplies.

By advocating the Commission to adopt a strategic planning with a view to multiannual programming of the investments necessary to meet future energy needs, the Parliament was also contributing to overcome a purely national vision of energy and create a real European approach. Thus, at the end of the 6th Legislature, energy, whose development was at the heart of the European project, is again placed at the heart of European activities.

2.4.2. Legislative dossiers

Title	Trans-European energy networks: guidelines for the 2004 enlargement (repeal. Decisions 96/391/EC and 1229/2003/EC)		
Rapporteur (ITRE) (Anne LAPERROUZE (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2003) 0742	Procedure number	2003/0297 (COD)

Summary:

The purpose of the proposal was to lay down guidelines for trans-European energy networks and repealing Decision 96/391/EC and Decision 1229/2003/EC. The proposal aimed at covering the objectives, priorities and broad lines of action by the Community in respect of trans-European energy networks and identifying projects of common interest and priority projects, including those of European interest, trans-European electricity and gas networks. It provided that the Community shall promote the interconnection, interoperability and development of trans-European energy networks and access to such networks in accordance with Community law in force, with the aim of, amongst others, -encouraging the effective operation and development of the internal market, -reducing the isolation of the less-favoured and island regions, -reinforcing the security of energy supplies, etc. -contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment, *inter alia* by involving renewable energies and reducing the environmental risks associated with the transportation and transmission of energy.

Main points/EP position:

The Council wanted a trans-European network that could be seen as only as a juxtaposition of national networks and national policies. In the light of the recent crisis involving Ukraine and Russia, the rapporteur considered that there was a clear need for a European energy policy. This decision therefore represented an opportunity for the European Institutions to display their willingness to develop one. The ITRE committee insisted in having a declaration of European interest, the possibility of appointing a coordinator and improvements in and increasing interconnections. In a compromise package agreed between the European Parliament and the Council for the second reading this was achieved.



Title	Energy efficiency for end-users (2nd reading)		
Rapporteur	Mechtild ROTHE (PES)		
COM number	COM (2003) 0739	Procedure number	2003/0300 (COD)

Summary:

This dossier was concluded in 2nd reading and was closely linked to the own-initiative report by Alejo Vidal-Quadras (EPP-ED) on "Energy efficiency - doing more with less". The Directive contributes towards the improved security of energy supply as well as the reduction of greenhouse gases emissions by encouraging Member States to improve energy end-use efficiency and to exploit potential cost-effective energy savings in an economically viable way. Member States have to set energy savings targets of 9% to be reached within 9 years and to report on their progress in national energy efficiency action plans. Furthermore, the necessary conditions are set for the development and promotion of a market for energy services and for the delivery of other energy efficiency improvement measures for final consumers.

Main points/EP position:

Parliament stressed the following points in the negotiations with Council:

- The need for mandatory, ambitious targets for Member States including intermediate targets;
- Enlarging the scope of the Directive to also create stronger incentives for the demand side;
- The importance of availability of funding;
- Stressing the exemplary role of the public sector;
- Work towards harmonised benchmarks and indicators.

Title	Environment and health: supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel		
Rapporteur	Esko SEPPÄNEN (GUE/NGL)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0673	Procedure number	2005/0272 (CNS)

Summary:

The purpose of this Directive was to guarantee an adequate level of protection to the population from the shipment of radioactive waste and spent fuel, by laying down a Community system of supervision and control for the trans-boundary shipment of radioactive waste and spent fuel. The Directive sets out and lists a number of strict criteria, definitions and procedures which need to be applied for intra and extra-Community shipments when transporting radioactive waste and spent fuel. To that effect, a standard document to be used for all shipments falling within the scope of this Directive has been established including an Annex setting out the minimum requirements of a duly completed application form.

Main points/EP position:

The Parliament broadly approved the proposed directive on the supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and nuclear spent fuel, subject to a number of amendments under the consultation procedure:

- Strengthening and clarification of the control procedure:

Acknowledgement of receipt of the application by the competent authorities of the Member State of destination and of transit; period of time allowed for granting consent or for refusal; identical procedure for both shipments of radioactive waste and shipments of spent fuel for disposal;

- **Agreement and cooperation between Member States:**

Although MEPs accepted the idea of promoting voluntary agreements between Member States as a solution for small producers of radioactive waste, they included an express provision that each Member State retains the right at all times to refuse entry on to its territory of both spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste for final processing or disposal, with the exception of reshipments.

In the framework of the Euratom Treaty, the Parliament also delivered other different resolutions on nuclear energy, under the consultation procedure, such as "*Bohunice VI nuclear power plant in Slovakia, implementation of the Protocol n°9 annexed to the accession Act 2004*" (Ms HARMS, Greens/ALE) CNS/2004/0221, and the revision of the statutes of the "*Euratom Supply Agency*" (Ms JORDAN-CIZELJ, EPP-ED) CNS/2007/0043, following the enlargement of the European Community.

Title	Council Decision 2006/500/EC on the conclusion by the European Community of the Energy Community Treaty		
Rapporteur	Giles CHICHESTER (PPE-ED)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0435	Procedure number	2005/0178 (AVC)

Summary:

The proposal has been about a Council decision approving the Energy Community Treaty (ETC) aimed at creating an integrated market in natural gas and electricity in South-East Europe. The Treaty as such was signed by the EU and nine countries of South-East Europe - Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission on behalf of Kosovo – in Athens on 25 October 2005.

The Treaty aims at creating a stable regulatory and market framework capable of attracting investment in gas networks, power generation and transmission networks, so that all parties have access to stable and continuous gas and electricity supply. It has been considered essential for economic development and social stability of the South-East Europe.

In special circumstances such as the event of disruption of network energy, security of supply needs to be ensured in the Energy Community. The mutual assistance mechanism of the Energy Community Treaty can help mitigate the consequences of the disruption in the territories of the Contracting Parties. It should also be noted that the Energy Community Treaty enables interested adjoining States such as Moldova to become observers to the Energy Community.

This Treaty is concluded for a period of 10 years from the date of entry into force. The Ministerial Council, acting by unanimity, may decide to extend its duration. If no such decision is taken, the Treaty may continue to apply between those parties who voted in favour of extension, provided that their number amounted to at least two thirds of the parties to the Energy Community.

Main points/EP position:

Given the nature of the assent procedure (AVC) - limiting the role of the EP to giving or withholding its assent to the conclusion of the Treaty - the ITRE Committee decided to table an

oral question with debate accompanied by a resolution, pursuant to Rule 108(5) of the EP Rules of Procedure. The Resolution was adopted on 18 May 2006 and it may be considered as the EP position with respect to the proper implementation of the Treaty as well as the obligations of the contracting parties. Attention should be drawn to the following elements of the Resolution:

- state of affairs with implementing the relevant energy, social (MoU) and environmental acquis;
- overview of the work of the regulatory authorities, their resources and processes of consultation of relevant stake-holders;
- level of market concentration, affordability, investment in new capacity and networks;
- overview of opinions of relevant stake-holders including social partners, consumer and environmental organisations and municipalities especially.

Hence the Commission in its report on the ECT would have to address, albeit other matters associated with the Treaty, the above mentioned issues.

Title	Energy Star (recast)		
Rapporteur	Nikolaos VAKALIS (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2006) 0576	Procedure number	2006/0187 (COD)

Summary:

This dossier was a recast of existing Community provisions concerning an energy-efficiency labelling programme for office equipment (the Energy Star programme), which are based on agreements between the US and the EU. This proposal implemented the latest agreement between the US and the EU signed in 2006.

Main points/EP position:

The difficulty in this dossier was that it was implementing an agreement already signed with the US and therefore the room for manoeuvre was rather limited. Furthermore, being a recast, Council and Commission were reluctant to accept new elements introduced by Parliament. Still Parliament managed in the negotiations to insert the following points:

- Promote Energy Star products through raising awareness and through public procurement
- Enhance the role of the EC Energy Star Board in assisting the Commission in revising technical specifications
- Add reporting requirements to assure the credibility of the scheme

Title	Nuclear safety and security: establishing an instrument for nuclear safety, radiation protection and safeguards of nuclear materials in third countries		
Rapporteur	Esko SEPPÄNEN (GUE/NGL)		
COM number	09037/2006	Procedure number	2006/0802 (CNS)

Summary:

This Regulation was one of the external assistance instruments to third countries, adopted in the framework of the financial perspectives 2007-2013. It aimed at supporting the promotion of nuclear safety, radiation protection and the application of efficient and effective safeguards of

nuclear material in third countries. It was originally intended that nuclear safety and co-operation would form part of the general "Instrument for Stability". For legal reasons, and for reasons related to the Inter-Institutional Agreement on the Financial Perspective (2007-2013), it was decided, however, that nuclear safety and security assistance would constitute a separate Instrument.

The main objective was to promote a high level of nuclear safety, effective regulatory frameworks and the establishment of effective arrangements for the prevention of radiological accidents, through financial assistance, a EUR524 million budget being awarded for the period 2007 - 2013.

Main points/EP position:

In its Resolution, the Parliament, having recalled that annual budgetary appropriations shall be authorised by the two budget authorities within the limits of the financial perspectives, adopted the main following points:

(i) Its scope:

- the Community might finance measures to support efficient implementation in cases which result in a nuclear safety level corresponding to the technological, regulatory and operational state of the art in the Union, taking into consideration the latest scientific and technological developments. Parliament also introduced a reference to the polluter pays principle;
- Parliament inserted accident prevention and the mitigation of consequences as objectives of the programme;
- Community financing shall in principle not be used for paying taxes, customs duties or other fiscal charges in beneficiary countries.

(ii) Reporting and transparency:

- reporting by the Commission every two years after the first evaluation report.

The 3rd Internal Market Package on Gas and Electricity - 5 dossiers:

Title	Rules for the internal market in electricity (repeal. Directive 2003/54/EC)		
Rapporteur	Eluned MORGAN (PES)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0528	Procedure number	2007/0195 (COD)

Title	Rules for the internal market in natural gas (repeal. Directive 2003/55/EC)		
Rapporteur	Antonio MUSSA (UEN)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0529	Procedure number	2007/0196 (COD)

Title	Internal market in electricity, cross-border exchanges, access to network (amend. Regulation (EC) No 1228/2003)		
Rapporteur	Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0531	Procedure number	2007/0198 (COD)

Title	Internal market in natural gas, access to the transmission networks (repeal. Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005)		
Rapporteur	Atanas PAPARIZOV (PES)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0532	Procedure number	2007/0199 (COD)

Title	Electricity and gas market: Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators		
Rapporteur	Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0530	Procedure number	2007/0197 (COD)

Summary:

The 3rd Gas and Electricity Market package consisted of 5 dossiers - 2 Directives and 3 Regulations, adopted with the aim of completing the existing regulatory framework so as to fully liberalise the market and create a single EU gas and electricity market. It also aims to develop a European integrated transmission network guaranteeing third party access and an appropriate level of interconnections, to facilitate cross-border trade by the edification of technical and commercial network rules and a full cooperation between transmission system operators at EU level.

In its Resolution on Prospects for the internal gas and electricity market adopted on 10 July 2007 (Rapporteur: Mr Vidal QUADRAS - EPP-ED - INI/2007/2089), the Parliament had already expressed strong political support for a common energy policy, considering that 'ownership unbundling' was the most effective tool to promote investments in infrastructures and fair access to the grid - though electricity and gas sector might call for different approach - and that an EU entity was necessary to promote cooperation between energy regulators. These orientations had been fully taken into consideration by the Commission in drawing up the 5 proposals.

The Directives on Electricity and Gas (MORGAN and MUSSA reports):

- regulate transmission network ownership: by ensuring a clear separation of supply and production activities from network operation, through three models of organisation: the full "ownership unbundling", the independent system operator (ISO - responsible for the maintenance of the networks, the assets remaining the property of the integrated company) or the independent transmission operator (ITO - a system of detailed rules ensuring the autonomy, independence and necessary investments in the transmission activity);
- ensure more effective regulatory oversight from truly independent national energy regulators: the competences and the independence of national regulators will be harmonised, with their tasks strengthened so as to ensure an effective and non-discriminatory access to the transmission networks;
- reinforce the consumer protection and ensures the protection of vulnerable consumers;
- regulate third party access to gas storages and liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities and lays down rules concerning transparency and regular reporting about gas reserves,
- promote regional solidarity by requiring Member States to cooperate in the event of severe disruptions of gas supply, by coordinating national emergency measures and developing gas interconnections.

The Regulations on Electricity and Gas (VIDAL-QUADRAS and PAPARIZOV reports):

It creates new structures of cooperation - ENTSOs (European Network for Transmission System Operators - one for electricity and one for gas respectively). ENTSOs, together with the Agency

for Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER), will create detailed network access rules and technical codes, and ensure the coordination of the grid operation. Such codes can be made binding by comitology if need be.

With this Regulation, transmission system operators (TSOs) are required to cooperate and coordinate the operation of their networks through the exchange of operational information and the development of common safety and emergency standards and procedures. The TSOs will also have the task of making a 10-years investment plan, every two years. This will bring the infrastructure planning to a new level from the national approach to a true European approach and will target the investments where needed from the European security of supply perspective.

The Regulation on the Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) (CHICHESTER report):

This regulation represents a major institutional improvement. The original proposal of the Commission made the Agency a rather consultative body, provided for limited advisory powers. The deal achieved on the Agency is the result of a compromise on the whole package.

As a general task, the Agency shall promote cooperation between national regulatory authority at regional and Community level and monitor the market (retail prices, access to networks, compliance with consumer rights, etc.). As regards cooperation between transmission system operators, the Agency will monitor progress in the implementation of projects to create new interconnector capacity and will monitor the implementation of the 10-years investments plan. As a supervisory body with a general advisory role, the Agency shall make recommendations to the Commission ad regards market regulation and issue non-binding "framework guidelines" about priorities to develop transmission infrastructure. The key point is that the Agency can also adopt individual binding decisions, though in limited areas, on cross-border issues.

Main points/EP position:

The 3rd package was adopted under a 2nd reading agreement. The position of the Parliament was firm on controversial issues.

The Directives on Electricity and Gas (MORGAN and MUSSA reports):

- The key part of the 1st reading Resolution on electricity concerned the ownership of transmission assets for which the Parliament was in favour of the full "ownership unbundling" model as the sole option in the electricity sector, rejecting the alternative proposed by the Commission in the form of the ISO model;
- In the case of gas - the EP adopted a different approach - considering the importance of imports and the vulnerability of the EU position in international supply negotiations, the Parliament considered that the full "ownership unbundling" as a sole option could possibly weakened security of supply. By a short majority, MEPs voted in favour of an alternative ITO model, a slightly refined and enhanced version of the Council approach;
- The other aspect of the Resolutions was to strengthen the power of national regulators, legally independent and having authority over its own budget, with real power of monitoring and of sanctioning, in particular in the case of vertically integrated companies.
- The role of cooperation at the regional level, both of transmission operators and regulators as well as the harmonisation of the regulatory frameworks were also part of this comprehensive legislative puzzle.
- On the initiative of the Parliament, a major place was given to consumer rights which were part of the deal achieved with the Council: the Resolutions insisted on increasing consumer

rights (change of suppliers, direct information through smart meters and efficient treatment of complaints to an energy "ombudsman").

- The Parliament also obtained the recognition of the concept of "energy poverty".

The Regulations on Electricity and Gas (VIDAL-QUADRAS and PAPARIZOV reports):

These dossiers were negotiated under the package in the form of a negotiating team gathering the Rapporteurs on the 5 dossiers. The Parliament position was to achieve a transparent and integrated market and to adopt a balanced approach taking into account the interrelations between the 5 dossiers, and in particular the role of the Agency. The position adopted by the Parliament was focused on the need for:

- European common view of mid-term investments (indicative European 10 years plan, focused on interconnections),
- reinforced cooperation between regulatory authorities, Member states and transmission system operators,
- strong process of harmonisation of network access conditions, in particular with the clarification of the regulatory mechanism to adopt framework guidelines and technical codes and the enhancement of the procedures proposed by the Commission.

The Regulation on the Agency for Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) (CHICHESTER report):

The role of the Agency was one central aspect of the Parliament's position on the 5 dossiers and structured the negotiations since the Agency is a key body in the process of harmonisation of regulatory and technical frameworks at the European level. The Parliament strengthened the role of the Agency, entitled with stronger powers on cross-border issues:

- by entrusting the Agency with binding decision-making powers,
- by ensuring the transparency of its activities and its democratic accountability towards the Parliament: the Parliament obtained to rebalance the composition of Administrative Board (2 out of 9 members of the administrative board are appointed by the Parliament); the chairperson of the Board of Regulators and the Director of the Agency may be invited by the Parliament to make a statement before the competent parliamentary committee and answer questions.

Title	Energy and climate change: promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources		
Rapporteur	Claude TURMES (Greens)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0019	Procedure number	2008/0016 (COD)

Summary:

This Directive was included in the so-called "Energy and Climate change package" adopted under the French Presidency following the Spring European Council conclusions on March 2007 and its commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In the past, the Parliament had already introduced the proposal of a binding target to increase the level of renewables in the European energy mix in its Resolution "*A roadmap for renewable energy in Europe*" (Ms THOMSEN - PES) INI/2007/2090, and had generally paved the way for legislative measures with a series of Resolutions like "*The share of renewable energy sources in the European Union: proposals for concrete actions*" (Mr TURMES - Greens) INI/2004/2153 and in sectorial fields with "*Heating and cooling from renewable energy sources*" (Ms ROTHE -

PES) INI/2005/2122 and "*Renewable sources, biomass action plan*" (Mr LANGEN - EPP-ED) INI/2006/2082.

The aim of this Directive is to achieve by 2020 a 20% share of energy from renewable sources in the Europe's final consumption of energy and a 10% share of energy from renewable sources in each Member State's transport energy consumption. The Directive also establishes sustainability criteria for biofuels and bioliquids.

The text sets for each Member State:

- a mandatory national target for the overall share of energy from renewable sources in gross final consumption of energy, taking account of countries' different starting points,
- the obligation to adopt a national renewable energy Action Plan, by June 2010,
- different mechanisms that Member States can apply to achieve their targets: supports schemes, guarantees of origin, joint projects, measures of cooperation between Member states and third countries.

Main points/EP position:



The whole package was adopted under a first reading agreement. Though the main target remained as defined by the Council, the Parliament tightened up and clarified a lot of mechanisms, while setting up a system to guarantee the environmental sustainability of the whole policy.

In particular, the Parliament played an important role in:

- the conditionality of the renewable transport fuel target, by laying down quantitative and qualitative sustainability criteria for biofuels: social sustainability, land use rights, effects on food security and prices, etc.
- ensuring the access of renewable energy to electricity grid infrastructure,
- in limiting the role of the 2014 review clause so as to avoid the binding targets being renegotiated.

Title	Community framework for nuclear safety		
Rapporteur	Gunnar HÖKMARK (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0790	Procedure number	2008/0231 (CNS)

Summary:

The Commission's proposal for a Directive aimed at restarting the process of establishing a common EU framework on nuclear safety, initially dealt with in 2003. The objective was to achieve an EU nuclear safety framework, based on several operational objectives, namely enhancing the role of national regulators, reinforcing their independence and ensuring a high level of transparency on the safety of nuclear installations. This proposal required Member States to adopt a legislative and regulatory framework ensuring the regulation and the supervision of

nuclear installations, mainly through: the elaboration of national safety requirements, a system of licensing of nuclear installations, an independent regulatory body, a system of supervision, assessment and control of nuclear installations. It also integrated the principles of the main international instruments available, such as the Convention on Nuclear Safety and the safety work carried out by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Parliament consulted, the process of negotiations will continue within the Council after the term of the current Legislature for an adoption of the Directive expected on June 2009 or under the forthcoming Swedish Presidency.

Main points/EP position:

The Resolution endeavoured to reinforce the credibility of the process of harmonisation of safety rules at EU level and to enhance monitoring, transparency and public acceptance:

- by ensuring a real independence of the regulatory body: this would ensure its legitimacy by giving it powers to take all necessary urgent measures, including the suspension of activity of a nuclear plant;
- by securing the legal certainty of the directive proposal: Fundamental principles published by the IAEA in 2006 constitute a unified set of principles and the basis upon which to establish Member States' safety requirements. The EP considered that an Annex containing the Fundamental safety principles should be added to the Directive. This approach presents the clear advantage of an increased certainty of regulation at Community level and would convey the legal basis to implement those principles and would make effective the harmonisation at EU level;
- by clarifying the responsibilities and accountability of licence holders: prime responsibility for the safety of their installations, regular reporting on nuclear safety and safety culture.

Title	Energy-related products: indication of the consumption of energy (repeal. 'Energy Labelling Directive' 92/75/EEC). Recast		
Rapporteur	Anni PODIMATA (PES)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0778	Procedure number	2008/0222 (COD)

Summary:

The aim of the recast of the Energy Labelling Directive is to extend its scope, currently restricted to household appliances, to allow for labelling of all energy-related products (excluding means of transport).

The recast is part of the Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industry Policy Action Plan and contributes to achieving the target of reducing primary energy consumption by 20% compared to business as usual.

Main points/EP position:

The Parliament adopted its first reading position in May 2009. Among some of the EP's main points is the ***inclusion of construction products*** and a request to the Commission to produce a priority list of energy-related products to be covered by implementing measures.

The Parliament adopted an amendment to ***include a provision on advertisement*** – a request going beyond the scope of the recast – which makes disclosure of information on energy-consumption of the product compulsory, if advertisement for a product covered by the Directive refers to the product’s technical characteristics.

As regards the content of the energy label, the Parliament considered the energy labelling classification system is an essential part to be covered by the Directive (and not as foreseen in the original Commission proposal by implementing measures). It requested ***a closed-scale A-G classification*** with a regular review of the energy classes.

Furthermore, Parliament adopted amendments to strengthen Member States responsibility to enforce market surveillance and protection against unauthorised use of labelling, to include specific provisions for distance selling, to include criteria for setting minimum performance levels for public procurement in implementing measures and to carry out a feasibility to extend information requirement of the products to other resources used during their life-cycle.

At its last plenary session, the Parliament rejected by absolute majority an implementing measure for TVs adopted by the Commission based on the Directive currently in force, since this measure introduced new categories (A-20%, A-40%, A-60%, etc.) instead of reviewing – as foreseen for the recast in the Parliament’s first reading position – current closed-scale product classification.

Title	Energy performance of buildings (repeal. Directive 2002/91/EC). Recast		
Rapporteur	Silvia Adriana TICAU (PES)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0780	Procedure number	2008/0223 (COD)

Summary:

As part of the energy efficiency package proposed by the Commission in November 2008 in order to meet the 20% cut in energy consumption target by 2020, the recast of the 2003 Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) is a major step in the EU energy policy. The recast's main innovations include the creation of a common methodology to calculate 'cost optimal' energy efficiency, on which all Member States will have to base their minimum standards; the removal of the 1000m² threshold for existing buildings, so minimum standards will apply to any building where the cost of the refurbishment is greater than 25%; the tightening up of requirements for inspections, the situations under which Energy Performance Certificates must be published, and controls over the quality of such certificates.

Main points/EP position:

EP adopted its first reading in April 2009 with a great majority. The EP sought to strengthen and make the directive more ambitious through the following main points:

- establishment by the Commission of a *common* methodology for the calculation of the energy performance of buildings, but also *building components* and *technical building system* (as added by the EP);
- Member States to set minimum energy performance requirements for buildings, but also *building components* and *technical building system*
- defining the type of buildings the directive aims to achieve - *net zero energy buildings* and setting *national targets* and timetables for increase their number;
- defining a major renovation where the cost is 20% (not 25% as COM proposed) of the value of the building;

- building up of *financial incentives/instruments* and reducing *legal and financial market barriers* (incl. increasing the maximum amount of the ERDF allocation for energy efficiency of buildings; establishment of Energy Efficiency Fund)
- exclusion of *residential buildings* intended for use for less than 4 months a year from the list of buildings exempt from the application of minimum energy performance requirements

Title	Directive on crude oil and/or petroleum products: obligation on Member States to maintain minimum stocks (repeal. Directive 73/238/EEC, Directive 2006/67/EC and Decision 68/416/EEC)		
Rapporteur	Miloslav RANSDORF (GUE/NGL)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0775	Procedure number	2008/0220 (CNS)

Summary:

A mandatory regime of emergency oil stocks has existed since 1968, in order to ensure oil supply in case of a serious oil supply disruption. Member States have implemented different mechanisms: some rely on government held stocks, others established special stockholding agencies while yet others rely on stocks held by industry.

The revision of the oil stocks legislation seeks to improve reliability of the different stockholding mechanisms as well as coherence with the International Energy Agency (IEA) regime. Constitution of so-called dedicated stocks would be optional, but legislation should be reviewed after three years to assess, whether it would be appropriate to require all Member States to hold a compulsory minimum level of dedicated stocks. Furthermore, data on commercial oil stocks outside of the scope of stockholding obligations should be disclosed weekly, in order to improve market transparency. Procedures for emergency situations should be simplified and clarified.

Main points/EP position:

The main points tackled in the ITRE committee were the following:

- Encourage closer cooperation at a regional level by assessing possibility for the setting up of regional stockholding entities,
- The method for calculating stock levels may be amended only after consulting experts and stakeholders,
- Delay and confidentiality for transmitting data to Commission;
- Strengthen role of public authorities by setting up central stockholding entities;
- Assess at review, whether summaries of commercial stocks should be made obligatory on a weekly instead of a monthly basis;
- Stimulate international cooperation in the field of emergency stocks;
- Ensure that decision to release oil stocks taken are based on a sound economic and social assessment and based on the principle of solidarity;
- Review: the Commission review must consider the following: (a) whether data on stocks are accurate and transmitted on time; (b) whether the levels of commercial oil stocks shall be reported on a weekly or on a monthly basis; (c) whether it would be appropriate to require all Member States to hold a compulsory minimum level of specific stocks covering a longer period of time.

Title	Programme to aid economic recovery: Community financial assistance to projects in the field of energy		
Rapporteur	Eugenijus MALDEIKIS (UEN)		
COM number	COM (2009) 0035	Procedure number	2009/0010 (COD)

Summary:

On 28 January 2009 the European Commission tabled two proposals to boost EU spending in defined strategic sectors by investing EUR5 billion, mainly on energy and broadband infrastructure and new challenges in the agricultural sector, as follow-up measures of the European Recovery Action Plan presented in December.

The recovery package proposal on aid to energy projects sets the framework for spending over the next two, possibly more years, a total of EUR3.5 billion out of the EUR5 billion on energy projects. The Commission has initially proposed to allocate the funds to the following actions:

- EUR1,750 million for interconnectors/pipelines;
- EUR1,250 million for carbon capture and storage (CCS) facilities;
- EUR500 million for offshore wind parks;

The proposal contain a general framework for the 3 sub-programmes including objectives and selection criteria as well as annex containing a list of eligible projects.

Main elements/EP position:

The Parliament agreed to the regulation as amended by the Council to allocate EUR 3.98 billion to energy projects in the following fields:

- gas and electricity infrastructure projects (EUR 2.365 billion)
- offshore wind energy projects (EUR 565 million)
- carbon capture and storage projects (EUR 1.050 billion)

The Council accepted the Parliament's request to refer in the regulation to the Commission's intention to propose additional measures in the field of energy efficiency and energy from renewable sources, in case it would not be possible to commit all funds by the end of 2010.

This means that an article stipulates that the Commission makes additional proposals for projects consistent with the Recovery Plan, if it identifies serious risks in implementing the projects agreed in the annex of the regulation at the time of the presentation of the preliminary draft budget in 2010. In order to specify the types of projects to be proposed, a recital stipulates that these projects could be in the area of energy efficiency and energy from renewable sources.

Furthermore, the Commission published a detailed declaration, which stresses the importance of energy efficiency in the context of the European Recovery Plan and enumerates current and future measures taken in this area.

The new Parliament will have to follow the implementation and have to remind the new Commission on its commitment in March 2010.

2.4.3. Non - legislative dossiers

Title	A European strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy		
Rapporteur	Eluned MORGAN (PES)		
COM number	COM (2006) 0105	Procedure number	2006/2113 (INI)

Summary:

This own initiative report deals with the Commission's Green Paper on a "European strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy". In fact the Green Paper challenged the Member States and the industry to consider whether the EU would be ready to develop a common approach to energy, articulated with a common voice. The proposed common approach would be based on three core objectives: sustainability, competitiveness and security of supply, and would entail at least six actions: internal market for electricity and gas, security of supply, diverse energy mix, climate change, energy technology plan and external energy policy.

Main points/EP position:

The EP resolution of 14 December 2006 welcomed the Green Paper but went further by highlighting the importance of a systematic approach based on production, distribution and consumption. Developing a European energy policy would mean securing affordable energy from low-carbon sources in the short term and carbon free sources in the medium term, respecting market mechanisms, protecting the environment, combating climate change and promoting energy efficiency.

It also elaborated on matters related to *climate change* by setting a binding 2020 CO₂ target and an indicative 2050 CO₂ target, together with an ambitious R&D strategy in the field of energy. For *energy efficiency and saving*, the Commission was asked to ensure that the contribution of hydrogen and fuel cells become central elements, while there was a need for significant investment in electricity and gas infrastructure in order to secure energy supply in Europe.

In order to boost the *diversification of energy sources*, the EU should set a long-term stable policy framework in order to create the necessary investment environment. Such a framework should contain an EU target for energy efficiency improvements of at least 20% by 2020. Furthermore, to set binding sectoral targets for renewables in order to achieve 25% of renewables in primary energy by 2020, a road map at Council and Commission level for reaching a target for renewables of 50% by 2040, an EU 30% reduction of the CO₂ target for 2020 and a 60-80% reduction for 2050.

For an external energy policy, Parliament proposed to focus on a list of priority areas:

- climate change targets, energy efficiency and savings targets, the development of renewable technologies;
- human rights and social dialogue, in an endeavour to set standards for Corporate Social Responsibility in the field, both at EU and at UN level;
- the inclusion, in all new EU trade and international agreements, of an energy section, in recognition of the principle of reciprocity, transparency and the rule of law;
- the establishment at EU level of an exchange of information on substantive gas contracts and the sale of energy infrastructure to third countries;
- the diversification of supplies and transit routes for oil and gas, in recognition of the EU's Neighbourhood Policy.

Title	Assessing Euratom: 50 years of European nuclear energy policy		
Rapporteur	Eugenijus MALDEIKIS (UEN)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0124	Procedure number	2006/2230 (INI)

Summary:

At the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Euratom Treaty, the Resolution examined to which extent the Euratom Treaty remained a suitable legal framework for nuclear energy activities and whether it could contribute to Europe's economic competitiveness, energy independence and security of supply.

Main points/EP position:

The Resolution noted the achievements of the Treaty in terms of nuclear industrial developments and security of supply at EU level. It also recognised that despite its imperfections, the Euratom Treaty remained an indispensable legal framework for supervising nuclear activities, which had helped prevent the proliferation of nuclear materials and ensure the protection of the public, workers and environment against the ionising radiation.

However, the Resolution:

- highlighted the democratic deficit of this Treaty, the Parliament - only consulted and on some chapters of the Treaty - being almost excluded from the Euratom legislative process;
- recognised that the Treaty needed to be somewhat reformed, maintaining its balanced equilibrium but revising its outdated provisions in the light of a modern and sustainable energy policy;
- pointed out that there was an urgent need to draw up robust legislation and adopt concrete measures at Community level in the fields of nuclear safety, the management of radioactive waste and the decommissioning of nuclear plants and to take steps to ensure that research and development promoting the safe use of nuclear energy receives as much attention and support as possible;
- called for the development of teaching and training programmes at EU level and for measures to secure the funding of research programmes so as to respond to the challenges in the fields of radiological protection and fusion.

Title	European strategic energy technology plan		
Rapporteur	Jerzy BUZEK (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0723	Procedure number	2008/2005 (INI)

Summary:

In response to the climate change challenges and binding targets adopted at the European level, the Strategic energy technology plan (SET-plan) aims to coordinate strategic planning of research in energy technologies and proposes to deliver: i) a new joint strategic planning; ii) a more effective implementation; iii) an increase in resources; iv) and a new and reinforced approach to international cooperation.

Main points/EP position:

The Parliament considered that a European energy technology policy with adequate financial support was fundamental to achieving the European Union's energy and climate change

objectives for 2020. In particular, the Resolution focused on the development of innovative, low-cost, low-carbon energy technologies, energy efficiency and renewable energy as essential to reduce emissions and create new markets for EU industry.

The Parliament considered that in order to achieve these targets it was vital to reduce the cost of green energy and to boost innovation in the energy sector. In particular, the Resolution:

- asked the Commission to investigate the possibility of extending the European Industrial Initiatives (EII) proposed to other sectors with significant emissions reduction potential such as cogeneration, hydrogen, the construction and housing sector, heating and cooling systems, better energy storage and distribution infrastructures and interconnection of networks;
- to facilitate the realisation of up to 12 proposed carbon capture storage (CCS) full-scale demonstration projects within the EIIs;
- stressed that the EII on nuclear fission should include the R&D work on 3rd and 4th generation technologies.

The Resolution pointed out that the SET plan should not be financed through the reallocation of funds made available for energy under FP7 and CIP and encouraged the Commission to ensure adequate financing so that from 2009 onwards, at least EUR 2 billion per annum of the EU budget is spent on support for such technologies. The Commission was called to put forward proposals for additional resources in the mid-term review of the financial framework 2007-2013.

Title	Supporting early demonstration of sustainable power generation from fossil fuels		
Rapporteur	Christian EHLER (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0013	Procedure number	2008/2140 (INI)

Summary:

The original communication, presented in the framework of the legislative "Climate change package", complemented a parallel Commission proposal for a Directive on Geological Storage of CO₂ laying down the legal framework. Its purpose was to set out a strategy for the realisation of CCS and to set out a vision on how to effectively coordinate and support large-scale CCS demonstrations as well as creating the conditions for bold industrial investments in a series of plants.

Main points/EP position:

In its Resolution, the Parliament recognised that the use of CCS technologies could contribute to attaining the EU's stated climate targets after 2020. Members considered that the time delay between the potential support from emissions trading from 2013, and the necessary planning and construction phase of demonstration facilities, could be overcome by making financial resources available. To that extent, they proposed that the risk sharing finance facility resources held back after the adoption of the Seventh Framework Research Programme until the mid-term review, should be committed for CCS demonstration facilities and to supplement them with other funds in cooperation with the European Investment Bank.

In a broader context, this Resolution has to be seen in line with a financial instrument for developing low carbon energy technologies expected to be delivered before end of 2009 and necessary for the implementation of some legislative pieces of the climate change package (Renewable directive, Carbon Capture and Storage) as well as of the Strategic Energy Technology plan (SET-Plan).

Title	Second strategic energy review		
Rapporteur	Anne LAPERROUZE (ALDE)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0781	Procedure number	2008/2239 (INI)

Summary:

This Review was presented in package with a series of legislative pieces and non-legislative communications with the aim to assess the progress towards strategic objectives agreed in March 2007 and to take forward further work on an "EU energy policy for Europe" to be adopted in 2010.

This programmatic approach represents a major step in the definition of an energy policy at EU level, with

- (i) "EU energy security and solidarity action plan" based on:
 - infrastructure needs and diversification of energy supplies,
 - oil and gas stocks and crisis responses mechanisms,
 - external energy relations,
 - energy efficiency,
 - best use of indigenous energy resources.
- (ii) "Roadmap towards a vision for 2050".

Following Parliament request, the Commission would draw up possible energy scenarios setting out the underlying technical and economic hypotheses and would adopt a strategic planning with a view to multiannual programming of the investments necessary to meet future electricity generation needs. To that extent, the Review gives all the tools to overcome a purely national vision of energy and to create a real European approach.

Main points/EP position:

Parliament stressed the following points in its Resolution:

- the need to ensure solidarity amongst Member States and to adopt stronger commitments to EU's own targets: by making the 20% energy saving target by 2020 legally binding on Member States and calling the European Union to adopt as objectives a 35% improvement in energy efficiency and a 60% share of renewable energy by 2050;
- a firm support to diversify sources and routes of supply, in particular the development of a southern gas corridor including the Nabucco, the Turkey-Greece-Italy gas interconnector and the South stream projects;
- the need to deepen the cooperation with countries in the Caspian Sea and more generally the importance of the gas and electricity interconnections through Central and South-Eastern Europe along a North-South axis;
- the necessary achievement of the opening of internal market as a means to create more interconnections, diversify LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminals, and develop pipelines.

Title	Facing the oil challenges		
Rapporteur	Herbert REUL (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0384	Procedure number	2008/2212 (INI)

Summary:

Following the oil price peak (more than US\$ 150 per barrel) in summer 2008, the Commission had published a communication called "Facing higher oil prices". This communication proposes a series of short and medium-term measures to mitigate the negative effects of higher oil prices and to adapt the EU to an expected long-term trend towards higher oil prices.

ITRE Committee decided to work on a report to assess the various challenges connected to the most important source of energy for the EU in a more comprehensive manner. Work started at a moment, when oil prices fell sharply after having reached an all time high due to the start of the biggest global recession since World War II. This extreme price volatility has been seen as an indicator of the various threats and risks associated with global oil supply and demand trends.

Main points/EP position:

The report addresses issues like diversifying oil supply, the role and functioning of emergency oil stocks, measures to encourage investment in the oil market and in refining capacities, increasing oil market transparency, securing the transport channels for oil, stabilising oil producing countries, improving the transport infrastructure within Europe are addressed by this report. Furthermore, it looks also at the demand-side, notably on how to reduce the heavy dependency of the transport sector on oil, measures for European industry to face higher price volatility as well as taking account of the oil challenges in the EU's external relations.

2.5 SPACE POLICY

2.5.1. Highlights

During the 6th term of the EP, the five meetings of the Space Council (consisting of the Council of the EU and the Council of the European Space Agency (ESA) at ministerial level) have taken the initiative to define the orientation and the content of the European Space Policy (ESP) - namely the programme and the projects. The Commission was instrumental in preparing the forum of discussion and submitting two Communications on ESP-Preliminary Elements (COM (2005) 0208) and on ESP (COM (2007) 0212). ESA has also been active in the field by implementing decisions of the Space Council.



2.5.2. Legislative dossiers

Title	Implementation of the deployment and commercial operating phases of the European programme of satellite radionavigation (GNSS)		
Rapporteur (ITRE)	Etelka BARSÍ-PATAKY (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2004) 0477	Procedure number	2004/0156 (COD)

Summary:

The first proposal from the Commission on the implementation of the deployment and commercial operating phases of the GNSS programme was intended to putting into place a worldwide satellite radionavigation and positioning infrastructure, specifically for civil purposes. All sectors of the economy and society would have been affected because it has had a technological, political and economic dimension. According to the Commission proposal, *"the markets linked to this technology are growing at an annual rate of 25% and some 3 billion receivers should be in service by 2020. The number of jobs created as a result of the GALILEO programme alone should be in the region of 100.000"*.

It is important to note the European dimension and the *added community value* of GALILEO. No single Member State had wished to develop such a project alone. One should understand the GNSS's unfolding phases of implementation: *Definition, Development, Deployment and Commercial*. Hence the deployment phase has meant *"the infrastructure composed by the satellites of the constellation and the associated terrestrial ground stations"*.

The key issue has been *financing*. According to the Commission proposal, the cost of the *"deployment phase was estimated at €2.1 billion"*. The Private-Public-Principle (PPP) was used for its implementation *"to secure a cost-share of at most 1/3 for the Community budget and at least 2/3 for the private sector"*. Thus, the private sector should take responsibility for at least €1.4 billion and the rest, around €700 million, should be financed by the EC budget. Given the premise that the operational phase would be funded by the private sector but some exceptional

public funding would be necessary for the first years of the operational phase, the EP agreed to the Commission proposal for a financial contribution of EUR 1 billion for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013.

Main points of the EP position:

The amendments proposed and in principle accepted by the Commission had to do with:

- The Community undertaking (through the Galileo Supervisory Authority (GSA)) financial guarantee commitments as well as liability commitments.
- A profit-sharing mechanism was proposed to be established, because according to a best case scenario at the time, it was thought that the programme would be beneficial to the extent to be able to reimburse the Community funding.
- It was also proposed that the owner of the Intellectual Property Rights would be the GSA, but the revenues generated from the exploitation of these rights could become a flow of income for the concession holder under the PPP principle.
- An observer status for the Parliament at the Administrative Board of the GSA was proposed.
- The accountability principle would have been served by a yearly report accompanying the annual EC budget and a mid-term review.

Title	Amended proposal for further implementation of the European programme of satellite navigation programmes (Galileo and EGNOS)		
Rapporteur (ITRE)	Etelka BARSÍ-PATAKY (PPE-ED)		
COM number	COM (2007) 0535	Procedure number	2004/0156 (COD)

Summary:

From the date of EP legislative resolution of 6 September 2005 up to the spring of 2007, a number of difficulties arose in the negotiations on the concession contract. Both the Transport Council (22 March 2007) and the EP (16 May 2007) asked the Commission to assess the progress of the concession contract negotiations and to suggest detailed alternative scenarios, and then to propose ways of guaranteeing the public financial commitments, whilst providing for a scenario for making EGNOS satellite navigation services available.

The Commission responded by submitting a new proposal whose main features were:

- Ensure that the entire Galileo constellation is deployed by the European Community itself; the system may later be operated commercially through a public-private partnership.
- Nominate the European Space Agency as procurement agent for the deployment of the system. The Agency would act on behalf of the European Union, under its authority and by its rules.
- Restructure the public governance of the European GNSS programmes by giving the Commission, as representative of the European Community, political responsibility and a leadership role.
- Take action to ensure that EGNOS, which will enter into operation at the start of 2009, can implement its services as a precursor to Galileo.
- Endow the Galileo and EGNOS with EC budgetary resources of 3.405 million euro for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013.

Main points/EP position:

The underlying premise of the EP has been that the GNSS is an EU project par excellence, which can make Europe more independent, bring real added-value as compared with national policies,

and create visible results for the EU public, and all that because of its high technology content and growth potential.

Yet GNSS illustrates the challenges of EU decision-making. Thanks to Parliament, the long - and sometimes stalling - process of making Galileo became a dynamic project (see *Resolution of 16 May 2007*). The end result has been a 1st reading agreement leading to Reg. (EC) no 683/2008, and that was made possible because of a number of critical initiatives by the EP.

First, the EP successfully pushed for a revision of the Financial Perspectives in order to re-launch the Galileo project with an EU- wide funding (see *Resolution of 26 April 2007*). Second, the EP swiftly reached a difficult agreement with the Council on the deployment and exploitation phase, while obtaining a number of concessions (procurement, security, funding and governance) from the Council.

Third, one of the most important regulatory innovations is the strengthening of the EP role in *two ways*: a) by applying the regulatory with scrutiny procedure - based on two principles - transparency and accountability - to the decision making, and b) by setting up a new institutional mechanism for monitoring the programmes, *the Galileo Interinstitutional Panel (GIP)*.

With the GIP, the EP assumes new powers via the means of a Joint declaration agreed on by the EP, the Council and the Commission. The GIP will follow closely the progress on the implementation of the European GNSS programmes, the international agreements with third countries, preparation of satellite navigation markets, effectiveness of the governance arrangements and annual review of the work programme. It is composed of seven representatives: 3 from the Council, 3 from the EP and 1 from the Commission.

Title	Council regulation on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR)		
Rapporteur (ITRE)	Erna HENNICOT-SCHOEPGES (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2005) 0602	Procedure number	2005/0235 (CNS)

Summary:

The aim of SESAR is to set up a joint undertaking (JU) to create a new generation European air traffic management (ATM) system. Estimates suggest that the volume of air traffic will double, if not triple, between now and 2025. Bottlenecks in air transport infrastructure, particularly in the area of air traffic control are unavoidable. ATM systems are based on technologies that are 20 years old, if not older. In an age of satellite communication, Galileo and the high-speed network, pilots and their controllers are still communicating by radio.

As the technology arm of Single European Sky, SESAR is needed to: adapt air traffic control to the new technologies, ensure the safety and regulation of flights, organise air navigation services, define the respective roles and responsibilities of surveillance authorities and service providers.

The SESAR JU is supposed to develop a modern ATM in phases: Definition (2005-2008), Development (2008 -2013) to Deployment (2014-2020) in accordance with the ATM Master Plan. Yet there is a second element important element, namely funding. According to the Commission proposal, for the Definition and Development phases, Eurocontrol and the EC budget would share equally the cost. Whereas the EC share would be cash of about 630 million

euro, the Eurocontrol share will be in kind.

There has been another innovation in the Commission proposal by allowing the private sector to participate in funding in the Deployment phase. Hence the private-private partnership (PPP) has been a core element of the proposal, for the Development and possibly for the Deployment phases.

Main points/EP position:

The underlying premise of the EP amendments was dual. First, it was proposed to take advantage of navigation systems using real-time automated flight trajectories management. Second, to design an ATM system based on the interoperability of the two systems, SESAR and Galileo, hence apply satellite technology to the new ATM design phase of the system (*Master Plan*). In this sense, the SESAR project will become a semi-space project. To this end, the appropriate amendments were adopted seeking to ensure that the SESAR JU becomes a Community body, the involvement of the EP in the appointment of the Executive Director, while proposing the observer status for the EP. As to the voting rights at the Administrative Board, the EP opted for a simple principle: "*voting should be weighted in accordance with the financial participation*".

The Council did not accept these EP amendments and adopted the Council Reg. (EC) No 219/2007 on the SESAR JU, which, however had to be subsequently amended by a second proposal, in the lapse of 1 ½ years.

Title	Amending Council regulation (EC) no 219/2007 on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR)		
Rapporteur (ITRE)	Angelika NIEBLER (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0483	Procedure number	2008/0159 (CNS)

Summary:

The amending proposal has had as objective the alignment of the Regulation and Statutes of the SESAR Joint Undertaking with the new approach that the EU Institutions have adopted for the establishment of joint undertakings [JUs].

In this way, it was claimed by the Commission proposal that we should have had a Community approach to setting up of these bodies. Consequently, the SESAR JU should enjoy the same treatment as that afforded by the other similar structures. Moreover, these bodies have all been established as instruments for implementing the 7th R&D Framework Programme. According to the Commission proposal, "*the total estimated cost of the SESAR development phase over the period 2007-2016 is EUR 2.1 billion. The costs will be supported in equal parts by the Community (EUR 700 million: EUR 350 million from the 7th R&D Framework Programme + EUR 350 million from the Trans-European Networks Programme), by Eurocontrol (EUR 700 million) and by "industry" (EUR 700 million).*

While the Community's contribution to the SESAR JU will be entirely in cash, some 90 % of the contributions from Eurocontrol and from industry shall be in-kind "

Main points/EP position:

The simplified procedure Rule 43(1) was applied. Yet the Commission proposal had accepted the EP amendment about the JUs being Community bodies, but not the other amendments related to the management structure of such bodies.

2.5.3. Non - legislative dossiers

Title	Resolution on an European Space Policy (ESP)		
Rapporteurs	Pierre PRIBETISCH (PES) and Angelika NIEBLER (EPP-ED)		
COM number	COM (2008) 0561	Procedure number	Rule 108 (5)

Summary and main points/EP position:

The resolution which was accompanying two questions for oral answer with debate, addressed to the Commission and the Council, was adopted on 20 November 2008 in plenary.

It is the first comprehensive EP Resolution on ESP, whose value rests on two underlying principles; the one assumes the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, namely its Article 189, and the second concentrates on what initiatives the EU institutions should undertake in order to develop its own ESP. The measures proposed by the EP focus on four priority areas: "Space and Climate Change, ESP's contribution to the Lisbon Strategy, Space and Security and Space Exploration".

In order for this to be realised, apart from the Galileo programme, another semi-space EU project - the so-called GMES/Copernicus programme - is proposed by the EP. The Commission is requested to define the legal framework of GMES/Copernicus, propose the appropriate governance and secure funding for it. Whilst an implementation plan will be submitted to the EP, it will also treat the international aspects of the GMES/Copernicus programme.



ANNEX I

QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY

QUANTITATIVE INDICATORS	2004		2005	2006	2007	2008
	5th Term	6th Term				
Reports	15	20	32	26	21	33
Opinions	8	28	22	32	32	75
Amendments [pages]	547	27	6.954	1.085,27	4.116	3885,72
Questions for oral answer with debate, Questions for written answer or Question Time	-	-	2	-	4	3
Documents sent for translation	?	?	189	185	178	271
Pages sent for translation	1.394	330	4.559	2.204,81	4.479	5315,71
½ days of meetings in the three places of work	25	18	57	50	46	60
Delegations outside the three places of work	-	-	4	4	5	4
Exchange of views with VIP	6	20	37	23	24	36
Experts invited to committee meetings	12	6	3	2	12	57
Public hearings	4	5	7	11	5	11
Participation in international conferences (UN, IMF, WB etc.)	-	-	-	2	-	2
Meetings with corresponding committees from National Parliaments of Members States or Candidate Countries	-	-	1	1	-	-
Coordinators' meetings	5	9	14	14	14	14
Meetings of working groups	8	5	119	77	25	119
Coordination meetings	9	7	18	19	17	22
Draft letters at the signature of the Committee Presidency/rapporteurs	291	57	137	61	262	130
Incoming mail	42	41	208	589	491	667
Outgoing mail	375	63	216	218	305	239
Trainees and/or officials (national officials on secondment)	6	3	7	8	5	12

ANNEX II

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY ADOPTED BY THE PLENARY

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S
LEGISLATIVE OBSERVATORY (OEIL):

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INDUSTRY

1. COD/2005/0050***I codecision procedure, 1st reading, COM(2005)0121
**Competitiveness of industry and enterprises: Competitiveness and Innovation Framework
Programme CIP, 2007-2013**

Rapporteur: Chatzimarkakis Jorgo (ALDE)

2. COD/2004/0272***I codecision procedure, 1st reading, COM(2004)0781
**Enterprise policy, SMEs: prolongation of the multiannual programme MAP until 31
December 2006 (amend dec. 2000/819/EC)**

Rapporteur: Thomsen Britta (PES)

3. INI/2008/2237 - COM(2008)0394

Small Business Act

Rapporteur: Herczog Edit (PES)

4. INI/2007/2257 - COM(2007)0374

Mid-term review of industrial policy: a contribution to the EU's Growth and Jobs Strategy

Rapporteur: Jordan Cizelj Romana (EPP-ED)

5. INI/2007/2120 - COM(2007)0022

CARS 21: A Competitive Automotive Regulatory Framework

Rapporteur: Chatzimarkakis Jorgo (ALDE)

6. INI/2006/2138 - COM(2005)0551

**Implementing the Community Lisbon Programme: small and medium-sized enterprises
SMEs policy for growth and employment**

Rapporteur: Del Castillo Vera Pilar (EPP-ED)

7. INI/2006/2003 - COM(2005)0474

**Policy framework to strengthen the European Union manufacturing: towards a more
integrated approach for industrial policy**

Rapporteur: Calabuig Rull Joan (PES)

8. INI/2005/2123 COM(2005)0030

Implementation of the European Charter for Small Enterprises

Rapporteur: Vlasto Dominique (EPP-ED)

9. INI/2004/2154 - COM(2004)0274

INFORMATION SOCIETY AND TELECOMS

10. COD/2008/0214 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2008)0762

Frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications (amend. 'GSM Directive' 87/372/EEC)

Rapporteur: Pleguezuelos Aguilar Francisca (PES)

11. COD/2008/0201 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2008)0677

Information society: Community statistics (amend. Regulation (EC) No 808/2004)

Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

12. COD/2008/0187 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2008)0580

Electronic communications: roaming on public mobile telephone networks within the Community; regulatory framework for networks and services (amend. Regulation (EC) No 717/2007 and Directive 2002/21/EC)

Rapporteur: Vălean Adina-Ioana (ALDE)

13. COD/2008/0185 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2008)0583

European public administrations ISA: interoperability solutions

Rapporteur: David Dragoș Florin (EPP-ED)

14. COD/2007/0291 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2007)0861

European Network and Information Security Agency ENISA: extension of its duration (amend. Regulation (EC) No 460/2004)

Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

15. COD/2007/0249 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading - COM(2007)0699

Creation of the European Electronic Communications Market Authority ("Telecoms Package")

Rapporteur: Del Castillo Vera Pilar (EPP-ED)

16. COD/2007/0247 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2007)0697

Electronic communications: common regulatory framework for networks and services, access, interconnection and authorisation ("Telecoms Package" [amend. Directives 2002/19/EC to 2002/21/EC])

Rapporteur: Trautmann Catherine (PES)

17. COD/2007/0174 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2007)0480

Electronic communications: selection and authorisation of systems providing mobile satellite services MSS

Rapporteur: Hall Fiona (ALDE)

18. COD/2007/0126 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2007)0367

Mobile and wireless communications system: frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications (repeal. Directive 87/372/EEC)

Rapporteur: Pleguezuelos Aguilar Francisca (PES)

19. COD/2006/0133 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2006)0382
Electronic communications: regulatory framework for networks and services, reductions on mobile roaming charges across the Community (amend. Dir. 2002/21/EC)
Rapporteur: Rübzig Paul (EPP-ED)

20. COD/2005/0147 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2005)0361
Radiocommunications, broadcasting, transport: coordinated introduction of pan-European land-based public radio paging (repeal. Directive 90/544/EEC)
Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

21. COD/2005/0144 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading - COM(2005)0347
Information society, eEurope: good practices and network security, extension of the MODINIS programme in 2006 (amend. dec. 2256/2003/EC)
Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

22. COD/2004/0025 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading - COM(2004)0096
European digital content: quality, access, use and exploitation, eContentplus. 2005-2008 programme
Rapporteur: Rübzig Paul (EPP-ED)

23. INI/2008/2099 - COM(2007)0700
Reaping the full benefits of the digital dividend in Europe: a common approach to the use of the spectrum released by the digital switchover
Rapporteur: Toia Patrizia (ALDE)

24. INI/2006/2273 - COM(2006)0129
Building a European policy on broadband
Rapporteur: Hökmark Gunnar (EPP-ED)

25. INI/2006/2212 - COM(2005)0400
Towards a European policy on radio spectrum
Rapporteur: Hall Fiona (ALDE)

26. INI/2005/2167 COM(2005)0229
A European information Society for growth and employment, i2010
Rapporteur: Paasilinna Reino (PES)

27. INI/2005/2052 COM(2004)0759
European electronic communications regulation and markets, 2004
Rapporteur: Toia Patrizia (ALDE)

28. INI/2004/2204
The information society
Rapporteur: Trautmann Catherine (PES)

RESEARCH

29. COD/2008/0230 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2008)0814
European metrology research and development programme
Rapporteur: Mann Erika (PES)

30. COD/2007/0188 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2007)0514
Eurostars Joint Programme: participation by the Community in a research and development programme aimed at supporting research and development performing SMEs undertaken by several Member States
Rapporteur: Rübig Paul (EPP-ED)

31. COD/2007/0116 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2007)0329
Participation in a research and development programme: enhancing the quality of life of older people through the use of new ICT
Rapporteur: Gill Neena (PES)

32. COD/2006/0197 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2006)0604
Education, research and innovation: European Institute of Technology EIT
Rapporteur: Paasilinna Reino (PES)

33. COD/2005/0277 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2005)0705
Research RTD, 7th EC framework programme 2007-2013: participation of undertakings, research centres and universities
Rapporteur: Busquin Philippe (PES)

34. COD/2005/0043 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2005)0119
Research RTD, 7th EC framework programme 2007-2013: research, technological development and demonstration activities
Rapporteur: Buzek Jerzy (EPP-ED)

35. CNS/2008/0209 * consultation procedure COM(2008)0728
EC/Russia Agreement: cooperation in science and technology; renewal of the Agreement
Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

36. CNS/2008/0184 * consultation procedure COM(2008)0581
EC/United States agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, extension
Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

37. CNS/2008/0148 * consultation procedure COM(2008)0467
European Research Infrastructure ERI: legal framework
Rapporteur: Riera Madurell Teresa (PES)

38. CNS/2008/0066 * consultation procedure COM(2008)0170
EC/New Zealand agreement: scientific and technological cooperation
Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

39. CNS/2007/0211 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0571
Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking
Rapporteur: Locatelli Pia Elda (PES)

40. CNS/2007/0207 * consultation procedure 16681/2007
EC/India agreement: scientific and technological cooperation
Rapporteur: Ehler Christian (EPP-ED)

41. CNS/2007/0135 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0393

Research Fund for Coal and Steel: research programme, multiannual technical guidelines (repeal. Decision 2003/78/EC)

Rapporteur: Gierek Adam (PES)

42. CNS/2007/0124 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0352

EC/Egypt agreement: scientific and technological cooperation.

Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

43. CNS/2007/0122 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0356

Research and technological development: setting up the ENIAC Joint Undertaking, nanoelectronics

Rapporteur: Vakalis Nikolaos (EPP-ED)

44. CNS/2007/0106 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0305

EC-Euratom/Switzerland agreement: Scientific and Technological Cooperation

Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

45. CNS/2007/0096 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0276

EC/Israel Agreement: scientific and technical cooperation. Renewal of the Agreement

Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

46. CNS/2007/0089 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0241

Establishment of the Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking

Rapporteur: Grossetête Françoise (EPP-ED)

47. CNS/2007/0088 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0243

Establishment of the "ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking" to implement a Joint Technology Initiative in Embedded Computing Systems

Rapporteur: De Michelis Gianni (NI)

48. CNS/2006/0141 * consultation procedure COM(2006)0422

EC/Republic of Korea agreement: agreement for scientific and technological cooperation

Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

49. CNS/2006/0111 * consultation procedure COM(2006)0343

Research and development: renew and modify the EC/Australia, Canada, USA, Norway, Switzerland, Korea, Japan agreements, intelligent manufacturing systems

Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

50. CNS/2006/0014 * consultation procedure COM(2006)0042

Research RTD, 7th Euratom Framework Programme 2007-2011: participation of undertakings, research centres and universities, dissemination of research results

Rapporteur: Laperrouze Anne (ALDE)

51. CNS/2005/0190 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0445

Research RTD, 7th Euratom Framework Programme 2007-2011: fusion energy, nuclear fission and radiation protection specific programme

Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (GUE/NGL)

52. CNS/2005/0189 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0444

Research RTD, 7th Euratom Framework Programme 2007-2011: specific programme through direct actions by the Joint Research Centre JRC

Rapporteur: Caspary Daniel (EPP-ED)

53. CNS/2005/0188 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0443

Research RTD, 7th EC Framework Programme 2007-2013: Capacities specific programme for European research and innovation

Rapporteur: Prodi Vittorio (ALDE)

54. CNS/2005/0187 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0442

Research RTD, 7th EC Framework Programme 2007-2013: People specific programme for supporting the training and the career development of researchers

Rapporteur: Pirilli Umberto (UEN)

55. CNS/2005/0186 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0441

Research RTD, 7th EC Framework Programme 2007-2013: specific programme "Ideas", frontier research

Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

56. CNS/2005/0185 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0440

Research RTD, 7th EC Framework Programme 2007-2013: trans-national Cooperation specific programme on policy-defined themes

Rapporteur: Riera Madurell Teresa (PES)

57. CNS/2005/0184 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0439

Research RTD, 7th EC Framework Programme 2007-2013: specific programme through direct activities by the Joint Research Centre JRC

Rapporteur: Hammerstein David (Verts/ALE)

58. CNS/2005/0135 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0333

Euratom/Switzerland agreement: scientific and technological cooperation, 6th Framework Programmes and European Research Area

Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

59. CNS/2005/0044 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0119

Nuclear research: 7th framework programme Euratom for nuclear research and training activities, 2007-2011

Rapporteur: Buzek Jerzy (EPP-ED)

60. CNS/2004/0274 * consultation procedure COM(2004)0802

EC/Mexico agreement: scientific and technological cooperation agreement

Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

61. CNS/2004/0216 * consultation procedure COM(2004)0625

EC/Brazil agreement: scientific and technological cooperation agreement

Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

62. INI/2008/2213 COM(2008)0317

Better careers and more mobility: a European partnership for researchers

Rapporteur: Locatelli Pia Elda (PES)

63. INI/2007/2187 COM(2007)0161

European Research Area: New perspectives

Rapporteur: Guidoni Umberto (GUE/NGL)

64. INI/2006/2274 COM(2006)0502

Putting knowledge into practice: A broad-based innovation strategy for Europe

Rapporteur: Gierek Adam (PES)

65. INI/2006/2005 COM(2005)0488

Implementing the Community Lisbon Programme: more research and innovation, investing for growth and employment

Rapporteur: Del Castillo Vera Pilar (EPP-ED)

66. INI/2006/2004 COM(2005)0243

Nanosciences and nanotechnologies: an action plan for Europe 2005-2009

Rapporteur: Ransdorf Miloslav (GUE/NGL)

67. INI/2004/2150 COM(2004)0353

Science and technology: guidelines for future European Union policy to support research

Rapporteur: Locatelli Pia Elda (PES)

ENERGY

68. COD/2009/0010 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2009)0035

Programme to aid economic recovery: Community financial assistance to projects in the field of energy

Rapporteur: Maldeikis Eugenijus (UEN)

69. COD/2008/0223 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2008)0780

Energy performance of buildings (repeal. Directive 2002/91/EC). Recast

Rapporteur: Țicău Silvia-Adriana (PES)

70. COD/2008/0222 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2008)0778

Energy-related products: indication of the consumption of energy (repeal. 'Energy Labelling Directive' 92/75/EEC). Recast

Rapporteur: Podimata Anni (PES)

71. COD/2008/0221 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2008)0779

Fuel efficiency: labelling of tyres

Rapporteur: Belet Ivo (EPP-ED)

72. COD/2008/0016 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2008)0019

Energy and climate change: promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources RES-E

Rapporteur: Turmes Claude (Verts/ALE)

73. COD/2007/0199 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2007)0532

Energy: internal market in natural gas, access to the transmission networks (repeal. Regulation (EC) No 1775/2005)

Rapporteur: Paparizov Atanas (PES)

74. COD/2007/0198 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2007)0531

Energy: internal market in electricity, cross-border exchanges, access to network (amend. Regulation (EC) No 1228/2003)

Rapporteur: Vidal-Quadras Alejo (EPP-ED)

75. COD/2007/0197 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2007)0530
Electricity and gas market: Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators
Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

76. COD/2007/0196 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2007)0529
Energy: rules for the internal market in natural gas (repeal. Directive 2003/55/EC)
Rapporteur: Mussa Antonio (UEN)

77. COD/2007/0195 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2007)0528
Energy: rules for the internal market in electricity (repeal. Directive 2003/54/EC)
Rapporteur: Morgan Eluned (PES)

78. COD/2007/0141 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2007)0411
Electricity market: application of certain provisions to Estonia (amend. Directive 2003/54/EC)
Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

79. COD/2007/0002 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2006)0850
Energy statistics
Rapporteur: Turmes Claude (Verts/ALE)

80. COD/2006/0187 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2006)0576
Energy efficiency products: office and communication technology equipment, labelling programme Energy Star (recast Regulation (EC) No 2422/2001)
Rapporteur: Vakalis Nikolaos (EPP-ED)

81. COD/2003/0302 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2003)0741
Energy: internal market in natural gas, cross-border exchanges, access to the transmission networks
Rapporteur: Seppänen Esko (GUE/NGL)

82. COD/2003/0301 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2003)0740
Internal market for electricity: safeguard security of supplies, infrastructure investment
Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

83. COD/2003/0300 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2003)0739
Energy policy: energy efficiency for end-users and energy saves (repeal. direct. 93/76/EEC)
Rapporteur: Rothe Mechtild (PES)

84. COD/2003/0297 ***II codecision procedure, 2nd reading COM(2003)0742
Trans-European energy networks: guidelines for the 2004 enlargement (repeal. dec. 96/391/EC, 1229/2003/EC)
Rapporteur: Laperrouze Anne (ALDE)

85. AVC/2005/0178 *** assent procedure 13886/2005
Internal energy market: conclusion by the European Community of the Energy Community Treaty
Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

86. CNS/2008/0231 * consultation procedure COM(2008)0790

Community framework for nuclear safety

Rapporteur: Hökmark Gunnar (EPP-ED)

87. CNS/2008/0220 * consultation procedure COM(2008)0775

Crude oil and/or petroleum products: obligation on Member States to maintain minimum stocks (repeal. Directive 73/238/EEC, Directive 2006/67/EC and Decision 68/416/EEC)

Rapporteur: Ransdorf Miloslav (GUE/NGL)

88. CNS/2007/0043 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0119

Euratom Supply Agency: statutes

Rapporteur: Jordan Cizelj Romana (EPP-ED)

89. CNS/2006/0802 * consultation procedure 09037/2006

Nuclear safety and security: establishing an instrument for nuclear safety, radiation protection and safeguards of nuclear materials in third countries, EAEC Treaty

Rapporteur: Seppänen Esko (GUE/NGL)

90. CNS/2006/0227 * consultation procedure COM(2006)0665

EC/Russia agreement: multilateral nuclear environmental programme, treatment and storage of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel. Framework agreement

Rapporteur: Remek Vladimír (GUE/NGL)

91. CNS/2005/0272 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0673

Environment and health: supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel (repeal. direct. 92/3/Euratom)

Rapporteur: Seppänen Esko (GUE/NGL)

92. CNS/2004/0221 * consultation procedure COM(2004)0624

Nuclear energy: Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia, implementation of the Protocol n° 9 annexed to the accession Act 2004

Rapporteur: Harms Rebecca (Verts/ALE)

93. INI/2008/2239 COM(2008)0781

Second Strategic Energy Review

Rapporteur: Laperrouze Anne (ALDE)

94. INI/2008/2214 COM(2008)0011

Follow-up of the energy efficiency national action plans: a first assessment

Rapporteur: Gyürk András (EPP-ED)

95. INI/2008/2212 COM(2008)0384

Facing oil challenges

Rapporteur: Reul Herbert (EPP-ED)

96. INI/2008/2140 COM(2008)0013

Supporting early demonstration of sustainable power generation from fossil fuels

Rapporteur: Ehler Christian (EPP-ED)

97. INI/2008/2005 COM(2007)0723

European strategic energy technology plan

Rapporteur: Buzek Jerzy (EPP-ED)

98. INI/2007/2188 COM(2006)0583

Global efficiency and renewable energy fund

Rapporteur: Turmes Claude (Verts/ALE)

99. INI/2007/2106 COM(2006)0545

Action Plan for Energy Efficiency: Realising the Potential

Rapporteur: Hall Fiona (ALDE)

100. INI/2007/2091 COM(2006)0843

Conventional energy sources and energy technology

Rapporteur: Reul Herbert (EPP-ED)

101. INI/2007/2090 COM(2006)0848

Road map for renewable energy in Europe

Rapporteur: Thomsen Britta (PES)

102. INI/2007/2089 COM(2006)0841

Prospects for the internal gas and electricity market

Rapporteur: Vidal-Quadras Alejo (EPP-ED)

103. INI/2006/2230 COM(2007)0124

Assessing Euratom: 50 years of European nuclear energy policy

Rapporteur: Maldeikis Eugenijus (UEN)

104. INI/2006/2113 COM(2006)0105

A European strategy for sustainable, competitive and secure energy. Green paper

Rapporteur: Morgan Eluned (PES)

105. INI/2006/2082 COM(2005)0628

Energy policy: renewable sources, biomass action plan

Rapporteur: Langen Werner (EPP-ED)

106. INI/2005/2210 COM(2005)0265

Energy efficiency or doing more with less. Green Paper

Rapporteur: Vidal-Quadras Alejo (EPP-ED)

107. INI/2005/2122

Heating and cooling from renewable energy sources

Rapporteur: Rothe Mechtild (PES)

108. INI/2005/2077 COM(2005)0085

Report on the application of Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty, July 1994 to December 2003

Rapporteurs: Guidoni Umberto (GUE/NGL), Ransdorf Miloslav (GUE/NGL)

109. INI/2004/2153 COM(2004)0366

The share of renewable energy sources in the European Union: proposals for concrete actions

Rapporteur: Turmes Claude (Verts/ALE)

110. INI/2005/2027 COM(2004)0719

Nuclear safety: financial resources earmarked for the decommissioning of nuclear power plants

SPACE

111. COD/2004/0156 ***I codecision procedure, 1st reading COM(2004)0477
GALILEO, satellite radionavigation programme: implementation of the deployment and commercial operating phases covering 2006-2007 and 2008
Rapporteur: Barsi-Pataky Etelka (EPP-ED)

112. CNS/2008/0159 * consultation procedure COM(2008)0483
Air transport: Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system SESAR (amend. Regulation (EC) No 219/2007)
Rapporteur: Niebler Angelika (EPP-ED)

113. CNS/2007/0118 * consultation procedure COM(2007)0315
Research and aeronautics: setting up the Clean Sky Joint Undertaking
Rapporteur: Ek Lena (ALDE)

114. CNS/2006/0115 * consultation procedure COM(2006)0351
GALILEO, satellite radionavigation programme: amendment of the Statutes in order to provide that the undertaking will cease to operate on 31 December 2006 (amend. regul. 876/2002/EC)
Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

115. CNS/2006/0090 * consultation procedure COM(2006)0261
Satellite radio-navigation: structures for the management of the European programmes (amending regulation 1321/2004/EC)
Rapporteur: Chichester Giles (EPP-ED)

116. CNS/2005/0235 * consultation procedure COM(2005)0602
Air transport: Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system SESAR
Rapporteur: Hennicot-Schoepges Erna (EPP-ED)

ANNEX III

OPINIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY

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Grossetête, Françoise	European action in the field of rare diseases	2008/0218(CNS)	ENVI
Caspary, Daniel	Enhancing the role of European SMEs in international trade	2008/2205 (INI)	INTA
Țicău, Silvia-Adriana	International Trade and the Internet	2008/2204(INI)	INTA
Grossetête, Françoise	Patients' rights in cross-border healthcare	2008/0142(COD)	ENVI
Rothe, Mechthild	Ecodesign requirements for energy related products	2008/0151(COD)	ENVI
Vakalis, Nikolaos	Community ecolabel scheme	2008/0152(COD)	ENVI
Hennicot-Schoepges, Erna	Term of protection of copyright and related rights	2008/0157(COD)	JURI
Turmes, Claude	The charging of heavy goods vehicles	2008/0147(COD)	TRAN
Paparizov, Atanas	The implementation of the Structural Funds Regulation 2007 - 2013: the results of the negotiations on the national cohesion strategies and the operational programmes	2008/2183(INI)	REGI
Jordan Cizelj, Romana	Trade and Economic Relations with China	2008/2171(INI)	INTA
Riera Madurell, Teresa	The performance and sustainability of the European aviation system	2008/0127(COD)	TRAN
Țicău, Silvia-Adriana	The Common Agricultural Policy and Global Food Security	2008/2153(INI)	AGRI
Chatzimarkakis, Jorgo	Type-approval requirements for the general safety of motor vehicles	2008/0100(COD)	IMCO
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Podimata, Anni	Pre-commercial Procurement: Driving innovation to ensure sustainable high quality public services in Europe	2008/2139(INI)	IMCO
Caspary, Daniel	An Agenda for Sustainable Future in General and Business Aviation	2008/2134(INI)	TRAN
Vălean, Adina-Ioana	Building a Global Climate Change Alliance between the European Union and poor developing countries most vulnerable to climate change	2008/2131(INI)	DEVE
Ransdorf, Miloslav	A European initiative for the development of micro-credit in support of growth and employment	2008/2122(INI)	ECON
Gutiérrez-Cortines, Cristina	A recommendation to the Council on the new EU-Russia agreement	2008/2104(INI)	AFET
Rübig, Paul	Report on a strategy for the future settlement of the institutional aspects of Regulatory Agencies	2008/2103(INI)	AFCO
Färm, Göran	2009 budget: First reflections on the 2009 PDB and mandate for the conciliation	2008/2025(BUDG)	BUDG
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dos Santos, Manuel António	General arrangements for excise duty	2008/0051(CNS)	ECON
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Gyürk, András	Towards a European Charter on the Rights of Energy Consumers	2008/2006(INI)	IMCO
Swoboda, Hannes	Transfers of defence-related products	2007/0279(COD)	IMCO
Hammerstein, David	Green paper on better ship dismantling	2007/2279(INI)	ENVI
Paasilinna, Reino	Electronic communications networks and services, protection of privacy and consumer protection	2007/0248(COD)	IMCO
Purvis, John	Trade and economic relations with the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	2007/2265(INI)	INTA
Remek, Vladimír	Type-approval of hydrogen powered motor vehicles	2007/0214(COD)	IMCO
Niebler, Angelika	Units of measurement	2007/0187(COD)	IMCO
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Dover, Den	Women and science	2007/2206(INI)	FEMM
Gill, Neena	Green paper on market-based instruments for environment and related policy purposes	2007/2203(INI)	ENVI
Laperrouze, Anne	Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures	2007/0121(COD)	ENVI
Dover, Den	The role of women in industry	2007/2197(INI)	FEMM
Belet, Ivo	Concentration and pluralism in the media in the European Union	2007/2253(INI)	CULT
Herczog, Edit	The EU's Strategy to deliver market access for European companies	2007/2185(INI)	INTA
Langen, Werner	Economic and Trade Relations with Korea	2007/2186(INI)	INTA
Gill, Neena	Cultural industries in Europe	2007/2153(INI)	CULT
Țicău, Silvia-Adriana	Interoperability of digital interactive television services	2007/2152(INI)	CULT
La Russa, Romano Maria	Community strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work	2007/2146(INI)	EMPL
Vlasto, Dominique	Sustainable European transport policy, taking into account European energy and environment policies	2007/2147(INI)	TRAN
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Purvis, John	Accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products	2007/0029(COD)	IMCO
Purvis, John	Common framework for the marketing of products	2007/0030(COD)	IMCO
Březina, Jan	Application of certain national technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State	2007/0028(COD)	IMCO
Ransdorf, Miloslav	Monitoring and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from fuels (road transport and inland waterway vessels)	2007/0019(COD)	ENVI
Niebler, Angelika	2008 budget: Section III - Commission	2007/2019(BUDG)	BUDG
Gyürk, András	Trade and Climate Change	2007/2003(INI)	INTA
Ciornei, Silvia	Amendment of Directive 2003/87/EC so as to include aviation activities in the	2006/0304(COD)	ENVI

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	scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community		
Glante, Norbert	Identification, designation and protection of European Critical Infrastructure	2006/0276(CNS)	LIBE
Mann, Erika	Export and import of dangerous chemicals	2006/0246(COD)	ENVI
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Swoboda, Hannes	Accomplishment of the internal market of Community postal services	2006/0196(COD)	TRAN
del Castillo Vera, Pilar	Qualifications framework for lifelong learning	2006/0163(COD)	EMPL
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Rübig, Paul	Environmental quality standards in the field of water policy	2006/0129(COD)	ENVI
Chichester, Giles	A Baltic Sea Strategy for the Northern Dimension	2006/2171(INI)	AFET
Hökmark, Gunnar	Corporate social responsibility: a new partnership	2006/2133(INI)	EMPL
Ek, Lena	A roadmap for equality between women and men 2006-2010	2006/2132(INI)	FEMM
Remek, Vladimír	Establishment of the European Globalisation adjustment Fund	2006/0033(INI)	EMPL
Hammerstein, David	Consumer confidence in the digital environment	2006/2048(INI)	IMCO
Ayuso, Pilar	Biotechnology: prospects and challenges for agriculture in Europe	2006/2059(INI)	AGRI
Birutis, Šarūnas	Revision of directives on medical devices	2005/0263(COD)	ENVI
Panzeri, Pier Antonio	Sectoral aspects of the State Aid Action Plan: aid for innovation	2006/2044(INI)	ECON
Gill, Neena	2007 general budget	2006/2018(BUDG)	BUDG
De Michelis, Gianni	Coordination of certain of the Member States' provisions on television	2005/0260(COD)	CULT

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Gutiérrez-Cortines, Cristina	Revision of the framework directive on waste	2005/0281(COD)	ENVI
Belet, Ivo	Type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions and access to vehicle repair information	2005/0282(COD)	ENVI
Ayuso, Pilar	Promotion of clean road transport vehicles	2005/0283(COD)	ENVI
Rübig, Paul	Assessment of the Doha Round following the WTO Ministerial Conference in Hong Kong	2005/2247(INI)	INTA
Ransdorf, Miloslav	A European social model for the future	2005/2248(INI)	EMPL
Chichester, Giles	Advanced therapy medicinal products	2005/0227(COD)	ENVI
Pirelli, Umberto	Key competences for lifelong learning	2005/0221(COD)	CULT
Ortuondo Larrea, Josu	The placing on the market of pyrotechnic articles	2005/0194(COD)	IMCO
Niebler, Angelika	Retention of data processed in connection with the provision of public electronic communication services	2005/0182(COD)	LIBE
Rübig, Paul	Financing of European standardisation	2005/0157(COD)	IMCO
Hammerstein, David	Criminal measures aimed at ensuring the enforcement of intellectual property rights	2005/0127(COD)	JURI
Swoboda, Hannes	The period of reflection: the structure, subjects and context for an assessment of the debate on the European Union	2005/2146(INI)	AFCO
Ek, Lena	EU-US Transatlantic economic relations	2005/2082(INI)	INTA
Harms, Rebecca	Winning the battle against global climate change	2005/2049(INI)	ENVI
Guidoni, Umberto	2006 general budget	2005/2001(BUDG)	BUDG
Langen, Werner	Commission White Paper on services of general interest	2006/2101(INI)	ECON
Hökmark, Gunnar	Green Paper on defence Procurement	2005/2030(INI)	IMCO
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Purvis, John	Rules on nominal quantities for pre-packed products	2004/0248(COD)	IMCO

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Harms, Rebecca	Stimulating technologies for sustainable development: an environmental technologies action plan for the European Union	2004/2131(INI)	ENVI
Rübig, Paul	Policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013	2004/2209(INI)	FIN
Ehler, Christian	European Security Strategy	2004/2167(INI)	AFET
Tarand, Andres	European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument	2004/0219(COD)	AFET
Glante, Norbert	Community financial aid in the field of the trans-European transport networks and energy	2004/0154(COD)	BUDG
Swoboda, Hannes	Parliament's opinion concerning the draft treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe	2004/2129(INI)	AFCO
Panzeri, Pier Antonio	Integrated action programme in the field of lifelong learning	2004/0153(COD)	CULT
Trautmann, Catherine	Programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007)	2004/0151(COD)	CULT
van Nistelrooij, Lambert	European Regional Development Fund	2004/0167(COD)	REGI
Vakalis, Nikolaos	Uniform visas for researchers from third countries	2004/0063(COD)	LIBE
Vakalis, Nikolaos	Measures to facilitate the admission of researchers from third countries	2004/0062(CNS)	LIBE
Rübig, Paul	Statutory audit of annual accounts and consolidated accounts	2004/0065(COD)	JURI
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Chichester, Giles	River traffic: information services for the safety, security and efficiency of inland navigation	2004/0123(COD)	TRAN
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Chichester, Giles	Enhancing port security	2004/0031(COD)	TRAN
Chatzimarkakis, Jorgo	Services in the internal market	2004/0001(COD)	IMCO
Rübig, Paul	2005 budget: Section III - Commission	2004/2001(BUDG)	BUDG
Paasilinna, Reino	Protection of groundwater against pollution	2003/0210(COD)	ENVI,

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Niebler, Angelika	Foods: nutrition and health claims in labelling (amending Directive 2000/13/EC)	2003/0165(COD)	ENVI
Grossetête, Françoise	Geological storage of carbon dioxide *	2008/0015(COD)	ENVI
Goebbels, Robert	Shared effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions *	2008/0014(COD)	ENVI
Ek, Lena	Greenhouse gas emission allowance trading system *	2008/0013(COD)	ENVI
Langen, Werner	Emission performance standards for new passenger cars *	2007/0297(COD)	ENVI
Langen, Werner	Sustainable agriculture and biogas: a need for review of EU-legislation *	2007/2107(INI)	AGRI
Harms, Rebecca	Community Strategy to reduce CO2 emissions from passenger cars and light-commercial vehicles *	2007/2119(INI)	ENVI
Ek, Lena	Towards a common European foreign policy on energy *	2007/2000(INI)	AFET
Chichester, Giles	Macro-economic impact of the increase in the price of energy *	2006/2247(INI)	ECON
Calabuig Rull, Joan	Textiles and clothing after 2005 *	2004/2265(INI)	INTA
Busquin, Philippe	Security research *	2004/2171(INI)	AFET
Ek, Lena	Chemicals: REACH system and European Chemicals Agency (amendment of Directive 1999/45/EC and regulation on pollutants) *	2003/0256(COD)	ENVI
Țicău, Silvia-Adriana	Prospects in the area of copyright in the European Union *	2008/2121(INI)	JURI
Seppänen, Esko	Protection of animals used for scientific purposes *	2008/0211(COD)	AGRI

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ANNEX IV

MEETINGS WITH COMMISSIONERS AND VIPS

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30.08.2004	Mr Philippe Busquin	Brief communication on his resignation as Commissioner for Research.
13.09.2004 Strasbourg	Mr Louis Michel	Candidate for Belgium Commissioner following Mr Philippe Busquin's resignation - Exchange of views.
21.09.2004	Mrs Ana De Palacio	Outgoing Commissioner for Transport and Energy - Exchange of views.
29.09.2004	Mrs Viviane Reding	Hearing - Commissioner-designate for Information Society and Media.
30.09.2004	Mr Günter Verheugen	Hearing - Commissioner-designate for Enterprise and Industry.
30.09.2004	Mr László Kovács	Hearing - Commissioner-designate for Energy.
01.10.2004	Mr Janez Potocnik	Hearing - Commissioner-designate for Science and Research.
15.11.2004 Strasbourg	Mr Andris Piebalgs	Hearing - Commissioner-designate for Energy.
14.12.2004 Strasbourg	Mr Janez Potocnik Mr Günter Verheugen	- First visit to the ITRE Committee in his capacity as Commissioner for Science and Research. - First visit to the ITRE Committee in his capacity as Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry.
2005		
11.01.2005 Strasbourg	Mrs Viviane Reding Mr Andris Piebalgs	Presentation of future activities of the Commission in the field of Information Society and Media. Presentation of future activities of the Commission in the field of energy policy.
06.04.2005	Mr Janez Potocnik	Presentation of the Proposal of the Commission on the EU 7th Research Framework Programme 2007-2013 (FP7).
12.04.2005 Strasbourg	Mr Günter Verheugen	Debriefing on the results of the Spring Council, the better regulation initiative and CIP (Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (2007-2013)).
11.05.2005 Strasbourg	Mrs Viviane Reding	Briefing on "the ICT and the 7FP for research".
15.06.2005	Mrs Viviane Reding	Presentation of "the New Initiative i2010".
22.06.2005	Mr Andris Piebalgs	Briefing on the "Green Book on Energy Efficiency".

12.09.2005	Mr Janez Potocnik and Prof. Erwin Neher Member of ERC (European Council for Research) Identification Committee	Exchange of views on Progress made on FP7 and mainly, on the European Council for Research.
04.10.2005	Mr Janez Potocnik	Presentation on "The Specific Programmes" (7FP for Research).
29.11.2005	Mrs Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy	Exchange of views on the conditions and possibilities of using financial resources from structural and cohesion funds for the benefit of research in regions.

2006		
24.01.2006	Mr Andris Piebalgs	Presentation of the "Green Paper on Energy Efficiency or Doing More with Less" at the Joint Meeting with National Parliaments on "Energy Efficiency".
25.01.2006	Mrs Viviane Reding	Debriefing on the outcome of the December Telecommunications Council (01/12/2005) and on ongoing dossiers (i2010, WSIS, spectrum policy), review of the legal framework on the electronic communications. Presentation of the DG INFSO Work Programme for 2006. Presentation of the new directive on the audiovisual content as adopted by the Commission on 13/12/05.
26.01.2006	Mr Janez Potocnik	Presentation of possible orientations of the Commission's work on the 7FP proposal in view of Council's agreement on the Financial Perspective adopted in December 2005, and the necessity to adapt the FP7 to the budgetary implications of this agreement.
12.06.2006 Strasbourg	Mrs Viviane Reding	Presentation on "The outcome of the TTE Council of 08/06/2006" and "Interinstitutional work programming".
12.09.2006	Mr Jacques Barrot Commissioner for Transports	Exchange of views on the SESAR proposal and GALILEO (European satellite navigation project) and on the necessity of a new transport policy conciliating the need for mobility with the high oil prices in Europe.
22.11.2006	Mr Jàn Figel Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism	Exchange of views on the latest Commission proposals (mainly European Institute of Technology - EIT).

2007		
22.01.2007	Mrs Viviane Reding	Briefing on the Commission's workprogramme for 2007 in her field of responsibility and comment on recent and future developments regarding the state of play of the roaming regulation, the update of the electronic communications regulatory package and the corresponding discussions in the Telecommunications Council of 11/12/2005.
30.01.2007	Mr Janez Potocnik	First Interface Working Group (IWG) Meeting: Presentation on "Sustainability and Environment" in the presence of Commissioner Potocnik.
26.03.2007	Mr Jacques Barrot	Update on SESAR (European Air Traffic Management System) and GALILEO (European satellite navigation project) following his last visit in September 2006.
02.05.2007	Mr Günter Verheugen	Visit in the frame of the "Structured dialogue". Exchange of views on the 2008 Workplan. Exchange of views on ongoing dossiers.
16.05.2007	Mr Jacques Barrot	Presentation of the new document of the Commission on GALILEO.
12.06.2007	Mr Jacques Barrot	Informal meeting with Committee members on GALILEO.
26.06.2007	Mrs Viviane Reding	Briefing on recently adopted legislative proposals, particularly roaming, and the roadmap of new initiatives until the end of 2007.
19.11.2007	Mr Andris Piebalgs	Informal meeting with Committee members. Briefing on "the Internal Market package".
21.11.2007	Mr Jacques Barrot	Exchange of views on GALILEO and Egnos.
11.12.2007 Strasbourg	Mr Jacques Barrot	Informing Committee members on the latest news regarding GALILEO and Egnos and debriefing on the outcome of the ECOFIN (Budget) Council of 23.11.2007 and the Transport Council of 29.11.2007

2008		
19.02.2008 Strasbourg	Mrs Viviane Reding	Informal meeting with Committee members.
19.02.2008 Strasbourg	Mr Andris Piebalgs and Sir John Mogg (CEER)	Informal meeting with Committee members.
26.03.2008	Mr Andris Piebalgs	Informal meeting with Committee members. Briefing on the energy package.
08.04.2008	Mr Günter Verheugen	Visit in the frame of the "Structured dialogue".
03.06.2008	Mrs Viviane Reding	Visit in the frame of the "Structured dialogue".
25.06.2008	Mr Janez Potocnik	- Presentation of the Annual Policy Strategy and the ERA process. - Structured dialogue.
23.09.2008	Mr Günter Verheugen Mrs Viviane Reding	Informal meeting with Committee members. - Presentation of the communication A Small Business Act for Europe and other ongoing work. - Presentation of the proposal for a regulation amending regulation 717/2007 on roaming on public mobile telephone networks and other ongoing work.

13.11.2008	Mr Andris Piebalgs	Presentation of the communication from the Commission on the Second Strategic Energy Review.
18.11.2008 Strasbourg	Mr Janez Potocnik	Informal meeting with Committee members. Presentation of the European Strategy on Maritime Research and Joint Programming of Research.

2009		
03.02.2009 Strasbourg	Mr Andris Piebalgs	Informal meeting with Committee members. Up-date on current energy issues, particularly concerning security of supply and the current gas crisis.
10.03.2009 Strasbourg	Mr Janez Potocnik	Informal meeting with Committee members . Presentation of the FP7 Monitoring Report and the state of the art of Joint Technology Initiatives and European Technology Platforms.

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Date / Place*	VIPs	Topic of Meeting
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2004		
30.08.2004	Mr Laurens-Jan Brinkhorst Minister of Economic Affairs and Mrs Maria van der Hoeven Minister of Education, Culture and Science	Dutch Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of main activities of Dutch Presidency.
06.10.2004	Dr Andrea Pirotti Executive Director ENISA	Exchange of views with Andrea Pirotti, Executive Director of ENISA (European Network and Information Security Agency).
07.10.2004	Mr Jorge Vasconcelos President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)	Exchange of views on the European Electricity Regulators.
29.11.2004	Mr Milan Urban, Czech Minister for Industry and Trade - also responsible for energy issues	Exchange of views with Coordinators (in camera).
30.11.2004	Mr Laurens-Jan Brinkhorst Minister of Economic Affairs and Mrs Maria van der Hoeven Minister of Education, Culture and Science	Dutch Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Overview of the work done by the Presidency and the ongoing dossiers.

2005		
17.01.2005	Mr José Mariano Gago Chairman of the "Five-Year Assessment Panel of IST-RTD (1999-2003)"	Exchange of views. The Five-Year-Assessment Panel of the Information Society Technologies Research and Technology Development has evaluated the implementation, effectiveness, achievements and impacts of the IST research programmes during the years 1999-2003 - including results and impacts from the IST predecessor programmes in FP4 and FP5 as well as progress in the implementation of IST in FP6.
18.01.2005	Mr Louis Schiltz Minister for Telecommunications and Information Society	Luxembourg Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of main activities of Luxembourg presidency.
01.02.2005	Mr François Biltgen Minister for Culture, Higher Education and Research and Mrs Octavie Modert Secretary of State	Luxembourg Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Overview of the ongoing dossiers in the field of research.
16.03.2005	Mr Jeannot Krecké Minister for Economics and External Trade	Luxembourg Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Debriefing on the Competitiveness Council of 7 March 2004 and on ongoing dossiers in the field of energy and industry (REACH, framework programme competitiveness and innovation).
30.03.2005	Prof. Alain Pompidou, President of EPO (European Patent Office)	Presentation of the European Patent Office.
30.03.2005	Mr Michel Vieillefosse Director of the EUREKA Secretariat and Mr Roel Kramer Chairman of the High Level Group under the Dutch EUREKA Chairmanship	Presentation of the EUREKA Initiative: "EUREKA, a Key player in the European Research Area".
31.03.2005	Dr. Erkki Ormala, Chairman of the Panel "Five-Year Assessment of the EU Research Framework Programmes - 1999-2003"	Presentation of the conclusions of the work of the Five-Year Assessment Panel that completed recently a review of the implementation and achievements of the EU RTD Framework Programmes over the period 1999-2003 and made recommendations to strengthen the relevance and impact of the Framework Programme and improve user-friendliness, as well as on future EU research policy.
25.04.2005	Mr J.J. Dordain Director General ESA (European Space Agency)	Presentation on the European Space Agency and an Industrial Policy.
31.05.2005	12 senators from the Economic Affairs Committee of the French Senate	Informal meeting - exchange of views on the 7FP and energy matters.
16.06.2005	Mr Jeannot Krecké Minister for Economics and External Trade	Luxembourg Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Debriefing on the Competitiveness Council of 6-7 June 2005.

20.06.2005	Mr François Biltgen Minister for Culture, Higher Education and Research	Luxembourg Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Debriefing on the work done by the Luxembourg Presidency and overview of the ongoing dossiers in the field of research.
13.07.2005	Lord Sainsbury Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Sciences and Innovation	UK Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the UK Presidency research and innovation priorities and the link to the future financial perspectives.
13.07.2005	Mr Malcolm Wicks Minister of State (Energy) and Mr Alun Michael Minister of State (Telecommunications and Industry)	UK Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Exchange of views.
06.09.2005 Strasbourg	Mr Luis Echávarri Director General of OECD-Nuclear Energy Agency	Presentation on projected costs of generating electricity.
04.10.2005	Mrs Renate Heinisch Member of EESC	Presentation of the Report on "Age and Research - Demographic changes".
11.10.2005	Prof. Ian Halliday and Dr. Horst Soboll, Members of EURAB (European Research Advisory Board)	Exchange of views on EURAB activities, with special focus on FP7.
22.11.2005	Mr Bill Valdez Director of Planning and Analysis, at the Office of Science in the US Department of Energy	Exchange of views on Research Evaluation.

2006		
24.01.2006	Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles President of the European Parliament	Opening of the Joint Meeting with National Parliaments on "Energy Efficiency".
25.01.2006	Mr Hubert Gorbach Minister for Telecommunications and Mr Franz Morak Secretary of State for Information Society	Austrian Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the priorities of the Presidency in the field of telecommunications and Information Society.
26.01.2006	Mr Martin Bartenstein Minister for Economic Affairs and Labour	Austrian Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the priorities of the Presidency in the field of energy.
30.01.2006	Mr Esko Aho President of the Finnish Research Fund	Presentation on the issues of EU Research and innovation performance - Annual Progress Report on Lisbon Strategy.
31.01.2006	Mrs Elisabeth Gehrler Minister for Education and Science	Austrian Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the priorities of the Presidency in the field of research.
21.02.2006	Mr Andrea Pirotti Executive Director of ENISA (European Network and Information Security Agency)	Discussion of issues related to past and future activities of ENISA.

21.02.2006	Norwegian Parliament Committees "Standing Committee on Business and Industry" and "Standing Committee on Transport and Communications"	Exchange of views with Members of the two Norwegian Parliament Committees.
12.07.2006	Mr Mauri Pekkarinen Minister for Trade and Industry Mrs Susanna Huovinen Minister for Transport and Communications	Finnish Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the priorities of the Presidency in the field of Research and Enterprise policy. Presentation of the most important legislative and non-legislative dossiers in the field of telecommunications and information society during the Finnish Presidency; Discussion of the Air Traffic Management proposal SESAR.
02.10.2006	Mrs Ulla Sirkeinen EESC Member	Presentation of her report "TEN/227 - optimal energy mix".
04.10.2006	Mr Fabio Pistella Chairman of EUREKA Other representatives of EUREKA	EUREKA, A key player in the European Research Area. General introduction by Mr Pistella. Presentation of the EUROSTARS initiative for highly R&D performing SMEs and of the EUREKA Clusters and ICT Joint Technology Initiatives.
23.11.2006	Mr Kip Meek Chairman of the European Regulators Group (ERG), representing the National Regulatory Authorities dealing with the electronic communications sector	Presentation of their point of view with regard to the Commission's proposed Regulation on Roaming.
28.11.2006	Mr Evgeni Kirilov Chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), together with other Members	Joint meeting of the ITRE Committee with the PACE Committee on Economic Affairs and Development on the theme "Towards Enhanced Energy Security in Greater Europe".
19.12.2006	Mrs Susanna Huovinen Minister for Transport and Communications	Finnish Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Debriefing on the developments during the Finnish Presidency in the sector of electronic communications.
19.12.2006	Mrs Elena Garcia-Alcañiz and Mr Ruperto Long of the Union Iberoamericana de Ciencia, Tecnología y Empresa	Presentation of the history and work of the Union Iberoamericana de Ciencia, Tecnología y Empresa.

2007		
23.01.2007	Mr Sigmar Gabriel Minister for Environment	German Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Briefing on the German Presidency Programme, namely in the field of renewable energies in the broader context of climate change and emission trading policies.
30.01.2007	Mr Michael Glos Minister of Economics and Technology	German Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Briefing on developments in the industry, telecommunications and energy sectors during the German Presidency, in particular on the Roaming dossier, the Lisbon Strategy, the EU's competitiveness and the priorities for the forthcoming energy action plan (Spring Council).
	Mrs Annette Schavan Minister for Research	Briefing on developments in education and research sectors during the German Presidency, in particular on the initiatives to be taken under the specific programmes of FP7; the joint technology initiatives and education and innovation strategies.
19.03.2007	Mr Keith Walter Member of the Committee of Regions Member of Cambridgeshire County Council (UK/EPP)	Rapporteur for the CoR opinion on "European Institute of Technology". Presentation of the opinion.
27.03.2007	Dr P.A.J. Tindemans (Mr) Prof. Dr LL.G. Soete (Mr) University of Maastricht	Presentation of the study "Assessment of the feasibility and possible impact of the establishment of a European Institute of Technology".
27.03.2007	Mr Andrea Pirotti Executive Director of ENISA (European Network and Information Security Agency)	Exchange of views on "Budgetary issues concerning Agencies" (Galileo Supervisory Authority and ENISA).
27.03.2007	Mr Philippe Maystadt President of the European Investment Bank (EIB)	Presentation: "The EIB contribution to the energy policy for Europe".
27.03.2007	Mr François Colling Member of the Court of Auditors	Presentation of "The Commission's system for monitoring and evaluating the Research and Technological Development (RTD) Framework Programmes.
26.06.2007	Mrs Claudia Dörr Director General for European Policy in the German Ministry of Economics and Technology (replacing Mr Michael Glos, Minister of Economics and Technology)	German Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Debriefing on developments and results achieved during the German Presidency in the field of industry, research and energy policy.
16.07.2007	Mr Mariano Gago Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education and Mr Mário Lino Minister for Public Works, Transport and Communications	Portuguese Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Outlining of the priorities of the Portuguese Presidency in the field of RTD and Telecommunications.

17.07.2007	Mr Manuel Pinho Minister for Economy and Innovation	Portuguese Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Outlining of the priorities of the Portuguese Presidency in the field of energy and industrial policy.
02.10.2007	Dr Enric Banda President of 2008 EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF)	Presentation of ESOF, an event to promote social communication of science, and invited Members to participate in the 3rd edition of ESOF in July 2008 in Barcelona.
21.11.2007	Mr Konstantinos Vrettos, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), together with other Members	Joint meeting of the ITRE Committee with the PACE Committee on Economic Affairs and Development on the theme "Nuclear energy in the Greater Europe".
21.11.2007	Prof. Dr. Fotis C. Kafatos ERC President and Prof. Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker ERC Secretary-General and Dr. Jack Metthey Director, ERC dedicated implementation structure	Exchange of views on the European Research Council (ERC).
18.12.2007	Mr Mariano Gago Minister for Science, Technology and Higher Education and Mr Mário Lino Minister for Public Works, Transport and Communications	Portuguese Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Both ministers gave an account of the positive results of the work done during the Portuguese Presidency in their respective fields (Research, Technology and Development (RTD) and Telecommunications). Minister Lino also gave an update of the positive outcome on the GALILEO file during the Portuguese Presidency.

2008		
24.01.2008	Mr Andrej Vizjak Minister of Economy and Mr Radovan Zerjav Minister of Transport and Mrs Mojca Kucler Dolinar Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology	Slovenian Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of an overview of the programme of the Slovenian Presidency.
27.02.2008	Mrs Maud Olafsson Minister for Enterprise and Energy, Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden	Visit to the Committee at the invitation of Mrs Lena Ek, ITRE Member.
10.04.2008	Mr Esko Aho and Mr Pavel Telicka Members of the Panel on the Ex-Post Evaluation of the IST Thematic Priority in the 6FP for the EU RTD	Presentation of their work to the Committee.

28.05.2008	Mr Lutz Ribbe EESC Member	Rapporteur of the opinion on biofuels and renewable energy of the European Economic and Social Committee - Presentation to the Committee.
26.06.2008	Mrs Mojca Kucler Dolinar Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology Mr Tomaz Jersic State Secretary of the Slovenian Ministry of Economy	Slovenian Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the progress made in the field of research during the Presidency. Presentation of the progress made in the field of industry, telecommunication and energy during the Presidency.
16.07.2008	Mrs Valérie Pécresse Minister for Higher Education and Research	French Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the main priorities of the French Presidency in the field of research.
17.07.2008	Mr Jean-Louis Borloo Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning (Regional development) and Mr Luc Chatel Minister of State to the Minister for the Economy, Industry and Employment, responsible for Industry and Consumer Affairs and Mr Hervé Novelli Minister of State to the Minister for the Economy, Industry and Employment, responsible for Business, Trades, SMEs, Tourism and Services and Mr Eric Besson Minister of State to the Prime Minister, responsible for Forward Planning, Assessment of Public Policies and Development of the Digital Economy	French Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the main priorities of the French Presidency in their respective fields.
10.09.2008	Mr Michael Kuehne (EURAMET) and Mr Luc Erard (European Metrology Research Programme - EMRP) and Mr Andrew Henson - (iMERA- Plus)	Presentation of the European Association of National Metrology Institutes (EURAMET) activities and the European Metrology Research Programme.
07.10.2008	Mr Carlo Rizzuto Chairman of the European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)	Presentation of the update of the European Roadmap for Research Infrastructures.
04.11.2008	Prof. Albrecht Wagner President of the European Association of Research Facilities (ERF)	Presentation of the ERF and related ERA issues.

04.11.2008	Mr Peter Welch Head of Cabinet of David Bostock, Dean of the Audit Group of the Court of Auditors	Presentation of the report "Evaluating the EU Research and Technological Development (RTD) Framework Programmes".
04.11.2008	Dr. Fawaz Al-Alamy International Trade Expert	Debate with Committee members on the future perspectives of oil supplies.
18.11.2008 Strasbourg	Mr Jean-Louis Borloo Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning (Regional development) and Mr Jean-Pierre Jouyet Minister of State for European Affairs	French Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Informal meeting with Committee members. State of play of the trialogue on the Climate Change Package.
19.11.2008 Strasbourg	Physics class of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences	Exchange of views with Committee members on EU research policy and on energy.
02.12.2008	Prof. Dr. Martin Schuurmans Chairman of the Governing Board of The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)	Exchange of views.
02.12.2008	Prof. Dr. Fotis C. Kafatos ERC President and Prof. Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker ERC Secretary-General and Dr. Jack Metthey ad interim director ERC Executive Agency	The European Research Council (ERC): Presentation of the First Annual Report, Future Strategy Developments and Perspectives.

2009		
19.01.2009	Mr Ondrej Laska Minister of Education (also responsible for Research)	Czech Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the main priorities of the Presidency in the field of research.
21.01.2009	Mr Martin Ríman Minister of Industry and Trade (Telecommunications and Postal Services) and Mr Ivan Langer Minister of Interior (E-government and Information Society)	Czech Presidency-in-Office of the Council - Presentation of the main priorities in the field of industry policy and telecommunications.
04.02.2009 Strasbourg	Sir John Mogg President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)	Informal meeting with Committee members. Exchange of views.
11.02.2009	Mr Edmund Stoiber Chairman of the High Level Group of Independent Stakeholders on Administrative Burdens	Presentation and discussion on the HLG activities in the framework of the Small Business Act (SBA) dossier in ITRE.

16.04.2009	Dr. Udo Helmbrecht future Executive Director of ENISA (European Network and Information Security Agency)	Hearing with the director-designated of ENISA - Pursuant to ENISA Regulation the future director has to make a statement to Parliament and answer question of Members.
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ANNEX V

HEARINGS

Title	Public Hearing on "Measures to safeguard security of electricity supply and infrastructure investment"	
Date / Place	29/11/2004, 15.00 - 18.30	Brussels
Context	Ongoing work on a legislative proposal - rapporteur: Giles Chichester	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • André Merlin, President, ETSO (European Transmission System Operators), Brussels • Michael Bhend, Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE), Berne • Felix Christian Matthes, Deputy Director, Coordinator Energy & Climate Division, Oeko-Institut (Institute for Applied Ecology), Berlin • Håkan Heden, Deputy Director General, Swedish Energy Agency and Head of the Swedish Network Authority, Eskilstuna • Malgorzata Klawe, Director, Polskie Sieci Elektroenergetyczne S.A. (Polish Power Grid Company), Warsaw • Martin Fuchs, President, UCTE (Union for the Co-ordination of Transmission of Electricity), Brussels • Jorge Vasconcelos, President, CEER (Council of European Energy Regulators), Brussels 	

Title	Joint ENVI/ITRE/IMCO Public Hearing on "The new REACH legislation"	
Date / Place	19/01/2005, 9.00 - 18.30	Brussels
Context	Implications of new legislation of chemicals for the industry seen from the point of view of the manufacturer, the downstream user and the retailer COM(2003)0644, ENVI Rapporteur Guido SACCONI, ITRE Draftsman, Hartmut NASSAUER, IMCO Draftswoman, Lena EK	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pieter VAN GEEL, State Secretary for Environment of the Netherlands • Stavros DIMAS, Commissioner responsible for the Environment • Günter VERHEUGEN, Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner responsible for Enterprise and Industry • Jeannot KRECKÉ, Minister for Economy and External Trade of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg • Lucien LUX, Minister for Environment of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg • Judith HACKITT, Director General, Business and Responsible Care, Chemical Industries Association, UK • Urban WASS, AB Volvo, Sweden • Mike BARRY, Marks & Spencer, UK • Bruno STEPHAN, The European Association of Chemical Distributors, Germany • Gyula KÖRTVÉLYESSY, Hungarian Chemical Association, Hungary • Dirk BUNKE, Assistant Professor, Öko-Institut Freiburg, Germany • Jos DELBEKE, Director, DG Environment, European Commission • Patrick HENNESSY, Director, DG Enterprise and Industry, European 	

	<p>Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • György MOGYORÓSY, Ministry for Economy and Transports, Hungary • Gian Marco CURRADO, Chemicals and GM policy, DEFRA, UK • Dominique Belpomme, France, Chair of ARTAC, Association française pour la Recherche Thérapeutique Anti-Cancéreuse • Alain PERROY, CEFIC • Enric Julia DANES, Universitat Ramon Llull, Barcelona, Spain • Tibor MÜLLER, DIHK, Germany • Charles LAROCHE, DUCC • Jim MURRAY, BEUC • Jacques PELKMANS, Director of the Economics Department at the College of Europe, Bruges • Marco BRONCKERS, University of Leiden, Netherlands • Joël DECAILLON, Confederal Secretary of ETUC, European Trade Union Confederation • Stephan SCHEUER, EEB • Emily McIVOR, Eurogroup for Animal Welfare and the European Coalition to End Animal Experiments • Pablo LIBREROS, Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development, France
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Title	Public Hearing on "Science and Technology, the key to Europe's future - Future EU Policy to support Research"	
Date / Place	24/01/2005, 15:00 - 18:30	Brussels
Context	COM(2004)0353 - 2004/2150(INI) - Rapporteur: Pia Elda LOCATELLI	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federico MAYOR, Professor at the Autonomous University of Madrid and President of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace, Spain • Carl J. SUNDBERG, Associate Professor, Centre for Medical Innovation and Investment Manager, Karolinska Investment Fund, Sweden • Herbert STEINWENDER, Vice-Chairman, Industry Division, Chamber of Commerce of Upper Austria, Austria • Susana BORRÁS, Associate Professor in European Political Economy, Roskilde University Institute, Denmark • Horst SOBOLL, Chairman of the Research and Technological Innovation Working Group, UNICE • Philomela KOMNINO, Professor at the Department of Physics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece • Raffaele LIBERALI, Director for "The Human factor, mobility and Marie Curie activities", DG Research, European Commission • Pasquale PISTORIO, President of STMicroelectronics and Vice-President of Confindustria, responsible for Research and Innovation, Italy • Péter INZELT, Director (CEO) of the Computer and Automation Institute, Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary • Poul HOLM, Professor at the Center for Maritime and Regional Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark • Sigurd LETTOW, Vice-President of the Helmholtz Association of National Research Centres and Deputy Chairman of the Executive Board of the Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, Germany 	

Title	Joint Mini Hearing ITRE/IMCO on "Implementation of the liberalisation of the gas market: recent experience"	
Date / Place	2/02/2005, 16:15 - 17:45	Brussels
Context	Practical examples and perspectives from the UK on the experience with the liberalisation of the gas market	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Mogg, Chairman, OFGEM (The Office of Gas and Electricity Market), London • Adam Scorer, Director of Communications, Energywatch ("your gas and electricity watchdog"), London • Alan Robinson, Director of UK Markets, RWE power, United Kingdom 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "European electronic communications regulation and markets 2004"	
Date / Place	21/06/2005, 16:30 - 18:30	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur: Patrizia Toia The hearing was held in the frame of discussions on the annual implementation report by the Commission and the related INI-report by the ITRE Committee; and provided a possibility for a detailed exchange of views with major stakeholders.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davide Gallino, Deputy Secretary European Regulator Group • Professor Stefano Mannoni, Commissioner AGCOM - Italian National Regulator Authority • Philippe Defraigne, Cullen International • Luigi Gambardella, TELECOM Italia - Vice President Relations with the European Institutions • Bernhard Wiesinger, Hutchison 3G Austria GmbH - Director of Regulatory Affairs, Carrier Relations and Roaming 	

Title	Public Hearing on "Towards a Global Partnership in the Information Society - the Second Phase of the World Summit on the Information Society"	
Date / Place	6/10/2005, 15:00 - 18:30	Brussels
Context	Public - private partnership and sustainable development	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pierre-Alain Muet, Deputy Mayor, Lyon, Digital Cities • Emilio Ontiveros, Analistas Financieros Internacionales S.A. • Prof. Paolo Atzeni, Dipartimento di Informatica e Automazione, Università Rome Tre • Christine Diamante, Director, Alcatel European Affairs • Souhayr Belhassen, Vice President, Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l'Homme (FIDH) and Ligue tunisienne de défense des droits de l'Homme (LTDH) • Karl-Juergen Schmitt, Siemens • Herve Lefeuve, WWF European Policy Office • Emmanuel Eveno, Director of E-Atlas network, University of Toulouse Le Mirail • Stéphane Boule'h, Collectif d'échanges pour la Technologie Appropriée (COTA) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilles Berhault, President of Association communication et information pour le développement durable (ACIDD)
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Title	Public hearing on "The 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development"	
Date / Place	24/11/2005, 15:00 - 18:30	Brussels
Context	ERC and the future of European innovation, TPs and JTIs for European competitiveness and growth, Investments and Infrastructure in the European Research Area	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvie Joussaume, Head of Institut National des Sciences de l'Univers du CNRS • Mercedes Vilanova Ribas, Barcelona University • Giuseppe Remuzzi, Istituto Mario Negri • George D.W. Smith, Oxford University and Chairman, Polaron plc • Marek Darecki, president of WSK PZL Rzeszów • Amilcare Collina, Mapei Company • Peter Venturini, Director, National Institute of Chemistry, Slovenia • Bruno Hansen, Chairman, Danish Council for Research Policy • Katharina Krell, Secretary General, EUREC Agency 	

Title	Public hearing on "i2010 - A European Information Society for growth and employment"	
Date / Place	26/01/2006, 15:00 - 18:30	Brussels
Context	Ongoing work on a legislative proposal - Rapporteur: Reino Paasilinna	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erkki Ormala, EICTA • Alfredo Acebal, Telefónica S.A. • Janni Nielsenn, HCI Research Group, Copenhagen Business School • Marc Fossier, France Telecom - Technologies • Philippe Aigrain, Sopinspace • Bernadette Ségol, UNI-Europa • Jaakko Kuosmanen, ICT Turku Oy / Turku Science Park 	

Title	Public hearing on "European Energy Markets"	
Date / Place	20/04/2006, 9:00 - 12:30	Brussels
Context	A hearing on the functioning of the energy markets in Europe from the perspective of regulators and from the perspective of the private sector in both gas and electricity	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferdinand Gubina, EASAC (European Academies Science Advisory Council): Presentation of "Study on Price Setting of Electricity Markets within the EU Single Market" • John Mogg, UK Regulator, OFGEM • Peter Claes, IFIEC, Intl. Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers • Holger Krawinkel, BEUC, The European Consumers' Organisation • Felix Chr. Matthes, Öko-Institut, Germany • Gunnar Lundberg, Vattenfall, Sweden 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent de Rivaz, EDF Energy, UK • Fabien Choné, Direct Energie, France • Paolo Scaroni, CEO ENI, Italy • Klaus-Dieter Barbknecht, VNG-Verbundnetz Gas, Germany • Simon Cocks, NGT (National Grid Transco), UK
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Title	Mini-hearing on "International roaming - its economic implications"	
Date / Place	04/05/2006, 11:00 - 12:30	Brussels
Context	Joint hearing by ITRE and IMCO	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Champsaur, Chairman, National Regulatory Authority, France • Gunnar Forsgren, Senior Vice President (Corporate Affairs), Telia Sonera • Wolfgang Kopf, Executive Vice President, T-Mobil • Richard Feasy, Public Policy Director, Vodafone, UK • Erika Jakab, BEUC 	

Title	Public hearing on "Strategy for Biomass and Biofuels"	
Date / Place	01/06/2006, 15:00 - 18:30	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur: Werner Langen Strategy for Biomass, Biofuels, challenges and potential of biomass and biofuels - horizontal view	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominique Dejonckheere, European Agricultural Association • Anton Hargassner, CEO SME (pellets heating systems), AU • Manfred Popp, Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe, DE • Claus Felby, Professor, DK • Lutz Guderjahn, Vicepresident, European Bioethanol Fuel Association • Andy Taylor, Ford Motor Company • Peter Tjan, EUROPIA (European Petroleum Industry Association) • Chantal de Cooman, APAG (Oleochemical Association) • Marco Túlio Scarpelli Cabral, Brazilian Mission to the EU • Johannes Lackmann, President, German renewable energy federation 	

Title	Public hearing on "The Future of the Euratom Treaty"	
Date / Place	21/06/2006, 15:00 - 18:30	Brussels
Context	The Hearing focused on the major topics at stake in the field of nuclear power, such as safety issues, nuclear research and waste management as well as the issue of security of energy supply and included a key note speech of the Austrian Presidency on these topics.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Johnston, lawyer, Greenpeace European Unit • Eero Patrakka, CEO of Posiva, Finland • Jean Paul Glatz, Institute for Transuranium Elements (ITU), Karlsruhe • Luis Echávarri, Director-General, Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) • Giorgio Rostagni, University of Padova • J-C Charrault, Honorary Director at the European Commission 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dörte Fouquet, Kubbier lawyers, Brussels
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Title	Public hearing on "Green Paper on a European Strategy for Sustainable, Competitive and Secure Energy"	
Date / Place	12/09/2006, 14:30 - 18:00	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur: Eluned Morgan What needs to change to encourage one trillion Euro of investment in Europe's single market in energy? What is Missing from the Energy Green Paper?	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johannes TEYSSEN, Chairman, E.ON - Energy • Arvid GRUNDEKJØN, Chairman, STATKRAFT • Jorge VASCONCELOS, Chairman, ERSE • Graham SMITH, Managing Director, PGS-Europe (Poland), BOC • Coby van der LINDE, Director, Clingendael International Energy Programme • Pierre RADANNE, former President of ADEME • Allan ASHER, CEO, Energy Watch • Mark JOHNSTON, Greenpeace European Unit 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "Towards a European Policy for Radio Spectrum"	
Date / Place	03/10/2006, 17:00 - 18:30	Brussels
Context	Mini hearing in the context of an own initiative report to be drawn ("Towards a European Policy on Radio Spectrum" - Rapporteur: Mrs. Fiona Hall)	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kari Koho, Director, National Regulatory Authority, Finland • Chris Woolford, Senior Adviser, International Spectrum Policy, OFCOM • Philip Laven, Director, Technical Department, EBU • Eirini Zafeiratou, Director, GSM Europe 	

Title	Conference: Internet governance and the role of the civil society	
Date / Place	10/10/2006, 15.00 - 18.30	Brussels
Context	The aim of the conference was to clarify the role and responsibility of the different actors involved in the governance of internet.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Serra i Majem, Ex member of the parliament of Catalonia • Patrik Faltstrom, Cisco Systems • Alain Giffard, President of Alphaberville • Peter Zangel, Director General of DG INFSO 	

Title	Joint ITRE/IMCO Mini-hearing on "The Proposed Regulation on Roaming"	
Date / Place	23/01/2007, 9.00-10.30	Brussels
Context	Ongoing work on a legislative proposal - Rapporteur: Paul Rübig	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabio Colasanti, Director General, European Commission, Directorate General Information Society and Media 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Viola, General Secretary AGCOM, 2007 Chairman European Regulators Group • Steve Jordan, Head of European Regulatory Policy, Telefonica - O2 • Christian Salbaing, Managing Director of Hutchinson European Telecommunications • Andrew Kelly, Chief of Policy and Corporate Affairs, Meteor • Dominique Forest, Senior Economic Advisor, the European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC)
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Title	Public hearing on "Assessing Euratom - 50 Years of European Nuclear Policy"	
Date / Place	01/02/2007, 15.00-18.30	Brussels
Context	<p>In the perspective of the anniversary of the Euratom Treaty - Rapporteur: Eugenijus Maldeikis.</p> <p>The aim of the Hearing is to assess if the primary objectives of the Euratom Treaty have been achieved, if the Euratom framework is responsive to the current energy situation in the European Union, and if it provides the tools needed to deal both with issues coming to the fore in the nuclear energy field and future energy challenges as well.</p>	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrid Klug, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany • Rolf Linkohr, Director of the Centre for European Energy Strategy • Mark Johnston, EU Energy Policy Campaigner, Greenpeace European Unit • Ernest Petrič, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the UNO in Vienna, Chair of the Board of Governors of the IAEA • A.C. Lacoste, WENRA, Chairman of the French Nuclear Safety Authority • Olli Heinonen, Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Safeguards, IAEA • Thierry Dujardin, Director of Science and Development, NEA • Jean Paul Glatz, Institute for Transuranium Elements (ITU), Karlsruhe • Prof. Jürgen Grunwald, Legal Service, European Commission • Dörte Fouquet, Kubbier lawyers, Brussels • D. Ristori, European Commission, Deputy Director-General, (DG-TREN) 	

Title	Public hearing on "Towards a Common Energy Policy for Europe"	
Date / Place	27/02/2007, 15.00-18.30	Brussels
Context	<p>This hearing is aimed at receiving early feedback from stakeholders on the main proposals put forward by the Commission in the energy package it adopted in January. Views and insights from experts will serve to inform the legislative and non-legislative parliamentary activities foreseen by the ITRE Committee regarding energy policy.</p>	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Göran Svensson, Vice President Vattenfall AB • Károly Gerse, Senior Deputy Chief Executive of the Hungarian Power Companies Ltd. • Helmut-M. Groscurth, Energy and Carbon Consulting • Klaus-Peter Schultz, Director energy division, German Federal Network Agency • Ludmila Petránová, former Director General of Czech energy transmission grid • Olivier Löbel, Director of sectoral policies of UEAPME 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Warren, Senior Advisor to EuroACE (the European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings) • Ulrike Baumgartner-Gabitzer, Member of the managing board of Verbund (Österreichische Elektrizitätswirtschafts-AG) • Arthorous Zervos, President of Renewable Energy Council • Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner responsible for Energy
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Title	Mini-hearing on "Energy Star: Implementing Labelling for Office Equipment"	
Date / Place	19/03/2007, 15.00-16.00	Brussels
Context	Nikolaos Vakalis, Rapporteur of the Energy Star Regulation (recast) The aim of the hearing is to assess if the objectives of the Energy Star agreement can be attained by the proposed regulation and if an effective implementation can be guaranteed by the Commission proposal.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan-Willem Scheijgrond, EICTA (European Information, Communication and Consumer Electronic Industry Technology Association) • Mariangiola Fabbri, Energy Policy Officer, Climate Change and Energy Unit, WWF European Policy Office • Thomas Smitham, Head, Energy, Environment, Science and Technology, US Mission to the EU 	

Title	Fair Energy Round Table	
Date / Place	11-12/04/2007	Brussels
Context	Given the challenges that Europe has to face in terms of energy efficiency, renewable energy sources and increasing energy autonomy, the event had for its purpose to give insight into EU energy policy, further necessary changes and best practice experiences.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Sheen, Film actor • Mathias Ruete, Director General Energy and Transport, European Commission • Leo Windtner, Director General Energie AG • Oliver Schaefer, Policy Director of EREC • Jeremy Rifkin, Best seller author "The Hydrogen Economy" • Franz Fischler, Former EU Commissioner • Dimitri Zenghelis, Co-author of "Stern Review" • Pedro Ballesteros Torres, European Commission, Promotion and Dissemination of programme results "Energy efficiency for Europe" • Heinz Kopetz, President of European Biomass Association • Nikolaus Benz, Schott Rohrglas GmbH, Business Segment Solar Thermal • Peter Rae, Senior Vice President, World Wind Energy Association 	

Title	Joint ITRE/CULT hearing on "The European Institute of Technology"	
Date / Place	02/05/2007, 9.00 - 12.30	Brussels
Context	Joint hearing by ITRE and CULT on the proposed European Institute of Technology with the aim to assess what the current challenges are in the field of the 'knowledge triangle' in Europe, whether those challenges can effectively be redressed by the	

	proposed EIT and its practical implications could be.
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horst SOBOLL, Chair of the European Research Advisory Board (EURAB) • Willi FUCHS, President of the European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI) • Kari RAIVIO, Chair of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) • Erich HÖDL, Vice-President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts • Christopher HULL, Deputy Secretary General of the European Association of Research and Technology Organisations (EARTO) • Ján FIGEL, Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth

Title	Mini-hearing on "Implementation of the electronic communications regulatory framework"	
Date / Place	05/06/2007, 15.30 - 17.00	Brussels
Context	Mini-hearing with the objective to gather the views from key players of the electronic communications market on the functioning of the current regulatory framework and on the priorities for its revision.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernd Langeheine, Director of the Electronic Communication, Directorate General Information Society and Media • Michael Bartholomew, ETNO Director • Ilsa Godlovitch, ECTA Head of Regulatory Affairs • Dániel Pataki, President of the National Communications Authority 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "A European Space Policy: A New Approach to Industrial Policy?"	
Date / Place	16/07/2007, 15.00 - 16.30	Brussels
Context	This Mini-Hearing provided a unique opportunity to inform and influence MEP's opinions on the big questions: "Should the EU have an independent space policy?", "What composition should it have?" and "Could it be used as a basis for a new approach to industrial policy?"	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joachim Wuermeling, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology • Jean-Jacques Dordain, Director General, European Space Agency • Françoise Le Bail, Deputy Director-General, Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry • Evert Dudok, Chief Executive Officer of Astrium Satellites, EADS Astrium • David Williams, Chief Executive, Avanti Communications Group plc and Member of the European Satellite Operators Association • Florence Ghiron, Director, Capital High Tech 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "The Mining Industry"	
Date / Place	03/10/2007, 9.00 - 10.30	Brussels
Context	The aim of this event is to gain a better understanding of the current state of play in the mining industry in Europe (both in terms of raw materials (metals and minerals), and energy extraction (coal)) and of the challenges that lie ahead, also in relation to EU's energy and industrial policy. The latter could be illustrated by "best practices" of	

	sectors/regions that have made a successful transition.
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebestreit, Secretary General of the European Association of Mining Industries (Euromines) • Thorsten Diercks, Secretary General of the European Association for Coal and Lignite (Euracoal) • Jonathan Green, Europe Economics (author of study on "State aid for the coal industry")

Title	Mini-hearing on "Enhancing the quality of life of older people through the use of new information and communication technologies (ICT)"	
Date / Place	09/10/2007, 9.00 - 11.00	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur: Neena Gill Research and Development in topics related to ageing is of particular interest to ITRE in view of the demographic ageing in Europe and the emergence of innovative solutions based in Information and Communication Technologies. A strong base of ICT-enabled solutions in Europe could strengthen the position of European industry and provide a springboard for export opportunities world wide.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabel Borges, AGE, The European Older People Association • Guus Broos, CEO ORBIS • Antonio Remartínez, CEO SABIA Bioingeniería S.L. • Gerhard Finking, Ministry for Education and Research, Germany, Acting Chair of AAL Association • Frans de Brüine, Director "ICT Addressing societal change", European Commission 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "A Black Sea Regional Policy Approach"	
Date / Place	09/10/2007, 11.00 - 12.30	Brussels
Context	Draftswoman: Silvia-Adriana Țicău Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on "Black Sea Synergy - A new regional cooperation initiative" (COM(2007)0160). The Mini-Hearing will focus on topics related to ITRE Committee competences, namely energy, research, science as well as technological and industrial aspects.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petar Dimitrov, Minister of Economy and Energy, Bulgaria • Iulian Iancu, President of the Industry and Services Committee of the Romanian Parliament • Azer Amiraslanov, Deputy President of Parliament of the Azerbaijan Republic 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "Supporting research and development performing SMEs (EUROSTARS)"	
Date / Place	24/01/2008, 11.00 - 12.30	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur: Paul Rübig Support to research and development performing SMEs is of particular interest to ITRE	

	which has promoted special support measures for SMEs including minimum funding quotas, a wider choice of funding schemes, higher overhead claims and higher funding rates. The European Parliament has consistently supported measures to increase SMEs participation in Community programmes.
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mojca Kucler Dolinar, Minister for Higher Education Science and Technology • Janek Potočnik, Commissioner for Research • Luuk Borg, Head of Eureka Secretariat • Martijn de Lange, CEO ACE Associated Computer (SME representative)

Title	Mini-hearing on "The Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators"	
Date / Place	24/01/2008, 15.00 - 18.30	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur: Renato Brunetta ITRE Committee was holding a number of hearings to inform its work on the proposed legislation under the Commission's so called "3rd Energy Package". Specifically ITRE held this mini-hearing to assist with its scrutiny of the Commission's proposal for a new 'Agency for the Co-operation of Energy Regulators'	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jutta Haug, Rapporteur on Agencies, Budgets Committee, European Parliament • Giulio Napolitano, Professor for Public Law, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Rome • Sir John Mogg, Chair, European Regulators Group for Electricity and Gas • Philippe de Ladoucette, Chairman of the Electricity Regulation Commission, France • Professor Pippo Ranci, Florence School of Regulation • Hans Gruenfeld, President, The International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers • Holger Krawinkel, Verbraucherzentrale (VZBV), member of BEUC, The European Consumers Organisation • Jacques Laurelut, President, Gas Transmission Europe • Hans ten Berge, Secretary General, EURELECTRIC 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "The 3rd Electricity Market Package"	
Date / Place	31/01/2008, 15.00 - 16.50	Brussels
Context	Rapporteurs: Eluned Morgan, Alejo Vidal-Quadras This Mini-Hearing operated in one complete session with a panel examining the proposed '3rd Electricity Market Package' and the prospect of establishing a real, integrated and functioning internal electricity market.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner • Daniel Dobbeni, President, ETSO • Peter Styles, Member of Board, European Federation of Energy Traders • Jorge Vasconcelos, New Energy Solutions, NEWES • Matthias Kurth, Chairman, German Netzentur 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Hellner, Secretary General, ETSO
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Title	Mini-hearing on "The 3rd Gas Market Package"	
Date / Place	31/01/2008, 16.50 - 18.30	Brussels
Context	Rapporteurs: Romano Maria La Russa, Atanas Paparizov A Panel examined the proposed 3rd Gas Market Package and discuss the possibility of establishing a real, integrated and functioning internal gas market.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alessandro Ortis, Chairman, Autorità per l'Energia • Paolo Scaroni, Chairman of ENI • WINGAS GmbH, a subsidiary of Wintershall AG and Russia's OAO Gazprom • Coby Van der Linde, Director, Netherlands Institute of International Relations - Clingendael 	

Title	Public Hearing on 'Telecom Package': Better Regulation and the European Electronic Communications Market Authority	
Date / Place	27/02/2008, 9.00 - 12.30	Brussels
Context	Rapporteurs: Catherine Trautmann (2007/0247 (COD), Pilar del Castillo Vera (2007/0249 (COD) The hearing aimed at receiving feedback from stakeholders on the main issues of the proposals under ITRE Committee's competence.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viviane Reding, Commissioner • Ed Richards, Ofcom, CEO • Wolfgang Kopf, Deutsche Telekom, Senior Executive Vice President Public & Regulatory Affairs • Carlos López Blanco, Telefónica, Vice President, Director of International Office • Lars-Johan Jarnheimer, Tele2, CEO • Richard Lalande, SFR, Deputy Director General • Dániel Pataki, ERG, Chair • Reinhard Posch, ENISA Management Board, Chair • Andrea Renda, CEPS - Centre for European Policy Studies, Senior research fellow 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "Digital Dividend: A Once in a Lifetime Opportunity"	
Date / Place	27/03/2008, 11.00 - 12.30	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur: Patrizia Toia The purpose of the hearing was to exchange views with stakeholders on the main issues surrounding the so-called 'Digital Dividend' (the spectrum freed up by the switchover to digital television), in particular on the implications for the current users (broadcasters) of this part of the spectrum, on the possible uses of the released frequencies and on the need for a coordinated action at EU level in order to ensure optimal use of the spectrum and	

	the emergence of pan-European services.
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Paul Philippot, Member of the EBU Executive Board, Administrateur Général of RTBF • Simon Wilson, Chairman of the Frequencies Working Group of GSM Europe • Tim Hewitt, Director Regulatory and Spectrum Policy, WiMAX Forum • Antonio Nicita, Advisory Unit of the Italian Minister of Communications

Title	Global energy conference - awareness raising and best practice as key tools for implementing energy efficiency	
Date / Place	27/05/2008, 9.00 - 12.30	Brussels
Context	Jointly held by ITRE and the ENERGY GLOBE Foundation, the conference brought together high-level speakers and examples of best practices in energy projects around the world.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Hans - Gert Pottering, President of the European Parliament • Kofi Annan, Former UN Secretary General • Mikhail Gorbachev, Nobel Peace prize Laureate • Hans-Peter Schmid, Vice-president, Energy Globe Foundation • Don Baker, Energy Globe Jury, America, President CSEG • Maneka Gandhi, Chairwoman Energy Globe Jury • Ian Jameson, ESKOM • Christine Lins, Secretary General EREC • Leanne Liddle, Manager, Aboriginal Parks & Wildlife Program 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "The Identification Committee for the Governing Board of the EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology)"	
Date / Place	25/06/2008, 15.30 - 16.30	Brussels
Context	Mini-hearing with the objective to exert Parliament's consultative role in the nomination of the Governing Board of the EIT	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Günther Stock, Chairman of the Identification Committee 	

Title	Mini-hearing on "Human Exploration of Space"	
Date / Place	05/11/2008, 9.00 - 11.00	Brussels
Context	This mini-hearing has provided a unique opportunity to inform and influence MEP's views on the big questions: "What should the Governance and current Priorities be for ESP?", "What does the Human Exploration of Space mean?", "What should the relationship between Space Research and Space Industry be in Europe?", "Could this relationship be the base for a new approach to industrial policy?"	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunther Verheugen, Vice-President, Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry • Jean-Jacques Dordain, Director-General, European Space Agency (ESA) • Stephane Janichewski, Associate Director-General, Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) • Karl von Wogau, Chairman, Subcommittee on Security and Defence 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simonetta Di Pippo, Director of Human Space Flight, ESA, on Space Co-operation • Jean-François Clervoy, Senior Astronaut, Member of the ATV Project, European Space Agency (ESA) • Kai-Uwe Schrogl, Director, European Space Policy Institute (ESPI), on Relationship between Space Research and Space Industry
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Title	Public hearing on "The Impact on the Latest Economic Turmoil on European Industry"	
Date / Place	10/11/2008, 15.00 - 18.30	Brussels
Context	In response to the unveiling economic crisis in Europe, the hearing had for its purpose to present the view/opinion of a range of European industries and businesses on the practical implications that the crisis has on their current and future operations.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Hodac, Secretary General, ACEA (European Automobile Manufacturer's Association) • Zsolt Darvas, Research Fellow at Bruegel Institute and former Deputy Head of the research unit at the Central Bank of Hungary • Frederic Soudain, Entrepreneur and Senior Advisor to the European Small Business Alliance • Hans-Jörn Weddige, Head of Climate Protection Division, ThyssenKrupp Steel AG • Michael Liebreich, Chairman & CEO, New Energy Finance • Adrian Harris, Secretary General, ORGALIME (European Engineering Association) 	

Title	Joint hearing ITRE/IMCO "The Review of the Roaming Regulation"	
Date / Place	02/12/2008, 9.00 - 11.00	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur ITRE: Adina Ioana VĂLEAN Rapporteur IMCO: Syed KAMALL The Hearing gathered views from representatives of industry, regulators, sectoral associations and consumer organisations.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dániel Pataki, President in office of the European Regulators Group • Martin Whitehead, Director, GSMA Europe • Erzsebet Fitori, Regulatory Affairs Manager, ECTA • Levi Nietvelt, Economic Officer, BEUC • Steve Jordan, Vice-president, Telefónica O2 Europe • Christian Salbaing, Managing Director, Hutchison Europe • Vivi Michou, Head of Unit, Implementation of Regulatory Framework, DG Information Society and Media 	

Title	Mini-hearing on the "2nd Strategic Energy Review"	
Date / Place	11/12/2008, 9.00 - 11.00	Brussels

Context	Rapporteur: Anne Laperrouze The mini-hearing was focused on a) a short term EU strategy: improvement of energy efficiency, and concrete measures to be adopted immediately; and b) a long term vision: what energy mix for the future in EU and necessary structural changes
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreja Urbančič, Jozef Stefan Institute - Energy Efficiency Centre • Felix Christian Matthes, Coordinator Energy and Climate Division - Öko-Institut • Oliver Schäfer, Policy Director - European Renewable Energy Council • Jean-Marie Chevalier, Professor at the University Paris-Dauphine, Senior Associate to the Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA)

Title	Mini-hearing on "Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)"	
Date / Place	16/02/2009, 15.00 - 17.00	Brussels
Context	Rapporteur: Silvia Adriana Ticau In view of the recast of the EPBD, the mini-hearing had for its aim to review the current state of play in terms of the operation of the directive (commissioned study by the EP through policy department), encountered difficulties, possible resolutions.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne Arbon, AEA Technology • Dr Wolfgang Feist, Passivhaus Institut, Darmstadt, Germany • Dr Herbert Greisberger, Secretary General, Austrian Society for Environment and Technology • Andrew Warren, EuroACE 	

Title	Hearing on "Mental health research: scientific progress and perspectives"	
Date / Place	17/02/2009, 15.00 - 17.30	Brussels
Context	This hearing aimed at providing an update on the recent advances of research on mental health and in particular Alzheimer's disease by involving relevant experts from the field as well as representatives from patients associations. It was expected to deliver a comprehensive picture of the latest developments in research in this important scientific area.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pieter Jelle Visser, MD, PhD • Maria Vidal Ragout, Unit F2. Medical and Public Health research. DG RTD • Josef Alois- Tichý, Csc • Ivan David, Csc • Mary Baker, Vice President EBC and Ian Ragan, Executive Director EBC 	

Title	Joint hearing ITRE/FEMM on "Women and Science"	
Date / Place	31/03/2009, 15.00 - 18.30	Brussels
Context	This hearing was aimed at promoting the participation and equality of women in the sciences and engineering and to provide an important forum for dialogue about gender	

	equality policy and women's participation in science and research.
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janez POTOČNIK, Commissioner for Science and Research • Marion Kiechle, Director - Women's Clinic of the Technische Universität Munich • Cathie Martin, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, UK • Wolfgang A. Herrmann, President - Technische Universität Munich • Sveva Avveduto, Director - Institute for Research on Population and Social Policies • Carmen Vela, Managing Director - INGENASA • Rumiana Kotsilkova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences • Maren A. Jochimsen, Secretary-General - European Platform of Women Scientists

Title	Hearing on the "Security of Energy Supply"	
Date / Place	02/04/2009, 15.00 - 18.30	Brussels
Context	This hearing was aimed at preparing the position of the ITRE committee for the future on threats to the security of supply of energy as had become reality in January 2009.	
Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andris PIEBALGS, Commissioner for Energy • Suzanne Nies, IFRI • Fatih Birol, IEA • Walter Boltz, Austrian Energy Regulator • Francisco de la Flor, ENAGAS • László Varró, MOL Plc. • Frank Umbach, CESS • Slavtcho Neykov, Energy Community Secretariat • Bernd Schnittler, UPEI 	

ANNEX VI

DELEGATIONS

Place	SCOTLAND	Ecosse
Date	5 - 8/10/2005	
Participants	Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED), Ján HUDACKÝ (EPP-ED), Romana JORDAN CIZELJ (EPP-ED), Hannes SWOBODA (PES), Teresa RIERA MADURELL (PES), Šarūnas BIRUTIS (ALDE), Umberto PIRILLI (UEN), John PURVIS (EPP-ED), Fiona HALL (ALDE), Alyn SMITH (Greens/EFA)	
Responsible officials	Giuseppe Zollino and Christian Maurin de Fariña	
Context	The delegation was mainly based on energy and R&D issues with visits to several Research Institutes, a wave power facility in the Island of Islay, several whisky distilleries and an inter-parliamentary meeting organised by Eufores (the European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources).	

Place	LITHUANIA	Vilnius
Date	11-13/07/2005	
Participants	Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED), Werner LANGEN (EPP-ED), Reino PAASILINNA (PES), Philippe BUSQUIN (PES), Mechtild ROTHE (PES), Anne LAPERROUZE (ALDE), Vladimír REMEK (GUE/NGL), Rebecca HARMS (V/ALE), Šarūnas BIRUTIS (ALDE)	
Responsible officials	Giuseppe Zollino and Christian Maurin de Fariña	
Context	The delegation was mainly based on energy issues with a visit to the Ignalina Power plant, several meetings with the Minister of Economy and Members of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania. These meetings were focused on energy policy in Lithuania, nuclear safety and Lithuanian gas sector.	

Place	TUNISIA	Tunis
Date	16 - 19/11/2005	
Participants	Catherine Trautmann (ITRE - PES), Maria Badia (CULT - PES), Malcolm Harbour (STOA - EPP-ED), Patrick Louis (ITRE - IND/DEM)	
Responsible officials	Zsuzsanna Laky	
Context	A delegation to the second meeting of the World Summit on Information Society in Tunis focused on resolving issues of internet governance and financial mechanism to bridge the digital divide, outlining how WSIS implementation and follow-up should take place.	

Place	SPAIN	Valencia
Date	24 - 26/11/2005	

Participants	Pilar DEL CASTILLO VERA (EPP-ED), Paul RÜBIG (EPP-ED), Teresa RIERA MADURELL (PES), Andres TARAND (PES), Alejo VIDAL-QUADRAS ROCA (EPP-ED), Joan CALABUIG RULL (PES), María SORNOSA MARTÍNEZ
Responsible officials	Sune Olofsson HANSEN and Christian MAURIN DE FARINA
Context	The delegation was based on industrial policy and innovation policy issues with visits to the Footwear Technological Institute and the 'Ciudad de la Innovación' at the Polytechnic University, meetings with members of the local government and business organisations which were focused on sectoral policies in the field of industrially applied innovation.

Place	GREECE	Athens
Date	30/10 - 2/11/2006	
Participants	Malcolm HARBOUR (EPP-ED), Lambert VAN NISTELROOIJ (EPP-ED), Luis HERRERO-TEJEDOR (EPP-ED), Catherine TRAUTMANN (PES), Maria BADIA I CUTCHET (PES), Francisca PLEGUEZUELOS AGUILAR (PES), Jorgo CHATZIMARKAKIS (ALDE)	
Responsible officials	Georgia Chioni	
Context	The Delegation attended the first Internet Governance Forum (IGF), which was a follow up of the World Conference of the Information Society in Tunis. It was based on “Internet Governance for Development” as the overall theme of the meeting, with capacity building as a cross cutting priority.	

Place	AUSTRIA	Vienna and Wels
Date	1 - 3/03/2006	
Participants	Erna HENNICOT-SCHOEPGES (EPP-ED), Nikolaos VAKALIS (EPP-ED), Avril DOYLE (EPP-ED), Claude TURMES (Verts / ALE), Fiona HALL (ALDE), Paul RÜBIG (EPP-ED)	
Responsible officials	Walter Goetz	
Context	Delegation to the Conference World Sustainable Energy Days - one of the most important annual conferences on sustainable energy production and use in Europe. The Delegation also visited the Energiesparmesse in Wels and several exemplary energy installations	

Place	FINLAND	Helsinki and Pori
Date	12 - 15/09/2006	
Participants	Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED), Paul RÜBIG (EPP-ED), Romana JORDAN CIZELJ (EPP-ED), Jan HUDACKY (EPP-ED), Andres TARAND (PES), Mechthild ROTHE (PES), Edit HERCZOG (PES), Umberto PIRILLI (UEN), Sarunas BIRUTIS (ALDE), Reino PAASILINNA (PES), Satu HASSI (Greens), Esko SEPPÄNEN (GUE/NGL)	
Responsible officials	Walter Goetz	
Context	The delegation consisted of meetings and visits to venues related to energy, research and ICT technology with a visit to Nokia in Helsinki and to the new Finnish nuclear power	

	plant in Pori. The delegation also met with Finnish government representatives to discuss the Finnish Presidency programme.
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Place	USA	New York
Date	9 - 12/05/2006	
Participants	Britta THOMSEN (PES), Vittorio PRODI (ALDE), David HAMMERSTEIN (Verts), Eija-Riitta KORHOLA (EPP-ED)	
Responsible officials	Georges Caravelis	
Context	Joint delegation ITRE/ENVI to the 14th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.	

Place	SICILY, ITALY	Palermo, Catania & Etna
Date	4 - 10/10/2006	
Participants	Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED), Pilar DEL CASTILLO VERA (EPP-ED), Paul RÜBIG (EPP-ED), Mechtild ROTHE (PES), Andres TARAND (PES), Šarūnas BIRUTIS (ALDE), Miloslav RANSDORF (GUE), Eugenijus MALDEIKIS (UEN), Umberto PIRILLI (UEN), Gianni DE MICHELIS (NI)	
Responsible officials	Giorgia Chioni	
Context	The delegation focused on issues related to research and development, technology, industry growth and development with visits to the astrophysical observatory of Catania, the Center of Volcanology of Etna, research projects in the Palermo and Catania Universities as well as successful enterprises in the area of health products as well as microelectronics.	

Place	GERMANY	Munich and Berlin
Date	7 - 9/05/2007	
Participants	Lambert VAN NISTELROOIJ (EPP-ED), Reino PAASILINNA (PES), Neena GILL (PES), Angelika NIEBLER (EPP-ED), Mechtild ROTHE (PES), Norbert GLANTE (PES), Matthias GROOTE (PES), Jorgo CHATZIMARKAKIS (ALDE), Rebecca HARMS (Verts/ALE)	
Responsible officials	Walter Goetz	
Context	A delegation related to the German Presidency with a focus on research with ministerial level meetings and visits to: Max-Planck-Institute, Garching; BMW Headquarters, Munich; Innovations- und Gründerzentren Biotechnology, Martinsried; Galileo premises in Oberpfaffenhofen; ZDF Hauptstadtstudio ; Berliner Energy Agency; Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research ; German energy and industry associations	

Place	PORTUGAL	Porto and Lisbon
Date	9 - 11/09/2007	

Participants	Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED), Nicole FONTAINE (EPP-ED), Alexander ALVARO (ALDE)
Responsible officials	Zsuzsanna Laky
Context	The delegation was a visit to the country of the Presidency of the Council, focussing on most policy areas falling under the competence of the ITRE Committee: industrial policy, innovation, telecommunications and energy. Meetings, both in Porto and Lisbon, with the competent Portuguese ministers, public agencies, major industrial stakeholders and industrial research institutes.

Place	BRAZIL	Rio de Janeiro
Date	12 - 15/11/2007	
Participants	Catherine TRAUTMANN (PES - ITRE), Maria BADIA I CUTCHET (PES - CULT), Mr Gunnar HÖKMARK (EPP - ITRE), Mr Malcolm HARBOUR (EPP - STOA)	
Responsible officials	Luis Martin Oar	
Context	The Delegation attended the Second meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), which was a follow up of the First Meeting which took place in Athens in 2006 and of the World Conference of the Information Society process as foreseen in the Tunis Agenda. It was based on "Internet Governance for Development" as the overall theme of the meeting, with capacity building as a cross cutting priority.	

Place	USA	Knoxville, Tennessee and Washington
Date	25 - 30/10/2007	
Participants	Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED), Pilar DEL CASTILLO VERA (EPP-ED), Paul RÜBIG (EPP-ED), Jan HUDACKÝ (EPP-ED), Catherine TRAUTMANN (PES), Atanas PAPARIZOV (PES), Danute BUDREIKAITE (ALDE), Esther DE LANGE (EPP-ED) - STOA, Saïd El KHADRAOUI (PES) - STOA	
Responsible officials	Walter Goetz	
Context	A delegation to the United States in view of the increasing cooperation and dialogue with the US in both the energy and research fields.	

Place	GREECE	Heraklion
Date	29 - 30/04/2008	
Participants	Jorgo CHATZIMARKAKIS (ALDE), Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED), Nikolaos VAKALIS (EPP-ED)	
Responsible officials	Zsuzsanna Laky	
Context	A delegation in order to visit the European Network and Information and Security Agency (ENISA) which is an agency for which ITRE Committee is principally responsible; the visit was timely as two legislative proposals related to the agency were being discussed in the ITRE Committee (2007/0249(COD) on the establishment of the European Electronic Communications Market Authority, as well as 2007/0291(COD) on the extension of the mandate of ENISA). This visit focused on exchanging views with	

	ENISA management and staff on the work and performance of the agency, and its future perspectives.
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Place	FRANCE	Paris-Marseille
Date	1 - 3/10/2008	
Participants	Giles CHICHESTER (EPP-ED), Jan HUDACKÝ (EPP-ED), Dragos DAVID (EPP-ED), Teresa RIERA MADURELL (PES), Francisca PLEGUEZUELOS AGUILAR (PES), Anni PODIMATA (PES), Atanas PAPARIZOV (PES), Andres TARAND (PES), Dominique VLASTO (EPP-ED), Françoise GROSSETÊTE (EPP-ED), Pierre PRIBETICH (PES)	
Responsible officials	Hélène Charpentier	
Context	A delegation in the context of the French presidency with a focus on upcoming negotiations on the Energy, Climate Change and Telecoms packages. It included ministerial level meetings and visits & meetings to/with: National Centre for Space Studies, the European Space Agency, the French Telecommunications and Posts Regulator, the SMEs Confederation, a visit to the ITER Cadarache site and Eurocopter site.	

Place	ITALY	Frascati, Ispra and Milan
Date	27 - 29/10/2008	
Participants	Philippe Busquin (PES), Giles Chichester (EPP/ED), Werner Langen (EPP/ED), Pia Locatelli (PES), Umberto Guidoni (GUE/NGL), Romano Maria La Russa (UEN), Paul Rübzig (EPP/ED) STOA, Etelka Barsi-Pataky (EPP/ED) STOA	
Responsible officials	Marisa Pacios	
Context	A delegation in the field of energy and research policy with visits to the Frascati research area (which includes several of Europe's most important research centres in the fields of high energy physics, thermonuclear research and astronomy), the Ispra institutes of the Joint Research Centre (the Vehicle Emissions Laboratory, the European Solar Test Installation, the European Monitoring and Evaluation Station or the European Microwave Signature Laboratory) and the Milan research area (Science and Techniques Museum and the Laboratory of La Scala).	

Place	SWEDEN	Stockholm and Linköping
Date	25 - 27/11/2008	
Participants	Giles Chichester (EPP-ED), Dragos Florin David (EPP-ED), Pierre Pribetich (PES), Miloslav Ransdorf (GUE/NGL), Adina Ioana Valean (ALDE), Vittorio Prodi (ALDE), Lena EK (ALDE), Goran Färm (ALDE)	
Responsible officials	Peter Lewis Brunt	
Context	A visit ahead of the 2009 Swedish Presidency: a visit to a number of cutting edge projects, relating to energy and research, which are highly relevant to ITRE's ongoing work - including the Climate and Energy Package.	

Place	CZECH REPUBLIC	Prague
Date	25 - 26/02/2009	
Participants	John Purvis (EPP/ED), Gunnar Hokmark (EPP/ED), Erna Hennicot-Schoepges (EPP/ED), Paul Rubig (EPP/ED), Atanas Paparizov (PES), Miloslav Ransdorf (GUE/NGL), Vladimir Remek (GUE/NGL)	
Responsible officials	Nora Kovacheva	
Context	Czech presidency and ongoing ITRE work programme during that period. Delegation included meetings with CZ ministers and CZ senators, visits to Skoda production plant in Mlada Boleslav, visit to the Institute of Plasma Physics, Prague.	

ANNEX VII

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