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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



In this opening month of the Greek presidency we have the honour of welcoming four Greek ministers to our committee meeting to present their views on ongoing and upcoming business in the various subject areas within ITRE's competence. With the European elections fast approaching and much work to be finished under the Greek presidency, there is no time to lose. So it will be an important and timely opportunity for Members to put questions to each of the ministers, and we hope to have a fruitful debate.

Another major item on this week's agenda is the consideration of amendments to the draft regulation on a European single market for electronic communications. The proposed regulation covers issues such as a single EU authorisation mechanism, coordination of spectrum allocation, rights of users of telecoms services and the phasing out of roaming charges. Staying in the telecoms field, this discussion will be followed by an exchange of views with the candidate for administrative manager of BEREC.

Most of our voting time this week will be spent on the ten files that make up the Innovation Investment Package, which is directly linked to the implementation of the Horizon programme, which featured so prominently in our work last year.

Finally, the Centre for European Policy Studies will present a new study on the impact of REACH on SMEs since that legislation's entry into force in 2007. There will be ample time for Members to discuss the findings of the study, which was commissioned at the request of the ITRE coordinators.

[Amalia Sartori](#)

MEETING OF 22-23 JANUARY 2014

The Nuclear Safety of nuclear installations

(Rapporteur: [R.Jordan](#))

Consideration of a [draft report](#)



The draft Council directive aims to amend the 2009/71/EURATOM directive establishing a Community framework for the nuclear safety of nuclear installations.

In addition to Commission proposal and in order to take fully in to account the lessons learned from the Fukushima nuclear accident and of the outcomes of the subsequent Stress Tests, the Rapporteur welcomes the proposal of the Commission to strengthen the current regulatory framework but in her draft report she insists on:

- The importance of prevention of incidents and accidents and on efficient response;
- The importance of accident preparedness and coordination;
- The alignment as much as possible with the terminology used by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);
- The independence of the competent regulatory authorities in the Member States, in particular of human and financial resources and their transparency.

The provisions on periodic self-assessments with peer reviews. She proposes that the results of these peer reviews are used in order to foster discussions in the nuclear community and to set Community nuclear safety criteria in the future.

Finally, the rapporteur calls for a revision of the current Euratom Treaty with the view of allowing for a more transparent and democratic decision-making process in the field of nuclear safety.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Deadline amendments: 18 February 2014

Consideration of amendments: 17 March 2014

Vote in ITRE: 18 March 2014

Vote in plenary: April 2014



Telecom package

(Rapporteur: [V.P. del Castillo](#))

Consideration of [amendments](#)

The proposed regulation covers issues such as a single EU authorisation mechanism, coordination of spectrum allocation, rights of users of telecoms services and the phasing out of roaming charges.

Members have tabled over 800 amendments, proposing quite substantial changes to the Commission proposal.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in ITRE: 24 February 2014

Vote in plenary: 2 April 2014

Copernicus programme

(Rapporteur: [V.Prodi](#))

Adoption of consolidated text



Following an agreement between Parliament and the Council, the outcome of the negotiations on the Copernicus file will be put to the vote.

Copernicus is the continuation of the GMES programme and constitutes an EU global satellite earth monitoring service, providing information relating to the environment and security.



Indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments & fin. contracts

(Draftsperson: [M.Matias](#))

Adoption of a [draft opinion](#)

The Commission has proposed a regulation for indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts.

The proposal has its main emphasis on the financial markets but does also cover trading in physical commodities such as energy products.

116 amendments and 7 compromise amendments have been tabled.

The main focus of the amendments is how to achieve the right balance between the need for stronger rules while ensuring that the price rating agencies still have access to voluntary information flows from market participants to identify benchmark prices for energy products.

The vote in plenary is tentatively scheduled for 12 March.

A single global market-based measure to international aviation emissions

(Draftsperson: [E.R.Korhola](#))

Adoption of a [draft opinion](#)



The Commission has proposed that there should be a single global market-based measure (MBM) applying to international aviation emissions from 2020 onwards.

65 amendments have been tabled to the proposal by the ITRE Committee Members.

The main topics for the amendments are about:

- How the EU most effectively can contribute to efforts to curb emissions from international aviation;
- The relations with third countries and the right way to achieve a global solution;
- The need to secure the interests of the aviation industry.

The vote in plenary is tentatively scheduled for 11 March.

Horizon 2020 - Innovation and Investment Package (PPPs and P2Ps)

Adoption of a [draft reports](#)

This week the Committee will vote on the Innovation Investment Package, which is directly linked to the implementation of the Horizon programme.

The package includes:



- six public-private partnerships under Article 187 TFEU in innovative medicines, aeronautics, electronics, bio-based industries, fuel cells and hydrogen, and air traffic management; and
- four public-public partnerships under Article 185 TFEU between the Commission and Member States on new treatments against poverty-related diseases, measurement technologies for industrial competitiveness, support for high tech SMEs, and solutions for the elderly.

It is likely that on the basis of the outcome of the vote, ITRE committee will give mandate to open informal negotiations on the package with the Council in view of a first reading agreement.

Joint Undertakings under Article 187 TFEU

- **Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking**
(Rapporteur: [T. Riera Madurell](#))
- **Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking**
(Rapporteur: [L. van Nistelrooij](#))
- **Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking**
(Rapporteur: [C. Ehler](#))
- **ECSEL Joint Undertaking**
(Rapporteur: [P. Rubig](#))
- **Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking**
(Rapporteur: [V.T. Panayotov](#))
- **SESAR Joint Undertaking**
(Rapporteur: [B. Thomsen](#))

Joint Undertakings under Article 185 TFEU

- **Active and Assisted Living**
(Rapporteur: [C. Turmes](#))
- **Clinical Trials Partnership Programme**

(Rapporteur: [V. Ford](#))

- **Supporting research performing small and medium-sized enterprises**
(Rapporteur: [M. Ransdorf](#))
- **European Metrology Programme**
(Rapporteur: [N. Tzavela](#))

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in plenary: 4 February 2014



Presentation of Greek Presidency- in-Office

On 22 January the ITRE Committee will welcome four Ministers of the Greek Presidency-in-Office of the Council of the European Union to discuss the Greek Presidency's priorities within the competences of the ITRE Committee.

Minister for Education & Religious Affairs
Mr Konstantinos Arvanitopoulos

Minister for Environment, Energy & Climate Change
Mr Giannis Maniatis

Minister for Development and Competitiveness
Mr Kostis Hatzidakis

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport & Networks
Mr Michalis Chrisochoidis

For more information consult [the Greek Presidency Programme and Priorities](#).

Exchange of views with a candidate for BEREC administrative manager

The ITRE Committee will have a discussion with the proposed new BEREC administrative manager László István Ignécz.



Presentation of the study "The consequences of REACH for SMEs"

The policy-department study examines the consequences of REACH legislation on SMEs.

It assesses impacts on firms' internal organisation, strategy and business activities and looks at the support available to SMEs and the perceived added value of REACH for SMEs.

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

ACER published its Opinion on the 'Manual of Procedures for the ENTSO-E Central Information Transparency Platform'. [More](#)

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)

Public Consultation on the Draft Review of the BEREC Common Position on geographical aspects of market analysis (definition and remedies). [More](#)

European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)

From transparency to trust in the Cloud: EU Cyber security Agency ENISA advises how to implement incident reporting in cloud computing. [More](#)

COMING SOON

Upcoming Report votes:

- Space Surveillance tracking support programme (consolidated text) – [13/02](#)
- Extension EC-USA Agreement - [13/02](#)

Amendments deadline:

- Packaging and packaging waste to reduce the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags - [17/02](#)
- The nuclear safety of nuclear installations - [18/02](#)



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Next ITRE meeting

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