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PRESENTATION OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

Weights and dimensions

Rapporteur: Jörg Leichtfried (S&D; AT)
Ordinary legislative procedure, second reading

The new Directive would promote the use of alternative power-trains and aerodynamic flaps and cabs, thus contributing to reductions in CO2 emissions, fuel savings and road safety. The agreement also reduces the administrative burden for use of 45 foot containers in intermodal transport.

Parliament and Council's negotiating teams reached a preliminary agreement on the file on 10 December 2014. The agreed text was presented in Committee today as an amendment to the Council's position.

Timetable foreseen	
Deadline for amendments	4 February 2015
Vote in TRAN Committee	24 February 2015

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT OPINION

Recommendations to the Commission on TTIP negotiations

Rapporteur: Wim van de Camp (EPP; NL)
Ordinary legislative procedure, opinion to INTA

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) remains a high priority across many policy areas. A new Parliament resolution containing recommendations to the Commission is being prepared under the leadership of the International Trade (INTA) Committee. TRAN is one of 13 committees working on an opinion.

The Rapporteur's opinion highlights the restrictions on the transatlantic transport sector still imposed by the US, especially affecting air and maritime transport. There is a lack of reciprocity in access to services, investment restrictions and public procurement.

TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP



The debate attracted a lot of interest. The EU lead negotiator for services, Marco Dueerkop, explained how the Commission was pressing for transport issues to be addressed in the negotiations. However, so far, the US side did not appear to be receptive to this.

Timetable foreseen	
Deadline for amendments	5 February 2015
Vote in TRAN Committee	26 March 2015
Vote in plenary	May 2015

TOURISM TASK FORCE

Exchange of views with Mr Pedro Ortun, Director DG ENTR, on European Tourism policy

At the first meeting of the re-established Tourism Task Force after the elections, the Commission announced a new set of actions for the promotion of tourism in Europe. The previous ones date from 2010 and were the subject of a comprehensive EP resolution. New actions are



related to: regulatory frameworks for tourism; digitization; professional skills; sustainability; seasonality; interoperability and connectivity; branding Europe; and governance.

Members touched upon issues such as: visa facilitation and security; innovation and fragmentation of the tourism sector; competition among countries and regions; harmonization of standards; peripheral regions; support for SMEs; and budget resources.

NEXT TRAN COMMITTEE MEETING, BRUSSELS

Monday, 23 January 2015, afternoon

- Towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage in Europe - presentation of draft opinion / Kyrkos
- Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)

Tuesday, 24 January 2015, morning

- Weights and Dimensions Directive recommendation for 2nd reading - **vote** / Leichtfried
- Discharge 2013: European Commission and Agencies - **vote** / Pirinski / Riquet
- Presentation by Mr Martinš Lazdovskis, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economics on LV Presidency priorities on Tourism
- Scrutiny of Commission's implementing powers - Presentation by the Commission - DG MOVE on Aviation Security
- Presentation by EEA Executive Director, Mr Bruyninckx of EEA Report N° 7/2014

Tuesday, 24 January 2015, afternoon

- Presentation by the European Court of Auditors of SR 1/2014 on the Effectiveness of EU-supported public urban transport projects
- Presentation of Christophersen report by DG MOVE

Meeting room: JAN 4Q1

TRAN COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2015, BRUSSELS

Monday, 16 March, 15h00-18h30

Tuesday, 17 March, 9h00-12h30

Tuesday, 17 March, 15h00-18h30

Thursday, 26 March, 9h00-12h30

Thursday, 26 March, 15h00-18h30

Monday, 13 April, 15h00-18h30

Tuesday, 14 April, 9h00-12h30

Tuesday, 14 April, 15h00-18h30

Monday, 4 May, 15h00-18h30

Tuesday, 5 May, 9h00-12h30

Tuesday, 5 May, 15h00-18h30

Thursday, 28 May, 9h00-12h30

Thursday, 28 May, 15h00-18h30

Monday, 15 June, 15h00-18h30

Tuesday, 16 June, 9h00-12h30

Monday, 13 July, 15h00-18h30

Tuesday, 14 July, 9h00-12h30

Tuesday, 14 July, 15h00-18h30

Monday, 14 September, 15h00-18h30

Tuesday, 15 September, 9h00-12h30

Tuesday, 15 September, 15h00-18h30

Monday, 12 October, 15h00-18h30

Tuesday, 13 October, 9h00-12h30

Tuesday, 13 October, 15h00-18h30

Monday, 9 November, 15h00-18h30

Tuesday, 10 November, 9h00-12h30

Tuesday, 10 November, 15h00-18h30

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