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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

The highlight of this week's committee meeting is the Structured Dialogue with Vice-President of the Commission, Andrus Ansip. This will be a very timely opportunity for the presentation of the Commission's Digital Single Market strategy, due to be published the same day. The digital economy is expanding at an incredible pace, but its growth is held back by fragmentation and barriers, and this needs to be tackled urgently. The remedy is a genuine Digital Union of which a digital single market is a crucial pillar. Our committee's objective is also to see Europe regain its status as world leader in ICT, not least by reforming rules applying to the telecoms sector, which is the backbone of the digital economy and society.

Another important item on the agenda of this ITRE session will be the debate on the future of the Energy Community which connects the EU with 8 of its neighbouring countries to the South and the East. Last year the High-level Reflection Group issued a strategy for the years 2016 – 2026 on how the Energy Community's work can be improved. Following a presentation by Janez Kopač, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat, we will hold an exchange of views with parliamentarians from all Contracting Parties of the Community. I am sure the debate will fit very well in the framework of our broader discussions on the Energy Union and pan-European energy security.

Another energy-related issue on our agenda this week is a vote on the European Energy Security Strategy. Algirdas Saudargas' report is the first document on this important topic prepared by our committee in the Parliament's current legislative term.

We look forward to a very fruitful exchange of views which will be the start of serious and comprehensive actions to achieve a Digital Union and to enhance our energy security.

[Jerzy Buzek](#)

MEETING OF 6 AND 7 MAY 2015**2016 Budget – Mandate for the Trialogue**

(Draftsperson: [Anneleen Van Bossuyt](#))

[Exchange of views](#)



The aim of the opinion on the mandate for the trilogue on 2016 budget is to indicate ITRE priorities in the EU 2016 budget, ahead the presentation of draft 2016 budget by the Commission in June 2015. The opinion will address ITRE's sectoral priorities and possible issues that could be raised when considering the Commission's draft 2016 budget.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Deadline amendments: 21 May 2015, 12.00

[Vote in ITRE: 16 June 2015](#)

**Developing a sustainable European Industry of base metals**

(Rapporteur: [Edouard Martin](#))

[Exchange of views](#)

The Rapporteur will present his first considerations on the upcoming ITRE report on developing a sustainable European industry of base metals.

The crisis in Europe has accentuated the loss of competitiveness of several basic materials industries such as steel, aluminium, non-ferrous metals etc., and the EU needs therefore to help build an efficient frame for these sectors in order to re-establish their economic potential. The ITRE report could therefore focus on the topics such as R&D investment, energy policy, raw materials, access to risk capital and investment levels in the field of base metals.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

[Consideration of a draft report: 15/16 June 2015](#)

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Deadline amendments: 3 July 2015, 12.00

Consideration of amendments: 3 September 2015

Vote in ITRE: 22 September 2015

Vote in Plenary: October II 2015

**Towards a thriving data-driven economy**(Rapporteur - [Barbara Kappel](#))[Presentation of a draft oral question](#)

The ITRE Committee will be considering the motion for resolution that follows the oral question on Big Data. This is ITRE's response to the recent Commission Communication "Towards a thriving data-driven economy".

The motion for resolution mainly deals with Big Data which is closely related to the Digital union and has a great economic and social potential. It covers also research and development aspects, creating a market for Big Data, closing the skills gap, fostering start-ups and involving the society.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**Deadline amendments: 12 May 2015, 12.00**

Vote in ITRE: 15 June 2015

Vote in Plenary: September 2015

Blue Economy: realising the potential of seas and oceans for jobs & growth(Rapporteur: [João Ferreira](#))[Consideration of amendments](#)

The Committee will be considering the amendments tabled to the draft report on exploiting research and development potential in the blue economy to create jobs and growth. 223 amendments have been tabled to the Draft Report.

The Draft report focuses on several proposals, including, amongst others, a request for clear-cut objectives and time-

frames to be laid down with a view to making marine data more accessible. Many of the amendments tabled add aspects of Blue Economy that have not been included in the draft report due to the vastness of the subject.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in ITRE: 16 June 2015

Vote in Plenary: September 2015

European Energy Security Strategy(Rapporteur: [Algirdas Saudargas](#))[Adoption of a draft report](#)

The Committee will vote on the draft report on the European Energy Security Strategy.

In total 821 amendments were tabled to the draft report of the rapporteur and 69 compromise amendments have been proposed by the rapporteur ahead of the vote.

The AFET, ENVI, IMCO and INTA committees have provided their opinions.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in Plenary: June I 2015

Structured Dialogue with Andrus Ansip, Vice-President for Digital Single Market

On 6 May ITRE Committee will welcome Vice-President Ansip, responsible for the Digital Single Market, within the context of the "Structured Dialogue" between European Parliament and the Commission. Mr Ansip will present and hold and exchange of views with ITRE Members on the Digital Single Market strategy, which is due to be published that very day. The strategy will set out the Commission's approach on how the EU should seize the opportunities and address the challenges brought by the digital revolution.



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The work of the European Network for Transmission System Operators (ENTSO) in the context of the Energy Union

The European Networks of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E) and gas (ENTSO-G) will present their ongoing work to the Committee.

Special emphasis will be placed on aspects of their mandates which relate to security of supply issues and which are of political relevance for the current discussions in the context of the Energy Union.

The presentation will be followed by a debate with Members.

Energy Community - presentation of activities

Mr Janez KOPAČ, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat, will present the ongoing work of the Energy Community, which was established in 2005 with a view to extending the EU internal energy market to South East Europe and beyond on the basis of a legally binding framework.

This will be followed by a debate with Members on the progress made so far by the Energy Community and its future role in contributing to EU energy policy objectives in light of the current challenges.

TTIP negotiations (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership)

European Commission will brief the ITRE Committee on the ninth round of EU-US trade talks that took place in New York on 20-24 April 2015.

The transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP) is a free trade agreement currently being negotiated between the European Union and the United States.

ITRE Committee voted on the opinion on the European Parliament's

recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) on 24 March 2015. The lead committee, INTA, aims to vote on these recommendations on 28 May 2015 and this report is foreseen in the plenary in June 2015.

The next formal TTIP negotiation round is foreseen in July 2015 in Brussels.

Debriefing from ITRE mission to BEREC and BEREC Office in Riga, Latvia



The ITRE mission to the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and BEREC Office took place on 7-8 April 2015.

The BEREC Office is an agency which ITRE is responsible for, so every two years a delegation is sent to discuss their work and issues of importance in the telecoms sector.

Discussions with the BEREC Chair, BEREC Office and Latvian MPs focussed on pressing current telecoms issues such as roaming and net neutrality, and future challenges in the telecoms sector.

Members of the ITRE mission: Gunnar HÖKMARK (EPP); Constanze Krehl (S&D); Krišjānis KARIŅŠ (EPP).



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Debriefing from ITRE mission to BEREC Office mission to Washington DC and Pennsylvania, USA

ITRE mission to Washington, DC and Pennsylvania took place on 16-19 March 2015. One of the aims of the ITRE mission was to study the shale gas phenomenon in Pennsylvania, where much of the rapid growth in shale gas production has occurred. In Washington, DC the delegation met among others with representatives of the Department of Energy and Federal Communications Commission as well as with relevant Congressmen.



Members of the ITRE mission: Paul RÜBIG (EPP), Janusz LEWANDOWSKI (EPP), Esther DE LANGE (EPP), Andras GYÜRK (EPP), Theresa GRIFFIN (S&D), Sorin MOISA (S&D), Miroslav POCHÉ (S&D), Marek GRÓBARCZYK (ECR), Morten Helveg PETERSEN (ALDE) (Head of the mission).

ITRE Working Group on Digital Union

The first and constitutive meeting of the ITRE Working Group on the Digital Union took place on the 26 March.

The first part of the meeting was dedicated to discuss the working arrangements of the group.

A discussion followed with Director General of DG Connect, Robert Madelin, on the topic of the transition from the Digital Agenda to the Digital Union.

The next meeting of the Working Group on Digital Union will be dedicated to the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy and will take place on the 26 May.

ITRE Members and one representative of the CULT, IMCO, JURI and LIBE Committees are invited to attend.

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- Proceedings on Workshop on Cross-competition among information (digital) platforms.
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- Agreement for scientific & technological cooperation between EU and India - *28/05*
- Agreement for scientific & technological cooperation between EU and Faroe Islands on H2020 - *28/05*
- Agreement for scientific & technological cooperation between EU and Switzerland - *28/05*

Upcoming opinion votes

- Resource efficiency: moving towards circular economy- *28/05*

Amendments deadlines:

- Towards a thriving data-driven economy - *12/05*
- Mandate for the trilogue on the 2016 Draft Budget - *21/05*

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Next ITRE meetings:

28 May 2015 in Brussels