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Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

**A WORD FROM THE CHAIR**

In this week's committee meeting we will discuss the very important Energy Union report, which will, among other things, look at energy security and measures to complete the internal energy market. We will also be discussing another and no less important kind of Union: the Digital Union, with Commissioner Oettinger, in particular the roadmap for completing the digital single market.

Both Energy Union and Digital Union are a precondition for EU's competitiveness, and thus for growth, creation of new jobs for our citizens and for an increase of their welfare. Creating jobs and stimulating EU's growth will be a recurring theme this week, as we consider amendments to the blue economy report, which aims at boosting employment and growth through research and development.

In addition to this, we will adopt an opinion on resource efficiency and exchange views with the Executive Director of the GNSS.

[Jerzy Buzek](#)

**MEETING OF 28 MAY 2015****Towards a European Energy Union**

(Rapporteur: [Marek Józef Gróbarczyk](#))

[Consideration of a draft report](#)

Mr Gróbarczyk will present his draft report concerning the Commission's framework strategy for the creation of an Energy Union.

The draft report addresses several dimensions of the strategy. Particular

emphasis is put on aspects relating to energy security, such as the need to diversify energy sources and supply routes.

The report also refers to initiatives necessary to accomplish the completion of the internal energy market. Furthermore, renewable energy and energy efficiency policies play a prominent role in the Rapporteur's draft.

The climate policy aspects of the Energy Union framework strategy will be dealt with by the ENVI Committee, which will deliver an opinion as an associated Committee.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

**Deadline amendments: 3 June 2015, 12.00**

Consideration of amendments: 15/16 July 2015

Vote in ITRE: 22 September 2015

Vote in Plenary: October II 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

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**Agreement on EU Faroe Islands, EU India and EU Switzerland scientific and technological cooperation**

(Rapporteur: Jerzy Buzek)

[Vote on simplified procedure](#)

Parliament is requested to give its consent to the conclusion of these three agreements.

The EU-Faroe Islands agreement will associate the Faroe Islands to Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020). Participation of the Faroe Islands as an associated country in Horizon 2020 can be seen as a continuation of their participation in the 7th Framework Programme

The EU-India agreement was first signed in 2001 and renewed in 2009. The new agreement is identical, in its content, to the current one, which has expired on the 17th of May 2015. This decision is for five years and will allow the EU and India to derive mutual benefit from the scientific and technical progress achieved through research cooperation in their respective specific research programmes and facilitate further increased cooperation.

The EU and Switzerland concluded an agreement as an intermediary solution for scientific and technological cooperation associating the Switzerland to Horizon 2020, the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community complementing Horizon 2020, and regulating Switzerland's participation in the ITER activities carried out by Fusion for Energy and taking in to account the last Swiss popular vote of 9 February 2014.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**[Vote in Plenary: July 2015](#)**Resource efficiency: moving towards a circular economy**(Draftsperson: [Benedek Javor](#))[Adoption of a draft opinion](#)

The legislative proposal relating to the circular economy (also called waste-package) as proposed by the former Commission, was withdrawn by the present Commission who promised to come forward with an improved proposal.

As the ENVI Committee had already started to draw up an own-initiative report on the circular economy this work is foreseen to be continued.

The Draftsperson of ITRE's opinion to ENVI, Mr Javor, believes that, in order to tackle global challenges and the EU's resource dependency, it is essential that energy and resource efficiency form the basis of European industrial renewal so that the EU can maintain its competitiveness in the future, recreate manufacturing capacity and generate jobs for highly skilled workers. Industrial design is an important element to avoid spoiling resources.

**The roadmap for completing the Digital Single Market, Exchange of views with Günther Oettinger, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society**

On 28 May the ITRE Committee will welcome Commissioner Günther Oettinger, responsible for the Digital Economy & Society, to discuss the roadmap for completing the Digital Single Market.

Mr Oettinger will focus on the initiatives of special relevance for ITRE such as the future reform of telecoms rules, the actions on cybersecurity, the initiatives around big data, the Internet of Things and Cloud Computing, priorities for ICT standardisation, and the analysis of platforms, among others.

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**GNSS Agency Multiannual Work programme, Exchange of views with representatives of GNSS Agency**

The ITRE Committee will welcome Mr des Dorides, Executive Director of the GNSS Agency, and Mr Blyth, Chair of the Agency's Security Accreditation Board. The GNSS Agency has taken responsibility for operating the EGNOS system and will operate the Galileo system, when services come on stream. It also plays a major role in promoting the development of services and applications based on both Galileo and EGNOS, which should provide a significant boost to a wide range of sectors of the economy.

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- Blue Economy: realising potential seas/oceans for jobs & growth - 16/06
- ISA2 - 16/06

**Upcoming opinion votes**

- Mandate for the trilogue on the 2016 Draft Budget - 16/06

**Upcoming oral question vote**

- Towards a thriving data-driven economy- 16/06

**Amendments deadlines:**

- Towards a European Energy Union - 3/06
- Dissemination of Earth observation satellite data for commercial purpose - 23/06
- Towards a new international climate agreement in Paris - 23/06

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