

**ITRE**

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR



This week's committee meeting has a decidedly digital focus. We will vote on three files that our committee has invested a lot of energy in over the last months and even years: the Telecoms Single Market Regulation, the ISA2 Decision and the oral question and resolution on big data. These issues are all important building blocks of the Digital Union that we are trying to create together in Europe. However, these files are not the final word on any of the issues they deal with; more work is still needed to create a truly single market for telecoms, more interoperability solutions need to be found in a range of fields, and more effort will be needed in the coming years to ensure the free and secure flow of data around Europe.

All these issues are also addressed in the Digital Single Market strategy, which we will be discussing with the new Director General of DG CNECT, Mr Roberto Viola. Moreover, we look forward to an exchange of views on Parliament's response to the DSM strategy in a joint ITRE/IMCO meeting.

Finally, another very important building block of the Digital Union will be discussed in depth at a public hearing: the digitalisation of the manufacturing industry.

[Jerzy Buzek](#)

MEETING OF 12-13 OCTOBER 2015

Towards a Digital Single Market Act

(Draftsperson: [Kaja Kallas](#))

[Exchange of views](#)



On 13 October the first joint ITRE/IMCO meeting on the INI Report "Towards a Digital Single Market Act" will take place in

the hemicycle of Paul-Henri Spaak building, from 15.00 pm to 17.00 pm.

Co-Rapporteurs Kaja Kallas (ALDE) and Evelyne Gebhardt (S&D) and Members from both Committees will exchange views on the draft report. This strategic report will provide the Parliament response to the DSM Strategy launched by the Commission. ITRE and IMCO will follow the Joint Committees procedure foreseen in Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, and JURI, LIBE, CULT and EMPL will be associated Committees under Rule 54. TRAN and ECON Committees will also give an opinion under Rule 53. The vote of the Joint Committees is foreseen to take place in December.

Interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA2) Interoperability as a means for modernising the public sector



(Rapporteur: [Carlos Zorrinho](#))

[Adoption of a draft report](#)

The Committee will vote on its recommendation to the Plenary on Parliament's first reading on the decision for establishing a programme on interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA2). The vote will be taken on basis of the text agreed during the informal meeting between representatives of the three institutions. The IMCO and LIBE Committees were associated Committees.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in Plenary: 11 November 2015



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Developing a sustainable European Industry of base metals

(Rapporteur: [Edouard Martin](#))

[Adoption of a draft report](#)

The Committee will vote on the draft report on the development of a sustainable European base metals industry.

In total 279 amendments were tabled to the draft report of the rapporteur and 29 compromise amendments have been proposed by the rapporteur ahead of the vote.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in Plenary: 23-26 November 2015

Capital Markets Union

(Rapporteur: [Janusz Lewandowski](#))

[Adoption of a draft opinion](#)



The Committee will vote on the draft opinion on the EU framework for Financial Regulation and Capital Markets Union.

In total 72 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in ECON (lead): 9 November 2015

Vote in Plenary: December 2015 (tbc)

European single market for electronic communications

(Rapporteur: [Pilar del Castillo](#))

[Adoption of draft recommendation for second reading](#)



The Committee will vote on the draft recommendation for second reading concerning the "Telecoms Single Market" Regulation. This regulation concerns the abolition of roaming surcharges, the safeguarding of net neutrality and the protection of end-user rights. A political agreement between the Parliament and Council was reached on 30 June, and this

agreement was endorsed by the ITRE committee in July. Council adopted its first-reading position on 1 October, in line with that agreement. This week's vote is on the ITRE committee's recommendation to plenary to approve the Council's first-reading position.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in Plenary: 28 October 2015

Towards a thriving data-driven economy

(Draftsperson: [Barbara Kappel](#))

[Adoption of a question for oral answer & motion for a resolution](#)



The Committee will vote on the draft oral question and accompanying motion for resolution on Big Data.

In total 249 amendments were tabled to the draft report of the rapporteur and 42 compromise amendments have been proposed by the rapporteur ahead of the vote.

The IMCO and LIBE committees have provided their opinions.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in Plenary: October II 2015

State of play of Digital Single Market actions, Exchange of views with Roberto Viola, Director General DG CNECT, European Commission

Mr Roberto VIOLA will address the ITRE Committee for the first time since his appointment as Director General of DG CNECT, which took effect on 1 September 2015. In his first blog post as Director General, Mr Viola said, "A proper industrial strategy for the digital sector is also a must for Europe, and challenges such as free flows of data, cloud computing and supercomputing will be a big part of our work. And underpinning all this is our support for Europe's research and innovation capacity."

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DG CNECT is responsible, in particular, for implementing the Commission's Digital Single Market Strategy, which was published in May 2015 and which contains 16 specific actions. Mr Viola will present the state of play of these actions.

[Court of Auditors \(ECA\), Exchange of views with Ville Itälä, Member responsible for institutional Relations of the European Court of Auditors](#)

Mr Ville ITÄLÄ, Member from the Court of Auditors responsible for institutional relations will brief the ITRE Committee on the cooperation between the Parliament and the Court of Auditors and how this cooperation could strengthen the exercise of scrutiny of the EU executive. Mr ITÄLÄ will also discuss the Work Programme for 2015 of the Court and in particular the special reports that the Court prepares.

The European Court of Auditors is established to audit the EU's finances. The starting point for its audit work is the EU's budget and policies, primarily in areas relating to growth and jobs, added value, public finances, the environment and climate action. The ECA audits the budget in terms of both revenue and spending. The results of the ECA's work are used by the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council and the Member States to oversee the management of the EU budget and, where necessary, make improvements.

[Public hearing on 'Digitalisation of the Manufacturing Industry and SMEs'](#)

ITRE is organising a Public Hearing on the "Digitalisation of the European Manufacturing Industry and SMEs" as part of its annual programme of Public Hearings. These hearings allow Members to exchange views with experts concerning issues which fall within the areas of competence of the ITRE Committee. The digitalisation of the European manufacturing industry, in particular SMEs, is a crucial process in the modernisation and the competitiveness of European industries, as the EU seeks to

revitalise its industrial base and help its industries and SME's be more competitive internationally. The Committee has invited four experts to participate in the hearing, namely Prof. Catherine Ledig, Director of ADEC (Association for the Development of Enterprises and Competencies), Dr. Laurent Zibell, Policy Adviser at IndustriALL Trade Union, Prof. em. Dr. Hartmut Hirsch-Kreinsen, former Chair of the Economic and Industrial Sociology at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the TU Dortmund University and Mr. Manuel Gamella, Member of the Working Group in the Spanish labour union Comisiones Obreras for the study of new production models.



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Upcoming reports votes

- 10% electricity interconnection target - 10/11
- Towards a European Energy Union - 10/11

Upcoming opinion vote

- Bringing transparency, coordination and convergence to corporate tax policies in the Union - 10/11

Amendments deadlines:

- Towards a Digital Single Market Act - 15/10 at 18.00



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