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Competitiveness of the European Rail Supply IndustryDraftsperson: [Martina Werner](#)

The European Rail Supply Industry (ERSI) is a world leader, accounting for a sizeable percentage of the global railway trade. However, in recent years, third countries, have been mounting strong competition. Therefore, the EU must make sure that the ERSI maintains its global position by fostering the right environment for continued innovation and growth. ITRE will be holding an exchange of views on the issue. This is the first step in the procedure for the presentation of a Question for an Oral Answer to the Commission and an accompanying resolution on the "Competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry".

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*Consideration of oral question and motion for resolution: 22/23 February 2016**Deadline for tabling amendments: 25 February 2016**Vote in ITRE: 7 April 2016**Vote in Plenary: tbc***Energy efficiency labelling**Rapporteur: [Dario Tamburrano](#)

On 1 December ITRE will hold a first exchange of views on the proposal for a Regulation on Energy Efficiency Labelling. The Commission's proposal to review the energy labelling system was presented in July this year and should be seen in the context of the Energy Union objective to moderate energy demand and reduce the energy dependency of the EU. The meeting will provide a first occasion for ITRE's rapporteur, Mr Tamburrano, and for the shadow rapporteurs to present their main ideas as regards the future of the EU's energy efficiency labelling system.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*Exchange of views: 1 December 2015**Consideration of draft report: 22/23 February 2016**Deadline for tabling amendments: 26 February 2016**Consideration of amendments: 7 April 2016**Vote in ITRE: 24 May 2016**Vote in Plenary: tbc***Towards a Digital Single Market Act**Draftsperson: [Kaja Kallas](#)

On 1 December the joint ITRE/IMCO meeting on the INI Report "Towards a Digital Single Market Act" will take place in room 2Q2, József Antall building, from 15.00 to 17.00.

Co-Rapporteurs Kaja Kallas (ALDE) and Evelyne Gebhardt (S&D) and Members from both Committees will exchange views on the compromise amendments that have been negotiated today. 1287 amendments have been table for this report in ITRE and IMCO with a significant number of them co-signed by various Members. Given the high number of amendments, the co-rapporteurs are proposing a large number of compromise amendments covering existing points in the draft report as well as new ones. ITRE and IMCO follow the Joint Committees procedure foreseen in Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, and JURI, LIBE, CULT and EMPL are 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 on 14 December.

A Word From The Chair

The single market is one of Europe's greatest achievements. Unleashing its full potential is a precondition for building a competitive economy, creating new jobs and ensuring lasting growth. This is what makes the exchange of views with Commissioner Biekowska, who is responsible for the internal market, industry, entrepreneurship and SMEs, a highlight of this week's committee meeting. She will present the single market strategy, which the EC published last month.

This broad single market outlook will be complemented as we continue our work this week on the digital single market strategy in a joint committee meeting with our colleagues from the IMCO committee. We will be discussing compromise amendments on the Parliament's draft resolution responding to the Commission's DSM strategy.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Vote in ITRE/IMCO: 14 December 2015

Vote in Plenary: January 2016 (tbc)

ACER Market Monitoring Report and other ongoing activities

The Third Energy Package tasks the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) with monitoring the internal markets for electricity and gas. For this purpose, the Agency prepares an annual market monitoring report in close cooperation with the European Commission, National Regulatory Authorities, and other relevant organisations. The legal basis for the Agency's market monitoring duties is in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No. 713/2009. Mr Alberto Pototschnig, the Agency's Director and Lord Mogg, Chair of the Board of Regulators will present to the ITRE Committee the latest edition of the Market Monitoring report, which analyses the progress towards the implementation of the Third Energy Package and the completion of the internal energy market. In addition, they will give an overview of other ongoing activities of the Agency and discuss issues of current interest with ITRE Members.

ITRE mission to GNSS Agency, Prague (3-4 November 2015), Debriefing

On 3-4 November, a three-member delegation of the ITRE Committee visited the European GNSS Agency in Prague. The delegation gained a valuable insight into the activities of the Agency. In particular, meetings addressed the operation of the Galileo and EGNOS systems and the Agency's work in ensuring the security of the systems and in helping to develop the downstream GNSS market, so that the Galileo and EGNOS provide socio-economic benefits for Europe's citizens and businesses.

ITRE mission to the 10th Meeting of Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Joao Pessoa, Brazil (10-13 November 2015), Debriefing

The tenth Annual Meeting of the IGF was held from 10 to 13 November 2015 in Joao Pessoa, Brazil with an overarching theme: " Evolution of Internet Governance: Empowering Sustainable Development". A delegation of the European Parliament attended the conference from 10 to 12 September with ITRE as the lead Committee.

The European Parliament delegation comprised: Carlos Zorrinho (S&D/ITRE) - Head of the EP Delegation, David Borrelli (EFDD/ITRE), Sabine Verheyen (EPP/CULT), Julie Ward (S&D/CULT), Therese Comodini-Cachia (EPP/JURI), Michal Boni (EPP/LIBE), Josef Weidenholzer (S&D/LIBE), Eva Kaili (S&D/STOA).

The following key themes were the basis of the forum programme:

- cybersecurity and trust;
- the internet economy;
- inclusiveness and diversity;
- openness;
- enhancing multi-stakeholder cooperation;
- the internet and human rights;
- critical internet resources; and
- emerging issues.

ITRE mission to Cyprus (24-25 September 2015), Debriefing

The ITRE mission to Cyprus took place on 24 - 25 September. The visit aimed at covering issues related to the Committee's energy competences and included meetings with the Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism, standing committees, the President of the House of Representatives, industries such as Noble, ENI and Total, the energy agency, the regulatory authority, Cyprus Association of Renewable Energy Enterprises and field visits.

Following recent important discoveries of hydrocarbons in the national waters of Lebanon, Cyprus, Israel and Egypt and in the context of Energy Union, one of the aims was to discuss the possible positive effects of these new energy exploration and exploitation in the region. In addition, Cyprus plans to develop the renewable energy sector and would like to become an energy exporter that could also contribute to energy independence of the EU as a whole.

Members of the ITRE mission: Martina Werner (S&D), Chair, Werner Langen (EPP), Miroslav Poche (S&D), Cora Van Nieuwenhuizen (ALDE), Cornelia Ernst (GUE), Barbara Kappel (ENF), Béla Kovács (Non-attached), Neoklis Sylikiotis (GUE).

We will also tackle the internal energy market, another crucial part of the EU's single market and a pillar of the Energy Union. Dominique Ristori, Director General in the Commission's DG Energy, will present the second list of Projects of Common Interest, followed by an exchange of views.

Last but not least, our attention to building a competitive economy will be focussed in a discussion on the competitiveness of the European rail supply industry concerning the importance of the EU maintaining its global position in this field.

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ITRE mission to ENISA (European Union Agency for Network and Information Security), Heraklion (24-25 September 2015), Debriefing

The European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) is a centre of expertise for cyber security in Europe and falls under the competencies of ITRE. From 24 to 25 September, an ITRE delegation visited the ENISA agency to follow closely its activities.

Members of the European Parliament official delegation: Michal Boni(EFDD), Eva Kaili (S&D).

Main topics discussed during the visit:

- the expiration of the ENISA mandate in 2020,
- the modalities for ENISA better serving the European Parliament,
- the work, budget and human resources of ENISA, and
- the future needs and evolution in terms of cybersecurity.

Single Market Strategy, Exchange of views with Elbieta Biekowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

On 1 December Commissioner Biekowska will hold an exchange of views with ITRE members in the framework of the structural dialogue. The presentation the Single market strategy (launched by the Commission on 28 October) will be one of the main topics of discussion. The meeting will also be an occasion to update Members on future space initiatives and on the state of play of the draft implementing measure on emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles.

Second list of Projects of Common Interest, Presentation and Exchange of views with Dominique Ristori, Director General, DG Energy

On Tuesday 1 December 2015 Mr Dominique Ristori, Director-General in DG ENERGY of the European Commission will present the second list of Projects of Common Interest that was adopted by the Commission on 18 November 2015. The presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with members of the Committee.

Study on "Energy Storage: Which Market Designs and Regulatory Incentives are Needed?", Presentation by Dr. Sergio Ugarte, SQ Consult B.V.

Energy storage can effectively contribute to the objectives of the Energy Union (security of supply, energy efficiency, decarbonisation of the economy, research innovation and competitiveness). At the request of ITRE, the European Parliament commissioned a study, which will be presented to the committee. The aim of the study is to suggest what market designs and regulatory changes could foster further cost reduction and further deployment of energy storage technologies for the provision of services supporting the Energy Union strategy. The study proposes six policy recommendations for implementation in the EU to further support energy storage to help achieving the ambitions of the Energy Union.

- Study on ["Energy Storage: Which Market Designs and Regulatory Incentives Are Needed?"](#)
- Study on ["Open innovation in industry, including 3D printing"](#)
- Proceedings of the Workshop, ["Cross Competition among Information \(Digital\) Platforms"](#)

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- Towards a Digital Single Market Act - 14/12/2015

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Next ITRE meeting:

- 14 December in Strasbourg