

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

ONGOING WORK PLAN

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I. OWN-INITIATIVE REPORTS

Title	Rapporteur	Shadows
Unfair trading practices in the food supply chain COM(2014)0472 - 2015/2065 (INI) - IMCO/8/02015	E. Czesak (ECR)	EPP: AM. Corazza Bildt S&D: O. Sehnalova ALDE: R. Rochefort GUE/NGL: D. De Jong Greens/EFA: I. Soltes EFDD: M. Zullo ENF:
Adequacy of the consumer related legislative framework to the digital sphere 2015/2148(INI) IMCO/8/03921	R. Rochefort (ALDE)	EPP: E. Paunova S&D: O. Sehnalová ECR: D. Dalton GUE/NGL: D. De Jong Greens/EFA: J. Reda EFDD: M. Zullo ENF:
A longer life-time products: benefits for consumers and companies 2015/xxxx (INI)	(GREENS/EFA)	EPP: A. Szejnfeld S&D: L. Jaakonsaari ECR: E. McClarkin ALDE: A. Guoga GUE/NGL: I. Zuber EFDD: M. Zullo ENF:
Towards a Digital Single Market Act COM(2015)0192 2015/2147(INI) CJ18/8/03915	E. Gebhardt (S&D) K. Kallas (ALDE)	EPP: P. Juvin ECR: V. Ford ALDE: D. Charanzova GUE/NGL: D. De Jong Greens/EFA: J. Reda EFDD: M. Zullo ENF: EPP: H. Virkkunen S&D: M. Kumpula-Natri ECR: H-O. Henkel GUE/NGL: C. Ernst Greens/EFA: I. Tarand EFDD: D. Borrelli ENF: B. Kappel
Single Market governance within the European Semester 2016 2015/2256 INI IMCO/8/04631	C. Stihler (S&D)	EPP: A. Szejnfeld ECR: R. Sulik ALDE: A. Guoga GUE/NGL: I. Zuber Greens/EFA: P. Durand EFDD: ENF: M. Troszczyński

<p>The Single Market Strategy</p> <p>2015/..... INI IMCO/8/04993</p>	<p>L. Comi (EPP)</p>	<p>S&D: M. Mizzi ECR: D. Dalton ALDE: A. Guoga GUE/NGL: I.Zuber Greens/EFA: J. Reda EFDD: M. Zullo ENF: M. Troszczynski</p>
<p>Non-Tariff Barriers in the single Market</p> <p>2015/..... INI IMCO/8/04988</p>	<p>D. Dalton (ECR)</p>	<p>EPP: D. Rosati S&D: C. Shaldemose ALDE: F. Hyusmenova GUE/NGL: D. De Jong Greens/EFA: P. Durand EFDD: ENF: M. Troszczynski</p>

II. MISSIONS

COUNTRY	PURPOSE	POSSIBLE DATES
SLOVAKIA	Meet with government representatives, national parliament, business and consumer organisations to discuss the priorities of the Slovak Presidency	18-20 May 2016
MEXICO	OECD Ministerial on the Digital Economy	21/06-23/06/2016
MALTA	Meet with government representatives, national parliament, business and consumer organisations to discuss the priorities of the Maltese Presidency	21/09-23/09/2016
CHINA	Contacts with Chinese authorities on consumer protection and technical standards; digital issues and public procurement	31/10-04/11/2016

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Committee will organise the following hearings:

- Review of the Universal Services Directive;
- Single Market Strategy;
- Consumer protection in the digital age;
- Defence Markets (procurement and transfers);
- TTIP and Public Procurement (in association with INTA);
- Non-tariff barriers to trade in the Internal Market;
- Implementation of the late payments directive;
- Professional qualification directive.

IV. STUDIES

The Committee foresees the following studies/briefing papers:

1. DSM I. Is the current legislative framework adequate to protect consumers and SMEs in the digital sphere? Enforcement and/or legislative gaps;
2. DSM II. Peer-to-peer services, opportunities and challenges ;
3. Franchising ;
4. Analysis and effects of the different Member States' customs sanctioning systems;
5. A longer life-time for products;
6. DSM IV. Over-the-top players (OTTs) (online intermediaries);
7. Social economy;
8. DSM III. European Digital Guarantee ;
9. Reducing the barriers and the costs for businesses within the Single Market;
10. Consumer insolvency regime.
13. Follow-up to ConE studies in the area of Single Market (EAVA)

V. WORKING GROUPS

Working Group on the Digital Single Market

Background

On 3rd December 2014 IMCO Coordinators decided to re-establish its IMCO Working Group on the Digital Single Market in the 8th legislative term, and nominated MEP Róza Thun Und Hohenstein to be the Chair. The IMCO Working Group started out in January 2011 under the leadership of MEP Arias Echeverria and continued until 2014, hosting in the last mandate 17 meetings and preparing 3 key parliamentary resolutions, the last of which was adopted in July 2013.

Objectives

The working group purpose is to identify key remaining barriers to the completion of the Digital Single Market, and work towards unleashing its potential to create growth, jobs and consumer choice. It aims to provide an open platform for constructive exchange with relevant experts and stakeholders and to provide input to the IMCO Committee on the initiatives by the European Commission, including the Digital Single Market Strategy.

In total, 5 meetings of the working group have taken place in 2015 under the Chairmanship of Mrs Thun, making a total of 21 Meetings of the WG. The first opening meeting took place on 2 March. The Second, with the participation of Vice-President Ansip, on 14 April. The Third meeting took place on 26 May, was dedicated to the Digital Single Market Strategy Communication of the European Commission. The Fourth, held on 28 September, was dedicated to online access, dismantling barriers to cross border e-commerce and how to tackle geo-blocking, and counted with the participation of Commissioner Jurova. The Fifth and last, was dedicated to online platforms and marketplaces.

Cycle of meetings

The Working Group is open to all IMCO Members. Other EP Committees will be invited to attend the meetings. Invitations will also be sent to relevant stakeholders, experts and staff of EU institutions.

A series of 5 meetings will be organised in 2016.

More information on the Working Group can be found [here](#).

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