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Implementation report on the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU)Rapporteur: [Markus Pieper](#)

The rapporteur, Mr. Pieper (EPP), will present his draft report on the 'Implementation Report on the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU)'. The purpose of implementation reports is to allow the Parliament in its role as a co-legislator to assess how the Commission and the Member States have performed in the implementation of legislation.

Mr. Pieper argues that the implementation of the directive has suffered from complex rules. Markets should be given more flexibility to decide how efficiency targets can be met, instead of rigid top-down rules from the legislators. The rapporteur believes that more coherence is needed between the different legal and other instruments, such as ETS or energy efficiency directive, that have sometimes competing aims that are difficult to combine into meaningful policy actions.

The energy efficiency directive was agreed at the end of 2012 and should have been transposed into national law in June 2014, but several Member States have failed to do so. A proposal to revise the directive is expected in autumn 2016.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*Deadline for amendments: 18 March 2016, 12.00**Consideration of amendments: 20 April 2016**Vote in ITRE: 24 May 2016**Vote in Plenary: July 2016***Cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments**Draftsperson: [Fredrick Federley](#)

The first presentation of the ETS-reform proposal by the Commission will be done by Mr Jos Delbeke, Director General at the Commission. The ENVI Committee is the leading Committee, but ITRE is involved under enhanced cooperation, with shared competences, mainly on the articles concerning carbon leakage and the funds (financial support for energy sector, efficiency, modernisation and innovation).

After the presentation by the Commission, the rapporteur for the ITRE-opinion Mr. Federley (ALDE) and the shadow rapporteurs and other Members will speak. Carbon leakage will certainly be one of the important subjects to be dealt with and where there are very different points of view. Some Industries have taken the position that carbon leakage has taken place and that the coming ETS-reform will weaken their position further, whereas the European Commission has already shown different views.

The ETS proposal from the Commission has been introduced before the UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris, where an agreement on reducing climate change has been reached. The Commission has not modified its proposal in the light of this agreement.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*Consideration of draft report: 23 May 2016**Deadline for amendments: 31 May 2016, 12.00**Consideration of amendments: 12 July 2016**Vote in ITRE: 13 October 2016**Vote in Plenary: tbc***A Word From The Chair**

Dear Colleagues,

This month's committee meeting has a strong energy focus. We will of course be discussing what coming laws should achieve, for example the circular economy package, but we will also be assessing how well existing laws are working, for example the Energy Efficiency Directive. This kind of scrutiny work is an essential role of Parliament, so that we can check that laws really are having the positive impacts they were intended to have when adopted.

We will also have a first discussion on the ETS-reform proposal, an exchange of views on renewable energy and a public hearing on "New energy market design".

Apart from energy, we look forward to an exchange of views with Commission Vice-President Katainen on EFSI and other related issues. And the Director General of DG Connect will give us a progress update on the Telecoms Review.

Jerzy Buzek

Renewable energy progress report

Rapporteur: [Paloma López Bermejo](#)

ITRE will have a preliminary exchange of views with Ms. López Bermejo (GUE/NGL) on her forthcoming 'Renewable Energy Progress Report' that will be examined in the ITRE meeting of 7 April. The European Commission is expected to publish a new legislative proposal on the review of the renewable energy directive at the end of 2016.

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Consideration of draft report: 7 April 2016
Deadline for amendments: 13 April 2016, 12.00
Consideration of amendments: 20-21 April 2016
Vote in ITRE: 24 May 2016
Vote in Plenary: 22-23 June 2016

Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS): EC-Korea International Agreement

Rapporteur: [Gianluca Buonanno](#)

ITRE will vote on a cooperation agreement in the field of GNSS with the Republic of Korea. The objective of the agreement is to encourage, facilitate and enhance cooperation between the Parties in civil global satellite navigation.

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Vote in Plenary: tbc

Circular Economy Package, Presentation by Deputy Director General Antti Ilmari Peltomäki, European Commission

Mr Peltomäki, Deputy Director-General of DG GROW, will make a presentation on the circular economy package which consists of an EU action plan and revised legislative proposals on waste, on which ITRE will be preparing four opinions. With a view to start ITRE's work on the package, the presentation will be followed by an opportunity for Members to raise questions, get insight into the Commission point of view, as well as get first indications on Council positions.

Studies on "The implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive/Article 7 (Directive 2012/27/EU)", Presentation by the European Parliamentary Research Service

Independent experts will present studies contracted by the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS) on the implementation of the energy efficiency directive. The studies highlight different aspects of the implementation, from the personal experiences that different stakeholders have had with the implementation of energy obligation schemes to an analysis of the buildings sector. The three separate studies will be presented by Professor Christian Egenhofer, Senior Fellow at the Center for European Policy Studies; Dr. Tina Fawcett from the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford and Dr. Andrea Bigano from FEEM Serviz. The studies have been contracted to support ITRE in the preparation of its forthcoming 'Implementation Report on the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU)'.

Review of Telecoms Framework – progress update by Director General Roberto Viola, European Commission

Director General of DG Connect, Robert Viola, will present an update of the Commission's progress in preparing the Review of the Telecoms Regulatory Framework. The Review will involve a shake-up of the whole framework of EU rules on electronic communications networks and services. A three-month public consultation on the subject closed in December 2015, and a package of legislative proposals is expected this summer.

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- Study on ["Recent Trends in Energy Prices"](#)
- Study on ["How to end Energy Poverty? Scrutiny of Current EU and Member States Instruments"](#)
- Study on ["Energy Storage: Which Market Designs and Regulatory Incentives Are Needed?"](#)
- Study on ["Open innovation in industry, including 3D printing"](#)

Structured Dialogue with Vice-President Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness

Within the context of the structured dialogue with the Commission, Mr. Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness will visit ITRE to discuss the state of play and future developments in those areas of his portfolio which fall under the committee's remit. The debate is expected to focus particularly on the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) in the adoption of which ITRE was involved as an opinion-giving committee with exclusive competences.

Governance tools in the Single Market: making life easier for businesses and industries, Presentation by Director Valentina Superti, European Commission

Mrs Valentina Superti will present to ITRE the Commission's governance tools aimed at improving the functioning of the Single Market, with the special focus on assisting European businesses and industries. The governance tools include: formal and informal cooperation between the Commission and the Member states, administrative cooperation between national authorities and assistance services for citizens and businesses.

Study on "Industry 4.0", Presentation by Jan Smit, CSES (Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services)

Mr Jan Smit will present the CSES' study on 'Industry 4.0'. The study focuses on the role of EU industrial policy in supporting Member States and enterprises to connect digital technologies with industrial products and services. In particular, it describes three dimensions of change that are relevant for the development of Industry 4.0: technological change, social change, and change in the business paradigm.

TTIP negotiations (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership)

The European Commission will brief ITRE in relation to ITRE policy areas following the twelfth round of EU-US trade talks that took place in Brussels on 22-26 February 2016.

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

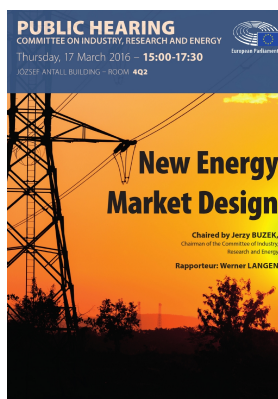
On 8 July 2015, the European Parliament approved its recommendations to European Commission Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiators.

Public Hearing on "New Energy Market Design"

The hearing will look at how European energy markets, electricity markets in particular, should evolve so that they better meet the needs of citizens, industry and the environment.

The Committee has invited six experts to participate in the hearing, namely Dr. Juan Jose Alba Rios, Chairman of Eurelectric Markets Committee; Dr Dörte Fouquet, Director of European Renewable Energies Federation; Dr Tobias Paulun, Chief Strategy Officer of European Energy Exchange AG; Mr. Peder Østermark Andreassen, President of ENTSO-E and CEO of Energinet; Mr. Donald Vanbeveren, Director of Regulation & Strategy at Eandis DSO; Dr Annegret Groebel, Head of Section 'International Co-ordination' of Bundesnetzagentur and Member of the Board of Regulators of ACER.

The hearing will provide information to ITRE Members that may help them to prepare their views on the own-initiative report 'Towards a New Energy Market Design', rapporteur Mr. Werner Langen (EPP), which will be voted in ITRE on the 24th of May. The European Commission is expected to publish a legislative proposal on energy market design by the end of year.



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Next ITRE meeting:

- 7 April 2016 in Brussels