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Energy efficiency labellingRapporteur: [Dario Tamburrano](#)

During the meeting of 7 April ITRE will consider the amendments to the Commission's proposal for a regulation on energy efficiency labelling.

In addition to the 181 amendments tabled by the rapporteur, members have tabled 508 amendments to the Commission's proposal dealing with various aspects of the labelling scheme, such as obligations of suppliers and dealers, market surveillance, rescaling of the label, the proposed product database and the timeline for implementation.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*Vote in ITRE: 24 May 2016**Vote in Plenary: tbc***Delivering a New Deal for Energy Consumers**Rapporteur: [Theresa Griffin](#)

ITRE will consider amendments tabled on Ms Griffin's (S&D) draft report on "Delivering a New Deal for Energy Consumers" in which she stressed the need to move to a more decentralised, flexible and renewables-based energy system with a competitive and consumer-friendly retail market. Many of the amendments concern energy suppliers' possible obligations towards consumers in terms of billing, information requirements and tariff offers. Other amendments refer to all major issues covered by the draft report, including the "democratisation" of the energy system called for by the rapporteur, demand response and possible EU measures to fight against energy poverty.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*Vote in ITRE: 21 April 2016**Vote in Plenary: June 2016***European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users**Draftsperson: [Barbara Kappel](#)

The rapporteur will present her draft report on a proposed Regulation, which aims to make sure that reliable, timely and complete statistical data on natural gas and electricity prices for both industrial users and households is available for European policy makers. The rapporteur proposes 38 amendments. Some of these aim to ensure that data collection does not lead to an additional burden for the reporting authorities or suppliers. The rapporteur also proposes changes to some of the data categories and variables. Finally she introduces provisions for protecting the confidentiality of sensitive information.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*Deadline for amendments: 13 April 2016, 12.00**Vote in ITRE: 24 May 2016**Vote in Plenary: tbc***A Word From The Chair**

Dear Colleagues,

This week's meeting will have a strong energy and industry focus. We will discuss amendments to the draft regulation on Energy efficiency labelling, and amendments to the draft report on a New deal for energy consumers. We will also consider draft reports on renewable energy, and on European statistics on gas and electricity prices. Aside from energy, ITRE will vote on an oral question and resolution on the Competitiveness of the European rail supply industry and on an opinion concerning trade and investment strategy. We will also discuss what granting market economy status to China would mean for European industry.

Jerzy Buzek

Renewable energy progress report

Rapporteur: [Paloma López Bermejo](#)

The rapporteur, Ms. López Bermejo (GUE/NGL), will present her draft report on the 'Renewable Energy Progress Report'. In her draft report, Ms. López Bermejo expresses her concern that a number of Member States may need to revise their policies and tools in order to meet their 2020 objectives. She stresses the need to improve national policies by i.a.: identifying best practices, maintaining support schemes, strengthening transparency and public participation, engaging local administrations and associations in the implementation of renewable-based models of energy consumption. The rapporteur calls on the Commission to strengthen its role in monitoring and supporting the progress of renewable energies. She reiterates Parliament's call for binding targets of 30% of renewable energy consumption and 40% of energy savings in 2030. Ms. López Bermejo stresses that the renewable electricity production should be better integrated with the networks. She observes that consumers may be negatively affected by enhanced price-based mechanism, and highlights that 'prosumers' should be treated in a fair manner by Member States. Furthermore, the rapporteur calls for more focus on the transition towards renewable heating and cooling systems. With regards to transport, she is critical of biofuel-based renewable strategy. She argues that the biofuel land-use should be limited to the areas where it does not compete with feedstock production, and stresses the need for a sustainable mobility regulation, minimising overall energy consumption in transport.

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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Deadline for amendments: 13 April 2016, 12.00

Consideration of amendments: 20 April 2016

Vote in ITRE: 24 May 2016

Vote in Plenary: 22-23 June 2016

Preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's proposal

Rapporteur: [Janusz Lewandowski](#)

The rapporteur, Mr. Janusz Lewandowski (EPP), will present the draft opinion at the ITRE committee Meeting on 7th April 2016. Shadow rapporteurs and interested Members will present their views and engage in a discussion with the rapporteur. This opinion is important for both the MFF review (foreseen by the end of 2016) as well as the new MFF proposal planned by the end of 2017. The draft opinion recalls the need to restore the programmes under ITRE competence and those affected by the EFSI cuts, such as Horizon 2020 and CEF. It also calls on the European Commission to perform a proper review of the MFF, addressing adequately the challenge of the late implementation of the current framework.

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Deadline for amendments: 21 April 2016, 12.00

Vote in ITRE: 24 May 2016

Vote in Plenary: tbc

Competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry

Rapporteur: [Martina Werner](#)

ITRE will vote on its oral question and accompanying resolution on the competitiveness of the European Rail Supply Industry (Rapporteur: Ms. Werner's (S&D)). The resolution considers the European and international dimension of the European Rail Supply Industry and highlights the challenges that this sector is currently facing. It also proposes solutions in terms of possible policy and legislative initiatives. 230 amendments were tabled to the resolution, covering most areas. Agreement has been reached on 29 compromise amendments.

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Vote in Plenary: May 2016 tbc

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A new forward-looking and innovative future strategy on trade and investment

Rapporteur: [Theresa Griffin](#)

ITRE will vote on its opinion to INTA's own-initiative report on 'A new forward-looking and innovative future strategy on trade and investment' (ITRE Rapporteur: Ms. Theresa GRIFFIN (S&D)). The opinion considers the impact that the European trade strategy has on European industries, on SMEs and on the European energy sector, and how these can be better supported through international trade agreements. 87 amendments were tabled to the draft opinion, covering most areas. Agreement has been reached on 10 compromise amendments.

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Vote in INTA: 23-24 May 2016

Vote in Plenary: tbc

Space capabilities for European security and defence

Rapporteur: [Marian-Jean Marinescu](#)

ITRE will vote on an opinion on space capabilities for European security and defence. The opinion highlights the role of space in the Common Security and Defence Policy and focuses on the contribution that the current flagship programmes could continue to make in this field and looks ahead at other initiatives, such as governmental satellite communication; broadening space surveillance and tracking into a space situational awareness initiative; and European access to space.

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Vote in AFET: 18 April 2016

Vote in Plenary: June I 2016

Discussion on the Market Economy Status for China: possible implications for European industry, Presentation by Director Leopoldo Rubinacci, European Commission

ITRE will hold an exchange of views on the implications that granting China market economy status (MES) will have on EU industries. China is expecting to be granted MES on the basis of what it negotiated to accede to the WTO in 2001 with all WTO Members. However, to date, China has not demonstrated that it has a true market economy. MES has a direct impact on European industries and on the tools that the EU can use to defend its economy from unfair commercial practices, such as dumping. ITRE, therefore, invited Mr. Leopoldo Rubinacci, Director at Trade Defence at DG Trade (European Commission) to hear more about this issue, its state of play, and its implications on EU industries.

EFSI - Reflections on the first year and the way forward, Exchange of views with EFSI Managing Director Wilhelm Molterer

ITRE has invited Mr. Wilhelm Molterer, Managing Director of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), for an exchange of view on the state of play of the fund. The EFSI regulation was adopted in 2015 and ITRE was heavily involved in its the adoption, with exclusive competences on the source of funding and the majority of the areas of investment. The fund and its structure have now been established and ITRE is following closely the implementation of this instrument. ITRE Members will be particularly interested to learn more about the type of projects that are being funded under EFSI, their added value and their geographical distribution, as well as the role of the EFSI Investment Committee and the use of the 'scoreboard'.

ITRE mission to Ljubljana (10-12 February 2016), Debriefing

On 10-12 February, an eight-member delegation of the ITRE Committee visited the ACER Agency and the Jozef Stefan Institute in Ljubljana.

The first day of the visit was mainly dedicated to ACER. A series of presentations and discussion sessions aimed at providing Members with a detailed insight into the Agency's main areas of work, the key priorities for the energy sector from a regulatory perspective and the main challenges facing the Agency. Subsequently Members met with Slovenian

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Next ITRE meeting:

- 20-21 April 2016 in Brussels

professionals to discuss the energy situation in Slovenia. On 12 February the delegation visited the Jozef Stefan Institute, Slovenia's leading research facility, and specifically the nuclear reactor research facility where they gained a valuable insight into the activities of the Institute and nuclear research work, with a particular focus on European-funded collaboration projects as well as safety and security issues.