



*Meeting of
30-31 August 2011*

Tuesday, 30 August: **9.30-12.30; 15.00-18.30**

Wednesday, 31 August 2011: **9.00-12.30**

Room: JAN 2Q2

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REPORTS

**Green Paper:
From challenges to
opportunities: towards a
common strategic
framework
for EU research and
innovation funding**

(Rapporteur: M. Matias)



Adoption of draft report

With this Green Paper the Commission opens a debate on a comprehensive strategy for EU research and innovation, including the 8th Framework Programme (FP8), the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP), the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and the possible contributions of Structural Funds.

Political key issues of the report:

- duplication of the budget for research and innovation,
- "stairway to excellence",
- new organization of EU research and innovation instruments,
- creation of a SME-Bank.

Vote Plenary: Sept II

**Towards a space strategy
for the European Union
that benefits its citizens**

(Rapporteur:
A. Patriciello)



Exchange of views

The Communication aims at reinforcing Europe's space infrastructure and calls for increasing support for research to increase European technological non-dependence, foster cross-fertilisation between the space sector and other industry sectors, and boost innovation as a driver of European competitiveness. The communication sets out priorities for the future EU space policy:

- Pursue the achievement of the European navigation satellite programmes Galileo and EGNOS;
- Implement with Member States the European Earth Monitoring Programme (GMES);
- Protect space infrastructures against space debris, solar radiation and asteroids by setting-up a European Space Situation Awareness (SSA) system;
- Identify and support actions at EU level in the field of Space exploration;
- Support research and development to increase European technological non-dependence and ensure that innovation in this field will be of benefit to non-space sectors and citizens.

Consideration of draft report: 5/6 October 2011

Deadline amendments: 12 October 2011, 12h

Vote in ITRE: 22/23 November 2011

Vote Plenary: December 2011

Proposals for Council Decisions concerning the Framework Programme of the Euratom for nuclear research and training activities (2012 - 2013)



(Rapporteur: J. Březina)

*Joint debate and Consideration
of 4 draft reports*

On 28 March 2011, the Council Permanent Representatives Committee decided to consult, on an optional basis, the European Parliament on the following proposals for 2012-2013: 1) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Framework Programme of the Euratom for nuclear research and training activities; 2) Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in indirect actions; 3) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the specific programme, to be carried out by means of indirect actions; 4) Proposal for a Council Decision on the specific programme, to be carried out by means of direct actions by the Joint Research Centre.

The draft report submitted by the Rapporteur welcomes and supports the general scheme of the proposal. He indicates that in the aftermath of the Fukushima, it is important to continue the nuclear R&D and training in order to enhance the safety of nuclear fission, to operate existing facilities, waste management, dismantling and decommissioning processes and other uses of radiation in industry and medicine, as well as to enhance nuclear security.

The Committee on budget (BUDG) undertook to draw up an opinion.

Deadline amendments: 6 September 2011, 12h

Vote in ITRE: 6 October 2011

Vote Plenary: October II/November I (tbc)

Memorandum of Cooperation between the EU and the USA in civil aviation research and development



(Rapporteur: H. Reul)

*Vote on simplified procedure
(Rule 46(1) – without amendment)*

Following a recommendation of the Commission in October 2009 the Council adopted a mandate for negotiations for a Memorandum of Cooperation between the EU and the USA for research and development in the field of civil aviation. The result of these negotiations is the draft Memorandum of Cooperation, which "will allow the two parties to establish cooperative research and development activities in any civil aviation issue". The first aim of this cooperation is to achieve interoperability between the air traffic management systems.

The Memorandum of Cooperation was signed on 3 March 2011 in order to allow provisional application and immediate start of cooperation (based on Art. 100(2) and 218(5) TFEU).

The final conclusion (ratification) requires consent of European Parliament before Council decides (based on Art. 100(2) and 218(6) TFEU).

Vote Plenary: September II

OPINIONS

Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system (Draftsperson: K. Kariņš)



Consideration of draft opinion

In line with the long term requirements setup in the Resource Efficiency Flagship of the EU 2020 strategy, the general policy objective of this white paper is to define a long term strategy that could transform the EU Transport system into a sustainable system by 2050, including a reduction of CHG emissions. In addition, transport should contribute to a drastic decrease in oil dependency ratio of transport related activities by 2050 as requested in the decarbonised transport plans of the EU 2020 Strategy. It is crucial for the EU economy to continue to develop and invest in the EU transport system to maintain its competitive position. Transport impacts not only mobility but plays a crucial role in the competitiveness of the EU industry in general.

The draft opinion submitted by the Rapporteur welcomes the Communication and acknowledges that the EU has to move towards a more efficient transport sector and underlines the great potential of ICT to reduce emissions in travel and freight. Backing the Commission approach, the draft opinion suggests that research can provide new solutions although more actions are needed to commercialise research results. It raises the importance of a well prepared introduction of bio fuels in the EU energy mix.

The Committee on transport (TRAN) undertook to draw up an INI report. .

Deadline amendments: 7 September 2011, 12h

Vote in ITRE: 6 October 2011 (tbc)

Reform of the EU State Aid Rules on Services of General Economic Interest

(Draftsperson: G. Hökmark)



Consideration of draft opinion

The purpose of COM(2011)0071 is to open the debate on the upcoming revision of the State aid Package on Services of General Economic Interest (SGEI) - also known as the post-Altmark Package - which will be proposed by the Commission later this year and which aim will be to improve the clarity, the simplicity and the proportionality of the current system.

The Package includes a series of measures adopted in 2005, in particular the SGEI Decision and the SGEI Framework, in which the Commission has clarified the application of the Treaty articles on State aid, i.e. Articles 106 and 107 TFEU, to compensation for SGEI.

Deadline amendments: 1 September 2011, 17h (in EN only)

Vote in ITRE: 19 September 2011

Parliament's position on the 2012 Draft Budget as modified by the Council - all sections

(Draftsperson:
R. Bütikofer)



Adoption of draft opinion

The Commission adopted and presented its Draft Budget (DB) 2012 on 20 April 2011 and the Council adopted its position on 25 July 2011.

The Parliament will adopt EP's amendments on Council's position during the October session, followed by a conciliation phase.

After the deadline for committees to table budgetary amendments on 8 September, a meeting of specialized committee's budget rapporteurs will take place on 22 September 2011, giving the Rapporteur an opportunity to exchange the views on the EP's core priorities ahead of the vote in BUDG the following week.

There are 112 amendments tabled, of which 65 proposed by the rapporteur, mostly restoring the numbers in COM Draft Budget.



The Agenda for New Skills and Jobs

(Draftsperson: N. Tzavela)

Adoption of draft opinion

The European Union has agreed that a skilled workforce is an essential asset to develop a competitive, sustainable, green, smart and innovative economy in line with Europe 2020 goals. The 'Agenda for new skills and jobs' sets out the possible EU contribution to this objective. The measures proposed in this Communication require a mix of EU

policy instruments, including legislation, policy coordination, social dialogue, funding and strategic partnerships.

The draft opinion submitted by the Rapporteur welcomes the Communication and intends to complement EMPL views through concrete initiatives such as increased labour force mobility within the EU, contribution to job creation through SMEs, integration of ICT competences in lifelong learning and education policies. 44 amendments have been tabled and included in a consolidated text.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

Presentation by Chris Fonteijn, Chair of BEREC, of BEREC activities, followed by a presentation of the Roaming proposal Impact Assessment

The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) is one of the agencies under ITRE jurisdiction. Mr Chris Fonteijn (chair of the Netherlands Competition Authority and also of the Dutch Telecoms Regulator, OPTA) is the current Chair of BEREC.

Mr Fonteijn will present the BEREC 2010 annual report and future workflow and the BEREC opinion on the Commission's roaming proposal. The Commission will present the Impact Assessment for the Roaming III proposal.

Presentation of the report on Key Enabling Technologies (KET) by the High-Level Expert Group (HLG)

The HLG KETs was set up on 13 July 2010 by Vice-Presidents Antonio Tajani

and Neelie Kroes and Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn - it had a mandate of 1 year to develop possible policy measures to promote the industrial take-up of KETs by EU industries. It was comprised of 27 members including representatives from EU member states, relevant European industry, downstream industries, the research community and the European Investment Bank. Its president was Jean Therme, Director of the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) in Grenoble. The HLG mission was 3-fold:

- To assess the competitive situation of the relevant technologies in the EU with particular focus on industrial deployment and their contribution in addressing major societal challenges;
- To analyse in depth the available public and private R&D capacities for KETs in the EU (on all levels);
- To propose specific policy recommendations for a more effective industrial deployment of KETs in the EU.

The final report was presented to the Commission on 28 June 2011.

Towards the completion of the Internal Energy Market by 2014 - Presentation by the Commission

On 4 February 2011, the European Council committed itself to complete the internal energy market by 2014. The nuclear incident in Fukushima (Japan) in March 2011 led to a couple of unilateral national decisions taken by various Members States on energy policy, which will not only impact on their national energy mix, but also on the internal energy market and the security of supply. The Commission will give a presentation on the prospects and progress for completing the internal energy market by 2014.

NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES

ACER

http://www.acer.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/ACER_HOME/Communication/News

BEREC

http://www.erg.eu.int/whatsnew/index_en.htm

ENISA

<http://www.enisa.europa.eu/media/press-releases>

ITRE EVENTS

COMING SOON

Next ITRE meetings:

- ✦ 8 September 2011, in Brussels (PHS 3C50) (*tbc*)
- ✦ 19 September 2011, in Brussels (JAN 4Q1)

Upcoming Opinion votes:

- ✦ **L. Kolarska-Bobinska:** Towards a Coherent European Approach to Collective Redress
FORESEEN 19/09
- ✦ **J. Héning:** Control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances
FORESEEN 19/09
- ✦ **G. Hökmark:** Reform of the EU State Aid Rules on SGEI
FORESEEN 19/09

Amendments deadlines:

- ✦ **G. Hökmark:** Reform of the EU State Aid Rules on SGEI - OPINION
(1/09 exceptionally at 5pm)
- ✦ **J. Březina:** EURATOM Framework Research Programme (4 dossiers) - REPORT (6/09)
- ✦ **K. Kariņš:** Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - OPINION - (7/09)

Other events:

- ✦ **Workshop on "Cyber Security in Europe"**, 31 August 2011, 15.00-18.00 (JAN 4Q1)
- ✦ **Public Hearing on "Prospects for shale gas in the EU"**, 5 October 2011, 15.00-17.30