A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

During the ITRE Committee meeting of 13 May 2013 we will hear more from the rapporteur for opinion on the budget. Many other files on which trilogues have been held (Galileo, Horizon 2020, CEF) also have a strong financial link. It is without any doubt that the budget, and also the Multiannual Financial Framework, will prejudice the capacity of the European Union to take action in some of the fields which are crucial for the future of Europe: research and development, innovation, energy security (all within the remit of the ITRE Committee) and in other fields of EU activity. But of course, apart from financial support for projects, the EU also intervenes in the field of legislation and coordination between Member States' policies (such as in the case of Industrial policy, on which issue Commissioner Tajani will address the next ITRE meeting).

One of the first points on the agenda concerns the presentation in ITRE of a study on "leasing society". In an ever changing world it useful to study possible new trends in the economy, to be well prepared for the future.

Amalia Sartori

MEETING OF 13 MAY 2013

2014 Budget
Mandate for the Trilogue
(Draftsperson: R. Büttikofer)
Consideration of draft opinion

The aim of the opinion on the mandate for the trilogue on the 2014 Budget is to indicate ITRE Committee priorities in the 2014 Budget, ahead the presentation of DB 2014 by the Commission in May 2013.

Collective management of copyright
(Draftsperson: L. Berlinguer)
Consideration of draft opinion

The consideration of the draft opinion will take place in ITRE Committee meeting of 13 May 2013.

The main focus of the draft opinion is to facilitate the vitality of European creative industries while preserving the ability of collective rights management organisations to serve local and niche repertoires on a solidarity basis, and also towards improving the effectiveness and functionality of that new system.

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE
Deadline amendments: 15 May 2013
Vote in ITRE: 20 June 2013

Micro-generation
(Draftsperson: J. Merkies)
Consideration of Motion for Resolution

Small-scale energy generation represents an opportunity for single households, small and medium enterprises as well as communities to become energy producers to become more aware and take better decisions. The European Commission recognises in the Communication on the Internal Energy Market the issue of empowering prosumers, yet there are still

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many challenges in the market to be tackled in order to achieve a prosumer society. Although many people talk about micro generation, many households have solar panels or heat pumps etc. No specific strategy on small-scale energy generation (micro generation) currently exists and relevant provisions are dispersed throughout multiple legislative and non-legislative initiatives;

The rapporteur is of the opinion that European Union leaders should take the lead in addressing the energy transition, taking into account the need for involvement of all European citizens, regardless of income and wealth and that small-scale energy helps to combat energy poverty, leads to the creation of new jobs and economic growth and can lead to a new way of tackling the financial crisis;

The procedure for the ITRE-oral question with debate in plenary and draft motion for a resolution is as follows: adoption of the oral question (draft already adopted), a draft for a motion for a resolution by the rapporteur, amendments in ITRE, vote on the amendments, sending of the question and draft resolution to plenary and finally a debate in plenary with a vote.

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

**Deadline amendments**: 28 May 2013

Vote on the draft motion for a resolution in ITRE: 9 July 2013

Debate and vote in plenary: October 2013

**Presentation of the study on 'leasing society'**

*Study*

The study from the EP Policy Department A on leasing society was requested by the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. It was written by 5 experts from the Wuppertal Institute for Climate Environment and Energy.

The vision of a leasing society is characterised by a new relationship between producers and consumers. This relationship is based on a more service oriented business model to meet customer needs with novel approaches to ownership and responsibility. Intellectual property rights, financing questions might undergo changes and a more effective use of resources is, in theory, possible.

**In the first place**, subjects of some case studies or orientations dealt with, are likely to be of interest for ITRE as they are linked to resource management, energy efficiency, industrial policy, intellectual property rights etc;

Secondly, job creation and innovation are important elements and a leasing society model might have impact on the European industry.

**NEWS FROM THE AGENCIES**

**The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)**

ACER recommends the amended Network Code on Gas Balancing for adoption. [More](#)

**The Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)**

BEREC is announcing the organisation of a BEREC workshop in Brussels on a harmonised cooperation process for dealing with fraud and misuse based on Art. 28(2) of the US Directive. [More](#)

**The European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA)**

Green light for new regulation for EU Cyber Security Agency ENISA given by the European Parliament. [More](#)


**COMING SOON**

**Upcoming Report votes:**
- Supplementary Research Programme ITER project, V. Remek - *30/05*
- Contribution of cooperatives to overcoming the crisis, P. Toia - *30/05*
- Internal Energy Market, J. Buzek - *30/05*

**Upcoming Opinion votes:**
- Energy efficiency measures under Cohesion Policy, M. Ransdorf - *30/05*

**Amendments deadlines:**
- Electronic transactions in the internal market, M. Ulvskog - *15/05*
- Collective management of copyright for online uses in the internal market, L. Berlinguer - *15/05*
- Manufacture, presentation & sale of tobacco and related products, R. Goebbels - *16/05*
- 2014 Budget - Mandate for the Trilogue, R. Bütikofer - *21/05*
- Micro-generation, J. Merkies - *28/05*
- System for registration of carriers of radioactive materials, B. Kovacs - *4/06*
- The Digital Agenda for Europe - Driving European growth digitally, J.Rohde - *6/06*
- Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan, Reigniting the entrepreneurial spirit in Europe, P. Rübig - *6/06*
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29/30 May 2013, in Brussels

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