

Words by the Chair



Dear colleagues,

At our next Committee meeting we are going to have a structured dialogue with [Commissioner Mariya Gabriel](#) and will be discussing the key priorities of the Commission in research and innovation with a particular focus on challenges related to the [EU vaccines strategy](#).

Europeans can call, message and use mobile data anywhere in the EU without extra costs thanks to the 'Roam like at home' policy. As the current regulation will soon expire we are looking forward to a presentation by Director [Rita Wezenbeek](#) (DG CONNECT) on a new proposal prolonging the current rules by 10 years and amending them where necessary.

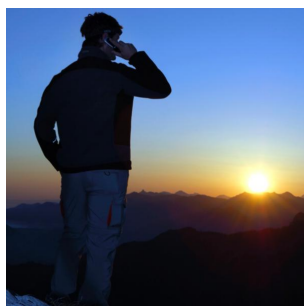
Furthermore, Members will hear a presentation by [DG EPRS](#) and have an exchange of views with the Commission regarding the general conduct of impact assessments. According to the inter-institutional agreement on better law-making agreed in April 2016 the EU Parliament takes full account of the Commission's impact assessments when deciding on legislative proposals. Members consider this to be part of Parliament's scrutiny of the Commission.

Finally, we will be adopting our reports on the [Strategy for Energy System Integration](#), the [Strategy for Hydrogen](#), the draft opinion on [Shaping the digital future of Europe](#) and [Amending Decision 2008/376](#)

Votes on 18 March

Dossier	Rapporteur	Vote in lead Committee/ Plenary
A European Strategy for Energy System Integration Adoption of draft report	Christophe Grudler	Plenary: April 2021 (tbc)
A European Strategy for Hydrogen Adoption of draft report	Jens Geier	Plenary: April 2021 (tbc)
Amending Decision 2008/376/EC on the adoption of the Research Programme of the Research Fund for Coal and Steel and on the multiannual technical guidelines for this programme Adoption of draft report	Cristian-Silviu Buşoi	Plenary: April 2021 (tbc)
Shaping the digital future of Europe: removing barriers to the functioning of the digital single market and improving the use of AI for European consumers Adoption of draft opinion	Nicola Beer	Lead Committee (IMCO): April 2021

News and events



Roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union (recast)

The ITRE Committee has invited the Commission to present the Commission's proposal, which will be presented by Director Rita Wezenbeek (DG CONNECT), followed by an exchange of views with Members.

As the current roaming regulation will expire on 30 June 2022, the Commission adopted on 24 February a new proposal in form of a recast with the main aim of prolonging the current rules by 10 years and amending them where necessary. The

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Study: Budget and staffing needs at the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Study: Disinformation and Science: Report of an investigation into gullibility of false science news in central European countries

Briefing: COVID-19: List of the measures taken in relation to the ITRE remit May-June 2020

Study: Energy-intensive industries

Study: Opportunities of Artificial Intelligence

Study: SME focus - Long term strategy for the European industrial future

main changes concern the level of wholesale rates, provisions to ensure the quality of service when roaming and on access to emergency services as well as safeguards when using value added services abroad.

Establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking

The ITRE Committee will have a first exchange of views with the rapporteur Ms Maria da Graça Carvalho (EPP) who will present her draft report concerning the proposal for a Council regulation establishing the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking. The EuroHPC Joint Undertaking was established through a Council Regulation in October 2018 to coordinate supercomputing strategies and investments. It is a partnership co-funded by the EU, the participating States and the private sector. The proposed Regulation is a continuation of the existing initiative, introducing modifications to adapt the current Regulation to the next MFF. It will use funding from the new MFF programmes from 2021-2027 (Horizon Europe, Digital Europe and CEF programmes).



A reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency in crisis preparedness and management for medicinal products and medical devices

The ITRE Committee will hear Ms Mélin, the rapporteur, on 18 March who will present her draft opinion on a reinforced role for the European Medicines Agency. The draft opinion contains extensive amendment to the Commission's proposal, including as to the functioning of the proposed new Medicines and Medical Devices Steering Groups. It specifies that the regulation applies to both human and veterinary medicinal products and medical devices. The draft opinion also clarifies the importance of compliance with data protection law.

Structured dialogue with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

The ITRE Committee will hold a structured dialogue with Ms Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth. The structured dialogue can be expected to focus, in particular, on research issues related to the EU vaccines strategy. In addition, with the start of the new framework Programme Horizon Europe and the recent publication of two legislative proposals establishing institutionalised partnerships, the dialogue will be a good opportunity to discuss more broadly the key priorities of the Commission in research and innovation.



European data governance (Data Governance Act)

ITRE will hold a first exchange of views on the Commission proposal on the "Data Governance Act". The Commission's proposal is the first of a set of measures announced in the February 2020 European strategy for data. Its aim is to foster the availability of data for use by increasing trust in data intermediaries and by strengthening data sharing mechanisms across the EU. In that respect it will inter alia: i) address the reuse of certain categories of protected public sector data that is conditional on the respect of the rights of others; ii) create a notification regime for data sharing providers in order to increase trust in sharing personal and non-personal data and lower transaction costs linked to B2B and C2B data sharing; and iii) facilitate data reusability on altruistic grounds. The proposal also provides for the creation of a European Data Innovation Board.

Presentation of DG EPRS findings and exchange of views with the Commission regarding Commission's conduct of impact assessments – methodology and practical experience

Parliament attaches particular importance to the impact assessments carried out by the European Commission. ITRE Members are interested in gaining deeper understanding of the challenges in practice faced by the Commission in developing the assessments. This includes, among other aspects, the challenges encountered in different policy areas and the means via which those are tackled. Members consider this to be part of Parliament's scrutiny of the Commission.



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Feedback from ongoing negotiations

The ITRE Committee Members will receive an update on the ongoing negotiations for the following files:

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