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Save our oceans!



Dear Reader,

The world's oceans are under threat from diverse and globally recognised challenges, such as over-exploitation, climate change, acidification, pollution and declining biodiversity. The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in September 2015 and backed by 193 UN Member States, identified conservation and sustainable use of oceans and marine resources as one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 14) and as part of a highly inter-connected agenda. An ENVI delegation attended the high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14, "Life below water" that was held in New York from 5 to 9 June 2017.

I welcome the briefing provided by Policy Department A that helped prepare the delegation and the workshop held on marine litter (3 May) to support the Committee's activities in this field.

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The high-level UN Ocean Conference in New York

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

April 2017



Pressures on the marine environment include damage to habitats, invasive species, pollution and nutrient enrichment, as well as high exploitation rates of marine species and acidification induced by climate change. Sustainable Development Goal 14 calls on the international community to "conserve

and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development." The Ocean Conference is the first in a series to address the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Commissioned by Policy Department A for ENVI, this briefing gives an overview of the UN 2030 Agenda and its SDG 14, the conference, positions of governments and stakeholders and the role of the EU and its marine policies.



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in public procurements
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**Common fisheries policy
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Teaching common values in Europe

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The European Union has always stressed the relevance of the values of democracy and tolerance for Europe as a community and for its Member States. This study for CULT committee explores the teaching of common values in Europe, in particular democracy and tolerance - if and how they are addressed by EU Member States' official curricula for students in secondary education. The role of civil society and non-governmental organisations is also considered.



Legal frameworks for hacking by law enforcement

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

March 2017



Hacking by law enforcement is a relatively new phenomenon within the framework of the longstanding public policy problem of balancing security and privacy. The study requested by LIBE Committee presents concrete policy proposals on the use of hacking techniques by law enforcement. These proposals are driven by a comparative examination of the legal frameworks for hacking by law enforcement across six EU Member States and three non-EU countries.



Codes of conduct and conflicts of interest

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

January 2017



This study reviews the Member States' experience with codes of conduct and conflicts of interest affecting the partnership arrangements under the ESIF. The focus is on conflicts of interest affecting the Monitoring Committees under the ERD and ESF. The study reviews the rules and other approaches to deal with conflicts of interest, discusses best practices and ends with conclusions and recommendations advocating a complementary rule and value based approach.



Nuclear proliferation in North East Asia

Policy Department for External Relations

March 2017



The nuclear dimension of the crisis in the Korean peninsula has been compounded since the end of the cold war. North Korean withdrawal from the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 2003, as well as raising nuclear and ballistic ambitions of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea cause concerns for the international community. The study provides with analysis of the crisis, the current developments, and perspectives of its resolution.



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