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Flash report on first bilateral meeting of DG Juul Jørgensen and ITRE Chair Cristian Silviu Busoi (EPP/RO) on 5 Feb 2020

This first meeting of the DG with Mr Busoi since his election as ITRE Chair on 3 Dec 2019 was an occasion to exchange views on some initiatives of the Green Deal and the Commission work programme 2020. Ahead of the EP plenary session next week, the 4th PCI list and the upcoming TEN-E revision were of particular interest as well.

- On the **4th PCI list**, the DG thanked Mr Busoi for the warm welcome the ITRE committee gave to Commissioner Simson during her first visit in December, as well as for the EPP's support on the list. She emphasised the balanced approach the 4th PCI constitutes in view of decarbonisation on the one side and security of supply on the other.
- Both sides agreed that topics such as **security of supply, diversification, energy affordability, and competitiveness** would need to be essential parts of the Green Deal if the aim of decarbonisation and climate neutrality should become reality.
- Mr Busoi recalled that quite a few countries would not be able to implement the energy transition without **gas**, and therefore hopes that this will still be reflected also under the **5th PCI list and the TEN-E revision** – despite the new EIB lending policy, which in his view does not give the ideal signal to other (private) investors.
- However, he agreed with other EP groups that the TEN-E revision should come as soon as possible and that the EP would need to be closely involved in both the TEN-E revision as well as the 5th PCI list.
- He invited the Commission to update the ITRE committee on the developments as soon as a good timing would emerge, which the DG assured would be possible.
- The DG also informed Mr Busoi on other initiatives of the Commission work programme, such as the **strategy on smart sector integration** (this year), as well as a **strategy on the decarbonisation of gas** (next year), where a more detailed – and technologically neutral - outline of this aim would be laid out (including the developments on hydrogen, clean gases, decarbonised natural gas, 'future-proofing' of energy infrastructure)

- On the upcoming **industrial strategy** of the Commission, Mr Busoi would like to see some strong energy related elements, including the business opportunities for energy related industries and technologies (he emphasised solar energy in particular, for which he sees a higher potential than e.g. for expensive hydrogen technologies).
- Mr Busoi showed also great interest in the **ITER (F4E)** project as he sees high potential in this possibly new energy source. He will visit ITER in Cadarache/FR on 27 March.
- In view of the **Just Transition Fund** (regulation in co-decision), Mr Busoi showed some disappointment that the lead committee was appointed to be REGI committee; however, he still sees some margins for ITRE in getting either shared competences together with REGI, or at least exclusive competences on some parts of the file. Within ITRE, the EPP was able to secure the rapporteurship (rapporteur still tbd) and would be very much interested in keeping close contact with ENER along the negotiations.
- In relation to the **Romanian NECP**, which is still delayed for submission to the Commission, Mr Busoi informed the DG that he will organise a meeting in Bucharest on 20 February together with the Romanian government and Romanian MEPs, to discuss on how RO could better proceed in view of the energy transition (including on renewables, but also nuclear) and reaching the various targets. He was optimistic that this would give a push also in view of the NECP.

Both sides agreed on further intensifying the good cooperation between DG ENER and the ITRE committee and keep in close contact on upcoming developments.

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