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## EIP: Current status of discussion in the European Parliament

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## I. Competences for EIP in Parliament



### Referral of EIP to Parliamentary Committees:

- § **CEF: joint competence TRAN+ITRE (rule 51)** – for opinion as associated Committee (rule 50): BUDG (figures!)
- § **Telecoms guidelines: ITRE** – for opinion: CULT, ENVI, ECON, LIBE, IMCO, REGI
- § **Transport guidelines: TRAN** – for opinion: ENVI, ITRE, IMCO, REGI
- § **Energy guidelines: ITRE** - for opinion: ENVI, ECON, IMCO, TRAN, REGI
- § **Project bonds pilot phase: BUDG** – for opinion as associated Committees: ITRE, TRAN (rule 50)

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## II. Coordination of the EIP

→ **EIP should be dealt as a package:**

- ü Involves many Committees – complex vote to be expected
- ü Timeline should start in parallel, but dynamics of each dossier will be most likely different (“CEF” tied to MFF)



→ **Joint committee competence for “CEF”:**

- ü Rule 51: conditions: indissociable competence of several committees + dossier of major importance
- ü Procedure: single draft report & joint vote
- ü New procedure, not much experience in Parliament yet, first time ever experience for ITRE

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## III. Ongoing work on energy guidelines

**Current state of play:**

- ü **Presentation of proposals** (draft regulation for energy guidelines in context of “Connecting Europe Facility”) to ITRE-Committee on 20 October **by Commissioner Oettinger**
- ü Presentation by COM of & **exchange of views on EIP in ITRE** on 22 November
- ü **Allocation of report** to political groups at coordinators’ meeting on 22 November
  - ü CEF: **ALDE** (co-rapporteurship in TRAN: S&D + EPP)
  - ü Energy guidelines: **S&D**

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**Next steps:**

- ü **Nomination of rapporteur (and shadows):** to be expected at pol. group working group meeting during December Plenary in Strasbourg (12-15 December)
- ü Approval of **timeline** by rapporteur - Secretariat's draft **proposal**:
  - draft report to be presented in March 2012 (tbc),
  - indicative vote in ITRE on 31 May 2012 (tbc),
  - trilogues in June 2012 (tbc)

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### IV. Some issues raised by MEPs during first discussions

- Ø **Financing instruments:** coordination with structural funds? "Innovative financial instruments" through EIB: risky or more of it?
- Ø **Framework for investment:** Impact of financial market legislation in the making? Sufficient public support? Ability to use project bonds in Member States under fiscal & budgetary constrain? Absorption of funds by "easy" big gas projects?
- Ø **Priority corridors & selection criteria/process:** sufficiently specific? – geographic areas & selection criteria in annex IV? Exclusively TYNDP? Congruence of existing regional groups & corridors? Link to infrastructure with 3rd countries?
- Ø **Monitoring of projects' progress:** sufficient provisions? Possibility to circumvent 3-years deadline for authorisation by delaying starting date?

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**Preliminary consideration** of evolving position: general support for guidelines likely including

- ü proposals on permitting procedures (one-stop shop, deadline)
- ü Need for new cost-allocation mechanism,
- ü Public acceptance needs to be addressed as well



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