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Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

The question of energy efficiency and dependence:

As part of the European Commission's 2030 roadmap towards a low-carbon economy, how realistic are low CO2 emission targets in the near future?

Are green energy alternatives to gas and oil imports a successful way towards this goal? Or can nuclear power or/and shale-fuels increase energy efficiency and independence?

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

The question of an ageing society:

How should Europe cope with a greying population and the consequent effects on the labour market, the pension and social welfare system. Which measures should the EU take to rejuvenate society and to keep the European workforce young on average and globally competitive?

Committee on Culture and Education

The question relating to the innovation of higher education:

The EU wants to improve the intercultural and innovative education of young people and encourage social mobility. What can the EU do to ensure that education and mobility of young people will be improved? Should there be a general EU education policy to ensure the same standards in education and skills for those wishing to work within the EU?

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

The question relating to immigration and multi-ethnic societies:

What can the EU do to take responsibility for the imbalanced immigration into member states? How does the EU protect the rights of minority groups and how far should EU member states accept cultural diversity when it conflicts with national cultural practices?

Committee on Foreign Affairs

The question of the involvement of the EU in international conflicts:

Should the EU play an important role in international conflicts only after the cessation of hostilities, or should the EU assume a prominent role in situations whilst violence continues, not leaving that task to individual member states or other international players.

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

The question of how to increase public participation in the EU integration process:

How should the EU address the challenges arising in the aftermath of the European Parliament elections (and others) in 2014 when the political landscape has changed dramatically and a gap seems to have appeared between the political elite and the populations of the memberstates.