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I Committee on Foreign Affairs

The question of external relations in the EU - Following the enlargement of the EU, Eastern partnerships with neighbouring countries have been established, e.g. with Georgia and Moldova. What strategies should the EU adopt to continue these partnerships/negotiations and make them more rewarding?

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/dec/12/solution-to-ukraine-crisi-political-not-economic/print>

II Committee on Regional Development

The question of smart cities - Cities in the Baltic Sea Region are becoming increasingly important to the development in the region. How might they be developed from “pockets of smartness” to becoming genuinely smart?

<http://www.sustainablecities.eu/events>

III Committee on Industry Research and Energy

The question of energy efficiency in the Baltic Sea Region - The region is to a certain extent dependent on energy resources from its strong neighbour Russia. In what ways can the region safeguard energy security and work for greater independence e.g. by diversification of energy supplies?

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Publications/Detail/?lng=en&id=153511>

IV Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

The question of immigration and multi-ethnic societies - What should the EU do to take responsibility for integration within the member states? To what extent should the states accept cultural diversity when it conflicts with national cultural practices?

http://www.mepbsr.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/report_small_coverandback.pdf

“Who are we – Or the crisis of ethno-cultural identity” (Mazur p.52)

V Committee on Culture and Education

The question of educating young people to meet labour market demands - Some young people are not suited satisfactorily for the jobs needed at present. In what ways might education policies be changed or adapted in order to help create a workforce better skilled for the future in a globalised world?

<http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/id/09468.pdf>

VI Committee on Constitutional Affairs

The question of how to bring the citizens of Europe closer to each other and the EU –

In times of crisis many European citizens seem to lose interest in the EU and focus more narrowly on national matters which might be a cause for concern when it comes to further integration. In what ways can this lack of interest be addressed?

<http://ey2013-alliance.eu/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/EUROPEAN-CITIZENSHIP.pdf>