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COMMITTEE ISSUES

POOL A

1. Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

AGRI

The question of innovations to feed the world:

With global demand for agricultural products such as food, feed and fuel rising, how should the EU expand agricultural knowledge and innovation systems around the world?

2. Committee on Legal Affairs

LEGE

The question of the rise of Big Data and the danger of a surveillance state:

Although data is used for the development of knowledge and scientific progress, there are many examples in history of its misuse by the public sector. Given the potential violations of privacy by government agencies are becoming easier with ongoing digitisation of services, how can the EU ensure the responsible use of big data within EU Member States?

3. Committee on International Trade

INTA

The question of The New Silk Road: A pathway to development or a geopolitical threat?

While China's One Belt, One Road Initiative aims to connect and integrate Asian, African and European economies, critics perceive the initiative as a way to foster Chinese hegemony and irreversible shift the balance of power. How can the EU and its Member States seize the initiative's benefits without sacrificing strategic interests, environmental sustainability, and social protection?

4. Committee on Development (DEVE)

The question of post-colonial policies to strategic partnership: a Marshall Plan for Africa.

As Africa is home to the fastest growing economies and population growth rate, it is becoming an increasingly important corner of the ever-changing global geopolitical landscape. In the face of ongoing immigration concerns within Europe and growing Chinese competition globally, what role should the EU development policy and gov international programmes play in shaping the future European African relations?

5. Committee on Industry, Technology and Research

ITRE

The question of The Digital Mind:



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As the apps of Artificial Intelligence for neuroscience continues to be explored, concerns still remain on the implications for privacy, liability, consent, agency, identity, augmentation and bias.

How should the EU look to develop ethical guidelines into policy to address the possible human rights implications of such tech developments.

POOL B

6. Committee on Culture and Education

CULT I

The question of youth empowerment and active participation:

How can young people – at school, work and in civil society - be educated to become active citizens and to have more say in the solution and decision-making processes in their societies and in the EU.

7. Committee on Constitutional Affairs

AFCO

The question of political disenfranchisement:

Recent political movements across Europe and the world suggest that a significant number of people no longer feel represented by mainstream parties and politics. Are there systemic problems causing citizens to feel left behind and support populist views? Or has growing fragmentation in modern society led to a social problem that needs addressing? How can European countries deal with this rising sense of anger and fear among voters? How can governments be held accountable?

8. Committee on Security and Defense

AFET/SEDE

The question of Europe's peace keeping role:

Crises such as the ones in Ukraine and Syria once again shed light on the soft power foreign policy of European states and their seeming failure to form a cohesive response to critical events. In the light of a change of US foreign policy, how can European countries turn into a force that protects human rights and ensures peace and security in the most vulnerable, war-torn parts of the world?

9. Committee on Economic Affairs

ECON

The question of income disparity in the Europe Union:

The poorest 20% of the European population have 5 times less income at their disposal than the top 20% indicating an alarming tendency towards income disparity and social exclusion. With nearly one in four European citizens living at risk of poverty or social exclusion, how can European countries change this trend and improve the quality of living of individuals in



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the lower parts of the wealth distribution chain? Can the system of a basic income tested in Finland and other parts of the world be an answer?

10. Committee on Culture and Education

CULT II

The question of 21st century skills, education and rural challenges:

How can the EU best support and create initiatives, such as but not limited to Open Education, to empower European rural youth and create sustainability for rural areas?