

The Week Ahead 11 – 17 November 2019

Agenda

Commissioners-designate hearings, plenary and committee meetings, Brussels

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Hearings

Hearings of new Commissioners-designate. The hearings of the new Commissioners-designate Oliver Várhelyi (Neighbourhood and Enlargement), Adina-Ioana Vălean (Transport), and Thierry Breton (Internal Market) will take place on 14 November. Each of them will face a three-hour hearing where MEPs will examine whether they are qualified to be Member of the College of Commissioners, to carry out their assigned duties and to deliver on the programme that President-elect Ursula von der Leyen presented to MEPs in July. (*Thursday*)

Plenary

Fall of the BerlinWall. In a solemn sitting at the beginning of the plenary session, Parliament will mark the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989. EP President David Sassoli and German Bundestag's President Wolfgang Schäuble will address MEPs (*Wednesday*).

Sex education in Poland. Parliament will vote on a resolution on the criminalisation of sex education in Poland. During the debate in the last plenary session, many MEPs voiced concerns regarding the proposed legislation, calling on the Polish government to change or withdraw it (*Thursday*).

Migration. MEPs will discuss the situation of migration in the hotspots on the Greek islands as well as in Bosnia with the Commission and the Finnish Council Presidency (*Thursday*).

Support for former Carrefour Belgium workers. MEPs are set to back mobilising €1.6 million to help 400 former workers of Carrefour Belgium who have been made redundant due to rise in online shopping, helping them find new jobs by providing occupational guidance and vocational training (*Thursday*).

Children's rights. Ahead of the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20 November, MEPs will discuss progress made over the past three decades and reflect on the new challenges children and youth face. A resolution will be put to the vote during the Strasbourg session end of November (*Wednesday*).

Turkish drilling activities. MEPs will discuss the latest developments and rising tensions among Eastern Mediterranean countries following Turkey's offshore drilling activities in the Cyprus Exclusive Economic Zone (*Wednesday*).

Committees

2020 EU Budget. MEPs and EU governments will continue talks to find an agreement on the EU budget for 2020. Parliament wants investments for climate protection, the Youth Employment Initiative and Erasmus+ as well as to support SMEs, research, digitalisation, migration and external policy, including development and humanitarian aid (*all week*).



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President's diary. On Tuesday, President David Sassoli will meet Commissioners-designate Olivér Várhelyi and Thierry Breton. On Wednesday he will meet Commissioner Julian King, Wolfgang Schäuble, President of the German Bundestag and Giuseppe Provenzano, Minister for Southern Italy. He will also attend the exhibition on the 30th Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution. On Thursday, President Sassoli will meet Commissioner-designate Janez Lenarcic,

Press seminar on EP priorities. The EP Press Service organises a seminar for journalists from member states on “A new political agenda for Europe: the priorities of the European Parliament group leaders” with EP President Sassoli and the leaders of EP political groups (*Tuesday and Wednesday*).

Press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on the week's activities at 11.00 on Monday (Anna Politkovskaya room, press centre, Brussels).

[EP Press service contacts](#)

Monday 11/11/2019

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Briefing on parliamentary agenda

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

Subcommittee on Human Rights

- Exchange of views with women defending environmental, land and indigenous peoples rights in Latin America (Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico)
- Exchange of views on the human rights and humanitarian situation in north-eastern Syria (**16.30–17.45**) - *Jointly with the Committee on Development*
- Exchange of views with Ali Bin Samikh Al Marri, President of Qatar National Human Rights Committee (**17.45–18.30**)

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2*

Committee on Budgetary Control

16h30 à 18h00

- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission (DEC) - Rapporteur: Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE) - Exchange of views with Johannes HAHN, Commissioner responsible for Regional Policy in the presence of ECA member Tony MURPHY

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3*

Committee on Fisheries

- European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) - Exchange of views with Pascal SAVOURET, Executive Director, on the work programme for 2020

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2*

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Debates

- Progress Report on the Implementation of the European Agenda for Migration - presentation by Michael SHOTTER, Director for Migration and Protection, DG HOME, European Commission (**15.00-16.00**)
- 20th Security Union Progress Report - presentation by Julian KING, Commissionr for Security Union (**16.00-17.30**)

Joint debate

- European Production and Preservation Orders for electronic evidence in criminal matters 2018/0108(COD) and Harmonised rules on the appointment of legal representatives for the purpose of gathering evidence in criminal proceedings 2018/0107(COD) - consideration of two draft reports, rapporteur Birgit SIPPEL (S&D, DE) (**17.30-18.30**)

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15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2*

Committee on Petitions

Draft agenda is available [here](#).

Tuesday 12/11/2019

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

- 14:15 Interview with Euronews (Agora)
- 15:00 Press seminar, A new political agenda for Europe
- 16:00 Meeting with Hungarian commissioner-designate, Ambassador Olivér Várhelyi
- 17:30 Meeting with Commissioner-designate Breton
- 18:00 Meeting with Mr Pardini, President of Coldiretti

PRESS CONFERENCES

13:00-13:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

“Accidental Americans: FATCA and its extraterritorial impact on EU citizens”

Jude KIRTON-DARLING (S&D, UK), Sophia in 't VELD (RE, NL), and Jude RYAN

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

Subcommittee on Human Rights

- Exchange of views on the recent developments in Lebanon (**15.30–18.30**)

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2*

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

- Public hearing on European Space Security and Defence: What action at EU level to address militarisation of space and race for resources? with Olivier ZAJEC, Director of the Institute for Strategy and Defence Studies (IESD), Université Jean Moulin Lyon III; Pascal CLAUDEL, Chief Operating Officer, European GNSS Agency (GSA); Dr. Carine CLAEYS, EU Special Envoy for Space, EEAS; Simonetta DI PIPPO, UNOOSA Director, United Nations.
- Exchange of views on countering hybrid threats - *In association with the Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee and with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries*
- Security and strategic implications of Turkey's military operations in North East Syria

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3*

Committee on Budgets

09:15-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2

Committee on Budgetary Control

9.15 – 12.30

- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - NL nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Tomáš ZDECHOVSKY (EPP, CZ) – Hearing of Alex BRENNINKMEIJER, candidate nominated by Netherlands (renewal of mandate)
- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - FR nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Isabel GARCIA MUNOZ (S&D, ES) – Hearing of François-Roger CAZALA, candidate nominated by France
- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - LU nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Olivier CHASTEL (Renew, BE) – Hearing of Joelle ELVINGER, candidate nominated by Luxembourg
- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - DE nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Tomáš ZDECHOVSKY (EPP, CZ) - Hearing of Klaus-Heiner LEHNE, candidate nominated by Germany (renewal of mandate)
- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - EL nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Sándor RONAI (S&D, HU) – Hearing of Nikolaos MILIONIS, candidate nominated by Greece (renewal of mandate)

In camera

- Evaluation, votes and adoption of draft reports

09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

(09.00-12.30)

- Presentation on the Energy Community and the ongoing revision of the Treaty establishing the Energy Community
- Exchange of views with BEREC Chair 2019, Jeremy GODFREY, BEREC Chair 2020, Dan SJÖBLOM and the Director of the Agency for Support for BEREC, László IGNÉCZO
- Exchange of views with the President of the European Research Council (ERC), Professor Jean-Pierre BOURGUIGNON and with an ERC Advanced Grantee, Professor Antje BOETIUS, Director of the Alfred Wegener Institute

(14.30-18.30)

- Presentation of the Annual Market Monitoring Report and exchange of views with Alberto POTOTSCHNIG, Director of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)
- Statement of the ACER Director-designate, Christian ZINGLERSEN, and exchange of views with ITRE Members
- Presentation by the Commission of the Report on Competition Policy 2018, in particular digital and energy sectors and state aid guidelines for energy

09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Committee on Fisheries

Votes

- Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and the Implementation Protocol thereto (NLE) -

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- adoption of draft recommendation (consent) by Carmen Avram (S&D, RO)
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (COD) - vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations, rapporteur Francisco José Millán Mon (EPP, ES)

Hearing

- Facing the new challenges of the EU fisheries control system

This hearing is important in order to receive inputs from experts in the field, in view of preparing the draft report on the Commission proposal for a revision of the EU Fisheries Control System. The hearing will focus on the weaknesses of the current EU fisheries control system.

09:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Vote (11.00-11.30)

- Conclusion of new protocol to the agreement on asylum applications and Eurodac with Switzerland and Liechtenstein (NLE) - adoption of draft report, rapporteur Jadwiga WIŚNIEWSKA (ECR, PL)

Debates

- Europol Internet Organised Crime Threat Assessment (IOCTA) 2019 - presentation by Will Van GEMERT, Deputy Director **(09.30-10.30)**

Joint debate with the Committee on Development (DEVE) and the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) (14.30-15.30)

- DEVE-LIBE-DROI delegation to the global Refugee Forum in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16-18 December 2019 - exchange of views with Daniel ENDRES, Director for the Global Refugee Forum, UNHCR
- Report on the implementation of the EU Directive on the right of access to a lawyer in criminal proceedings and in European arrest warrant proceedings, and on the right to contact third persons upon deprivation of liberty - presentation by the Commission **(15.30-16.00)**
- Recent actions by the Russian Federation against Lithuanian judges, prosecutors and investigators involved in investigating the tragic events on 13 January 1991 in Vilnius - exchange of views with Elvinas JANKEVIČIUS, Minister of Justice of Lithuania **(16.00-17.00)**
- European Court of Auditors (ECA) Briefing paper "Challenge to effective Cybersecurity policies" - presentation by Baudilio Tomé MUGURUZA, Reporting Member **(17.00-18.00)**

11:30-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Debates (14.30-18.30)

- The withdrawal of the UK from the European Union - state of play - exchange of views
- The Conference on the Future of Europe and the role of the European Parliament

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09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2*

Committee on Petitions

Vote (10.00)

- European Ombudsman 2018 Annual Report (INI), adoption of a draft report, rapporteur Peter JAHR (EPP, DE)

Hearing (10.15-12.30)

- "FATCA and its extraterritorial impact on EU citizens" The aim of the hearing is to facilitate an exchange of views between the various stakeholders and listen to the issues faced by EU citizens affected by the US Foreign Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). Draft programme and further information is available [here](#).

DELEGATIONS

09:00-19:00

FEMM-DEVE delegation to the ICPD25 Summit in Nairobi, Kenya

Nairobi, Kenya

12-14 November 2019

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Wednesday 13/11/2019

PLENARY SESSION

15:00 - 23:00 Debates

- **Resumption of session**
- **30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall**
[2019/2827(RSP)]
- **Order of business**
- **Turkish drilling activities in EU waters in the Eastern Mediterranean**
[2019/2875(RSP)]
- **Children rights in occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child**
[2019/2876(RSP)]
- **Situation in Bolivia**
[2019/2896(RSP)]
- **International day to end impunity for crimes against journalists**
[2019/2878(RSP)]
- **Resurgence of Ebola in East Africa**
[2019/2897(RSP)]
- **One-minute speeches (Rule 172)**

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

09:00 Meeting with Commissioner for Migration and Home affairs Mr Julian King

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- 10:00 Interview with TVE
- 12:00 Meeting with President of the German Bundestag, Mr Schäuble
- 14:45 Greeting and photo with Musica Mundi young musicians (Plenary)
- 15:00 Solemn session with President of the German Bundestag, Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble (Plenary)
- 17:00 Meeting with Mr Cesare Felice Giuliani, President of the National Council of Notaries
- 17:30 Exhibition on the 30th Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution (Yehudi Menuhin)
- 18:30 Meeting with Mr Provenzano, Minister for Southern Italy and Territorial Cohesion

PRESS CONFERENCES

12:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

“30 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall: some old borders fell, are new borders emerging?”

Maite PAGAZAURTUNDÚA (RE, ES), and Luis GARICANO (RE, ES)

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Thursday 14/11/2019

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:20 Debates

- **Situation of migrants in Bosnia, in particular in Bihać**
[2019/2900(RSP)]
- **Situation in the hotspots on the Greek islands, in particular the case of Moria**
[2019/2898(RSP)]

11:30 - 13:30 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- * • **Distance sales of goods and certain domestic supplies of goods**
Report: Ondřej Kovařík (A9-0019/2019)
[2018/0415(CNS)]
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - EGF/2019/001 BE/Carrefour - Belgium**
Report: José Manuel Fernandes
[2019/2114(BUD)]
Committee on Budgets
- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Genetically modified cotton LLCotton25 (ACS-GHØØ1-3)**
[2019/2856(RSP)]
- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Genetically modified soybean MON 89788 (MON-89788-1)**
[2019/2857(RSP)]
- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: renewing the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape T45, resulting from the commercialisation of this oilseed rape in third countries until 2005**
[2019/2858(RSP)]

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- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Genetically modified maize MON 89034 × 1507 × NK603 × DAS-40278-9 and sub-combinations MON 89034 × NK603 × DAS-40278-9, 1507 × NK603 × DAS-40278-9 and NK603 × DAS-40278-9**
[2019/2859(RSP)]
- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Genetically modified maize Bt11 × MIR162 × MIR604 × 1507 × 5307 × GA21 and genetically modified maize combining two, three, four or five of the single events Bt11, MIR162, MIR604, 1507, 5307 and GA21**
[2019/2860(RSP)]
- **Criminalisation of sexual education in Poland**
[2019/2891(RSP)]

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

09:00 National Voluntary Association Telefono Rosa

15:30 Meeting with General Zafarana, head of the Guardia di Finanza

16:30 Meeting with Mr Janez Lenarcic, Commissioner Designate for Crisis Response FOTO

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Friday 15/11/2019

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Peace Festival, Brescia