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## Ailing banks: Parliament will be asked to back ambitious approach

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The "single resolution mechanism", with the related bank-financed fund, is the last of the three steps needed for the launch of banking union, a project that seeks to make banks safer with better supervision, protect depositors' savings and ensure that taxpayers are no longer the first in line to pick up the tab when banks run into trouble.

The lead MEPs negotiating the mechanism fear that some governments lack any real ambition to set up an effective system, preferring instead to politicise the decision-making processes for providing financial assistance from the fund and for deciding which banks need to be closed or restructured. The MEPs argue that since a strong EU supervisory system has been set up an equally strong one must be developed for dealing with ailing banks.

A negotiating session between Parliament and Council negotiators will take place on Wednesday.

*Procedure: co-decision, vote on text as amended without voting on legislative resolution*

### Further information

[Draft report on the establishment of a single resolution mechanism and fund](#)

[Press release after the vote in committee \(17.12.2013\)](#)

[Letter from the ECON committee, on the use of an intergovernmental process](#)

[Letter by the EP President to the Commission President on the single resolution mechanism and fund](#)

[Profile of the rapporteur: Elisa Ferreira \(S&D, PT\)](#)

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## MEPs to vote to ease air travel for passengers

**MEPs will fine-tune a draft law which to make it easier for air passengers to get compensation for long delays and damaged or lost baggage in a vote on Wednesday. The revised rules would also govern information and assistance duties, rerouting, and reimbursement.**

Draft amendments tabled would require every airline to have a designated person at the airport to inform and help passengers on the spot in the event of delays, cancellation, or lost or delayed baggage.

Airlines would also have to arrange alternative routing where appropriate and hand standard forms to passengers who wish to lodge complaints. If an airline fails to respond to a complaint within 2 months, then it would be deemed to have accepted the compensation claim..

Information on luggage allowances would have to be clearly indicated early in the booking procedure and at check-in. Free-of-charge cabin luggage would also include a coat, a handbag and one bag of airport shopping, in addition to the set cabin baggage allowance, according to the amended proposal.

The draft law also aims to ensure that passengers are not be prevented from boarding a return flight even if they have not used the outward journey of their ticket.

*Debate: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Vote: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Procedure: co-decision (ordinary legislative procedure), first reading*

[\*\*#AirPassengerRights\*\*](#)

### Further information

[Draft report](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(17.12.2013\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Georges Bach \(EPP, LU\)](#)

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## Financial market fraud: offenders could face at least four years in jail

**Judges imposing their countries' maximum penalties for serious offences such as insider dealing would have to stipulate at least four years in jail under draft rules to be put to a vote on Tuesday. These rules, already informally agreed with member state negotiators, aim to restore confidence in the EU's financial markets and improve investor protection.**

The draft rules would lay down tougher criminal penalties, including prison terms, for serious market abuses such as insider dealing, market manipulation and unlawful disclosure of information.

To ensure that these penalties apply EU-wide, all member states would have to require their judges to sentence maximum penalty offenders to no less than four years in jail for the most serious forms of insider dealing or market manipulation and no less than two years for improper disclosure of information.

Under the new rules, judges would have to treat insider dealing and market manipulation, and also inciting, aiding or abetting them, as criminal offences. Attempting to breach financial market regulations could also be treated as a punishable offence.

*Debate: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Vote: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Procedure: Co-decision (Ordinary Legislative Procedure), first reading agreement*

*Press conference: Tuesday, 4 February, at 15.30*

*#criminalsanctions #financialmarket #fraud*

## Further information

[Draft report on criminal sanctions for insider dealing and market manipulation](#)

[Press release after the deal with the Council \(20.12.2013\)](#)

[Profile of the rapporteur: Arlene McCarthy \(S&D, UK\)](#)

[Profile of the rapporteur: Emine Bozkurt \(S&D, NL\)](#)

[Legislative Observatory File for the Market Abuse Directive](#)

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# Crisis in Ukraine and EU-Russia relations ahead of Sochi in the spotlight

**MEPs will debate the political crisis in Ukraine and last Tuesday's EU-Russia summit on Wednesday with the Council and Commission. A delegation of MEPs visited Kiev on 28 and 30 January.**

The EU-Russia summit, held in Brussels and bringing together Presidents Herman Van Rompuy, Jose Manuel Barroso and Vladimir Putin, addressed key security and foreign affairs challenges in the run-up to the Sochi Olympics, including tensions in the EU's and Russia's shared neighbourhood, Syria, Iran and trade-related issues. Parliament will pass a resolution on both countries on Thursday, the day before the opening ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games in Sochi.

*Debate: Wednesday 5 February*

*Vote: Thursday 6 February*

*Procedure: Council and Commission statement (with resolution)*

**#Russia #Ukraine #Sochi #EU-Russia**

## Further information

[32nd EU-Russia summit: video recording of the press conference \(28.01.2014\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[Audiovisual material for journalists of MEPs mission to Ukraine 28-30 January](#)

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## Syria and Egypt: MEPs to call on EU to do more

**The continuing plight of civilians in Syria, despite the start of the Geneva II peace talks; and the forthcoming presidential elections in Egypt and trial of the ousted Egyptian president Morsi will be in the spotlight during Wednesday's foreign affairs debate. MEPs are expected to call on the EU to step up its engagement.**

MEPs will vote on resolutions on Syria and Egypt on Thursday.

*Debate: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Votes: Thursday, 6 February*

*Procedure: High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Statement (with resolutions)*

*#Russia #Ukraine #Sochi #EU-Russia*

### **Further information**

[Procedure file – Situation in Syria](#)

[Procedure file – Situation in Egypt](#)

[Council conclusions on Syria \(20.01.2014\)](#)

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## Vote on licensing EU-wide online music services

**Online service providers wanting to offer new cross-border or EU-wide online music services would find it easier to get licences under a draft law to be voted on Tuesday. The law, already informally agreed with the Council, should also ensure that artists' rights are better protected and their royalties paid promptly.**

The law would facilitate cross-border licensing of authors' rights in musical works, so as to break down trade barriers dividing the EU's online music services market. It would also lay down rules for the governance, management of rights revenue, and transparency of all collective management organisations.

*Debate: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Vote: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Procedure: Co-decision (Ordinary Legislative Procedure), first reading agreement*

*Press conference: Tuesday 4 February, 16.00*

*#copyrights #copyright #musicrights*

### Further information

[Draft report on collective management of copyright and multi-territorial licensing](#)

[Press release after the deal with the Council \(05.11.2013\)](#)

[Profile of the rapporteur: Marielle Gallo \(EPP, FR\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[European Commission Memo](#)

[EP Library Briefing: Collective rights management of online music](#)

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# Formal sitting with Italy's President Giorgio Napolitano

**Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Italian Republic and former chair of the European Parliament Committee on Constitutional Affairs, will deliver a formal address to Members on Tuesday at noon.**

He last visited the European Parliament in February 2007. Italy will hold the EU's rotating Presidency from July.

*Debate: Tuesday, 4 February 2014 at noon*

*Procedure: formal Sitting*

*#Italy #Napolitano*

## **Further information**

[Biography of Giorgio Napolitano, official website of the President of the Italian Republic](#)

[Visiting heads of state in Parliament since 1979 \(interactive map\)](#)

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## Better social rights and working conditions for seasonal workers in the EU

**Non-EU seasonal workers will benefit from better working and living conditions, including proper accommodation, under a draft law to be voted by the full Parliament on Wednesday. The new rules, already agreed by EP and Council negotiators, aim both to end exploitation and to prevent temporary stays becoming permanent. The European Commission estimates that over 100,000 third-country seasonal workers come to the EU every year.**

These rules, the first to be agreed at EU level on seasonal work, will not affect the right of member states to decide how many seasonal workers they allow in. Each member state will be required to fix a maximum length of stay for seasonal workers, which can be between 5 and 9 months over a 12 month period. Seasonal workers will be able to extend their contracts or change employers within that limit.

### **Work contract and decent accommodation**

Under the EP-Council deal, any application to enter the EU as a seasonal worker will have to include a work contract or a binding job offer specifying essentials such as pay and working hours. At MEPs' request, it will also include evidence that the worker will have appropriate accommodation. Where accommodation is arranged by the employer, the rent must not be excessive or be automatically deducted from a worker's wage, says the agreed text.

### **Equal treatment**

The deal says non-EU seasonal workers will have the same rights as EU nationals as regards minimum working age, pay, dismissal, working hours, holidays, and health and safety requirements. They will also have the right to join a trade union and have access to social security, pensions, training, advice on seasonal work offered by employment offices and other public services, except for public housing. The new rules will also speed up procedures for returning applicants.

*Debate: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Vote: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Procedure: Co-decision (Ordinary Legislative Procedure), first reading agreement*

*Press conference: Wednesday, 5 February at 15.00*

*#seasonalworkers [#SocialRights](#) #workingconditions*

## Further information

[Draft report on entry conditions and social rights of seasonal workers](#)

[Press release on EP-Council deal](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Claude Moraes \(S&D, UK\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

## Sharpening EU trade defence tools

**Plans to sharpen EU trade defence tools against dumped or subsidized imports will be put to a vote on Wednesday. They will make it easier for small EU firms to build a case halting unfair competition from third countries and reduce anti-dumping investigation times to enable the EU to respond faster.**

EU trade defence law, including anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures, is currently being overhauled to adjust it to changes in global trade patterns. Most of the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures taken by the EU have been against China.

*Debate: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Vote: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Procedure: Co-decision (Ordinary legislative procedure)*

*Press conference: Wednesday 5 February, 14.00*

*#antidumping #subsidised #imports*

### Further information

[Draft report on Protection against dumped and subsidised imports from non EU countries](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(21.01.2014\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Christofer Fjellner \(EPP, SE\)](#)

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[EU Commission animation clip explaining trade defence instruments](#)

## MEPs want binding climate targets of 40% CO2 cuts and 30% renewables by 2030

**MEPs call in a non-binding resolution, tabled jointly by the environment and energy committees and to be voted on Wednesday, for a 40% cut in CO2 emissions, a 30% target for renewable energy and a 40% target for energy efficiency by 2030. These targets should be binding, they will say, in contrast to the lower targets proposed by the European Commission on the 22 January.**

MEPs will give a mixed response to the proposals for the EU's long-term goals for tackling climate change announced by the Commission. The 2030 framework builds on the existing climate and energy package of targets for 2020 as well as the Commission's 2050 roadmaps for energy and for a competitive low-carbon economy.

*Debate: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Vote: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Procedure: Non-legislative resolution*

*Press conference: Wednesday, 5 February 14.00 tbc*

*#EU2030 [#EU2030#climate](#) [#energy](#)*

### Further information

[Draft report on a 2030 framework for climate and energy policies](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(22.01.2014\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Anne Delvaux \(EPP, BE\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Konrad Szymański \(ECR, PL\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EC press release: 2030 climate and energy goals for a competitive, secure and low-carbon EU economy](#)



## Proposals to ease formalities for people moving to a different EU country

**MEPS vote on Tuesday on proposals designed to save time and money for people moving to a different EU country. The new rules would simplify procedures for proving the authenticity of certain public legal documents such as birth or marriage certificates. Standard multilingual forms would also be offered as an alternative to national forms, in order to cut translation costs.**

The new rules would abolish “legalization” and “apostille” procedures currently required to prove that certain public documents are genuine and facilitate the acceptance of copies and translations. Optional standard multilingual EU forms (proving birth, death, marriage, registered partnership, and legal status and representation of a company or other undertaking) would also be available. The legal affairs committee proposes adding a further 11 standard forms.

*Debate: Monday, 3 February*

*Vote: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Procedure: Co-decision (Ordinary Legislative Procedure), first reading*

*Press conference: Tuesday 4 February, at 9:30*

*#freemovement #publicdocuments*

### **Further information**

[Draft report on simplifying the acceptance of certain public documents](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Bernhard Rapkay \(S&D, DE\)](#)

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/1906/BERNHARD\\_RAPKAY\\_home.html](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/1906/BERNHARD_RAPKAY_home.html)

## Steel industry: MEPs to call for anti-crisis measures

**EU and national measures are needed to help Europe's steel industry survive the crisis and prepare for recovery, says a draft resolution to be voted on Tuesday. The crisis has halved Europe's share of world steel output and led to 65,000 job losses in the past few years.**

The EU steel industry now employs about 350,000 people and is still the world's second-largest steel producer. But it currently faces falling demand, rising energy prices and higher operating costs than its competitors abroad. MEPs are expected to call for measures to boost demand, make energy more affordable and reliable and step up steel-related research and innovation.

The report is Parliament's reaction to the European Commission's action plan for the steel sector, published June 2013.

*Vote: Tuesday 4, February*

*Procedure: Non-legislative resolution*

*#steel*

### Further information

[Draft resolution on an action plan for the steel industry in Europe](#)

[Press release: Commission action plan for the steel industry](#)

[Profile of rapporteur András Gyürk \(EPP, HU\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

# Parliament to press for progress on financial transaction tax

**The latest developments in talks on introducing a financial transaction tax in some EU member states will be debated with the Council and the Commission on Tuesday afternoon.**

The Commission's draft rules for enhanced cooperation among member states to introduce the tax were approved by Parliament in 2012 and 2013, but the Council has yet to act on them.

*Debate: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Procedure: Council and Commission statements*

## Further information

[Press release on enhanced cooperation in the area of FTT \(03.07.2013\)](#)

[Procedure File on a common system of financial transaction tax](#)

[Procedure file on enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax](#)

[Procedure File on implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of FTT](#)

# Online shopping: MEPs to call for more reliable parcel delivery in the EU

**Price comparison websites, flexible pick-up points, letter boxes designed to hold parcels ordered on line and track-and-trace tools enabling clients to follow the progress of their deliveries could make parcel deliveries in the EU easier, cheaper and more reliable, MEPs say in a draft resolution to be voted on Tuesday.**

Almost one in two shoppers list concerns about possible non-delivery, damaged goods or uncertainty about return policies as reasons for not shopping online. The non-binding resolution by MEP Pablo Arias Echeverria (EPP, ES) sets out Parliament's recommendations to improve the EU parcel delivery market so as to build confidence in online shopping.

*Debate: Monday, 3 February*

*Vote: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Procedure: Non-legislative resolution*

*#parceldelivery*

## Further information

[Draft resolution on an integrated parcel delivery market for the growth of e-commerce:](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Pablo Arias Echeverria \(EPP, ES\):](#)

[Procedure file](#)

## Fundamental rights of LGBTI people in the EU

**The EU should set up a roadmap to protect the fundamental rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people, says a resolution to be put to a vote on Tuesday. In last year's EU LGBT survey, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency found that 47% of LGBT people felt discriminated against or harassed and 26% were physically attacked in the previous year in the EU.**

In a resolution adopted by 40 votes to 2, with 6 abstentions, the civil liberties committee strongly regrets that the fundamental rights of LGBTI people are not yet always fully upheld in the EU and calls on the Commission, member states and EU agencies to work jointly on a "comprehensive multiannual policy" – i.e. a roadmap, a strategy or an action plan – to protect their fundamental rights, in areas such as employment, education, health, goods and services, families and freedom of movement, freedom of expression, hate crime and asylum.

The resolution clearly states that this comprehensive policy must respect member states' competences.

*Debate: Monday, 3 February*

*Vote: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Procedure: non-legislative resolution*

*Press conference: Tuesday, 4 February at 15.00*

*#LGBT #homophobia*

### Further information

[EU roadmap against homophobia and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(17.12.2013\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Ulrike Lunacek \(Greens/EFA, AT\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EU Fundamental Rights Agency's LGBT survey \(17.05.2013\)](#)

[The European Union and rights of LGBT people \(briefing by the EP Research Service\)](#)

## FYRoM, Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina: MEPs assess progress in 2013

**MEPs will again urge the Council to set a date for starting EU accession negotiations with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to back plans for further talks with Montenegro and to call on EU leaders to show more commitment to Bosnia and Herzegovina, when they review the progress of these three countries in 2013 with the Council and Commission on Wednesday.**

The House will vote on Thursday on resolutions on each country tabled by the foreign affairs committee.

*Debate: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Vote: Thursday, 6 February Procedure: Council and Commission statement (with resolutions)*

*#FYROM #BiH#Bosnia#Montenegro*

### Further information

[Press release on the committee vote \(21/01/2014\)](#)

[Richard Howitt \(S&D, UK\) – profile of the rapporteur for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#)

[Charles Tannock \(ECR, UK\) – profile of the rapporteur for Montenegro](#)

[Doris Pack \(EPP, DE\) – profile of the rapporteur on Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

[Procedure file - former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia](#)

[Procedure file – Montenegro](#)

[Procedure file - Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

## Syrian refugees in Bulgaria

**The growing number of Syrian refugees arriving in Bulgaria will be debated with the Council and Commission on Wednesday afternoon. A Civil Liberties Committee delegation was in Bulgaria from 20 to 22 January to assess the situation of asylum seekers and refugees there. Between January 2013 and the start of December, 9,100 people applied for international protection in Bulgaria, about half of whom claimed to come from Syria, says the UN Refugee Agency.**

The Civil Liberties Committee delegation to Bulgaria was led by Frank Engel (EPP, LU), and included Sylvie Guillaume (S&D, FR), Svetoslav Hristov Malinov (EPP, BG), Mariya Gabriel (EPP, BG), Iliana Malinova Iotova (S&D, BG) and Stanimir Ilchev (ALDE, BG).

*Debate: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Procedure: Council and Commission statements followed by debate*

### **Further information**

[Press release on the Civil Liberties delegation to Bulgaria](#)

## MEPs debate deaths of refugees during alleged "push backs" off the Greek coast

**The recent deaths of 12 refugees who drowned when their vessel sank while being towed by the Greek Coast Guard will be debated by MEPs, Council and Commission representatives on Wednesday evening. According to the survivors, the boat was being towed towards the Turkish coast when it capsized.**

However, the Greek authorities said it was being taken to the Greek island of Farmakonisi as part of a rescue operation.

*Debate: Wednesday, 5 February*

*Procedure: Council and Commission statements followed by debate*



## MEPs say rules on labelling country of origin of meat could confuse consumers

**MEPs will decide whether to oppose or not draft rules requiring food labels to carry information on the place of origin of animals and poultry on the grounds that they could mislead consumers, in a resolution to be voted on Thursday.**

Following recent food fraud scandals and consumers' concerns over the origin of meat, MEPs will demand that the labels on fresh, chilled and frozen pork, sheep, goat and poultry products must state where the animals were born, as well as the countries where they were reared and slaughtered. The environment committee objects that the new rules would allow labels to state that pigs were reared in a member country after spending four months there and poultry after one month.

*Vote: Thursday, 6 February*

*#labelling #meat*

### **Further information**

[Press release on committee vote \(22.01.2014\)](#)

[Profile of objection initiator Glenis Willmott \(S&D, UK\)](#)

## Vote on Klaus-Heiner Lehne's European Court of Auditors nomination

The nomination of MEP Klaus-Heiner Lehne (EPP, DE) as the German member of the European Court of Auditors on will be put to a vote on Tuesday. If Parliament confirms his nomination, Mr Lehne will take up his new duties in the Luxembourg-based court after the Council seals the appointment. Mr Lehne's nomination was endorsed by an overwhelming majority in committee.

*Vote: Tuesday, 4 February*

*Procedure: consultation*

*#EUauditorsECA #Germany*

### Further information

[Press release on committee vote \(23.01.2014\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Inés Ayala Sender \(S&D, ES\)](#)

[Klaus-Heiner Lehne \(EPP, DE\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

## EU help to kick-start Greenland's diamond industry

**A draft law that would treat Greenland as a part of the EU for diamond trading purposes will be put to a plenary vote on Tuesday. This law would enable Greenland to join the international “Kimberley process” diamond trading scheme and help it to attract investors to its nascent mining industry, On Wednesday MEPs will vote their position on legislation laying down rules for the EU-Greenland partnership in 2014-2020.**

Greenland, as one of the EU's 26 “overseas countries and territories” (OCTs), is party to an association agreement which aims to help the OCTs to enhance to their economic competitiveness and resilience by improving trade arrangements with the EU.

*Votes: Tuesday, 4 February (Diamonds); Wednesday, 5 February (EU-Greenland partnership)*

*Procedure: Ordinary legislative procedure; Consultation*

**#Greenland**

### Further information

[Draft resolution on inclusion of Greenland in the Kimberley Process certification scheme](#)  
[Draft report on EU/Greenland/Denmark partnership](#)  
[Press release on committee vote \(18.12.2013\)](#)  
[Profile of rapporteur Vital Moreira \(S&D, PT\)](#)  
[Profile of rapporteur Ricardo CORTÉS LASTRA \(S&D, ES\)](#)  
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## Other topics on the agenda

### Other topics for debate and vote include the following:

- Europe's role in the Central African Republic, VPC/HR statement, *Thursday*
- UN Arms Trade Treaty, *debate Tuesday, vote Wednesday (D Martin, consent & resolution)*
- Insolvency proceedings, *vote Wednesday (Lehne)*
- Insurance of natural and man-made disasters, *vote Wednesday (Terho, INI)*
- Fisheries protocol and partnership EU-Gabon, *vote Wednesday (Ferreira)*
- Implementation of the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive, *debate Monday, vote Tuesday (INI, Rochefort)*
- Future of small farms, *debate Monday, vote Tuesday, (Siekierski, INI)*
- Undocumented women migrants in the EU, *debate Monday, vote Tuesday, (Nicolai, INI)*
- Migration to Union-wide credit transfers and direct debits (IBAN SEPA), *vote Tuesday, (Bowles)*
- Appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank, *vote Wednesday (Bowles)*
- Elimination of female genital mutilation, *debate and vote Thursday (OQ)*
- NAIADES programme to support inland waterway transport, *debate and vote Thursday (OQ)*
- Request for the defence of parliamentary immunity of Lara Comi, *vote Tuesday (Rapkay)*
- Parliament's calendar of part-sessions - 2015, *vote Wednesday*