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The text drafted by the environment committee calls for three binding targets: a 40% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, a 40% energy-efficiency target and a 30% target for renewable energy. It also wants global carbon emissions to be phased out by 2050, or shortly thereafter, so as to keep the world on a cost-effective emission trajectory compatible with the below 2 °C target.

*Procedure: Non-legislative resolution*

[2015/0275\(RSP\)](#)

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### Further information

[Draft resolution](#)

[Press release after committee vote](#)

[Story webcomm: COP21: the road leading to the vital climate change conference in Paris](#)

[EP Research: Developments in international climate policy](#)

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[EP Research study: EU approach to the Paris climate conference](#)

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European Parliament President Martin Schulz will address the European Council on Thursday, followed by a press conference.

### Tackling the most serious refugee crisis since World War II

MEPs expect more ambition and action from EU leaders, who will discuss migration in all its aspects (internal and external) at the summit, tacking stock of the impact of recently-approved [emergency measures](#) for asylum seekers stranded in Greece and Italy. They will also discuss preparations of the 11-12 November [Valletta summit](#), where EU and African countries are to discuss common solutions to migration challenges.

Recent developments and alliances in the civil war in Syria and the situation in Turkey are also expected to be added to the summit agenda.

### Economic and Monetary Union

MEPs are likely to table their ideas for improvements to today's Eurozone governance rules, such as those set out in a [resolution](#) drafted by Pervenche Berès (S&D, FR) and will also reflect on the so-called "[Five Presidents](#)" [report](#) of which President Schulz was a co-author.

### UK referendum: in or out?

Members might quiz Council and Commission on the process ahead concerning the UK plans of a referendum on whether to stay in or leave the European Union. [EU Treaty Article 50](#) allows any EU member state to decide to withdraw from the Union.

*Procedure: Council and Commission statements followed by debate*

[2015/2768\(RSP\)](#)

*Debate: Wednesday, 14 October*

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## Further information

[European Council, 15-16 October 2015 - Agenda highlights](#)

[Report on Council Council position on Draft amending budget No 7/2015](#)

[Plenary debate on refugees' crisis: MEPs call for humanitarian response and overhaul of asylum rules \(06.10.2015\)](#)

[Possible implications of the UK exit referendum: VOD on the institutional affairs committee debate \(03.09.2015\)](#)

[Audiovisual material: vote on Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument for immediate budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration](#)

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Besides approving the immediate budgetary changes needed to accommodate the 23 September informal European Council's decisions on migrants, Budgets Committee MEPs said that the EU's 7-year framework budget system should be revised, to allow for long-term budgetary measures to deal with what could well prove to be a long-run problem.

*Procedure: budget*

[2015/2252\(BUD\)](#)

*Vote: Wednesday, 14 October*

*#EUBudget #migration #refugeecrisis*

### Further information

[Draft report on draft amending budget 7/2015](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(12.10.2015\)](#)

[Rapporteur: Eider Gardiazábal Rubial \(S&D, ES\)](#)

[The proposal of the Commission for DAB7/2015](#)

[Conclusions of the informal European Council meeting \(23/09/2015\)](#)

[Steps of the procedure \(DAB7/2015\)](#)

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A delegation of seven MEPs is being sent to observe the 25 October local elections in Ukraine.

*Procedure: High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Statement*

[2015/2869\(RSP\)](#)

*Debate: Wednesday, 14 October*

*#Ukraine*

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Jewish people in Europe are increasingly afraid of being verbally harassed (46%) or physically attacked (33%), says a [recent survey](#) by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). One in three Muslim respondents to a 2009 survey reported that they had experienced discrimination in the previous 12 months.

A public hearing on "Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and hate speech" was held by the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on 29 June 2015

*Procedure: [Question for oral answer](#)*

*Debate: Wednesday, 14 October*

*#antisemitism #islamophobia*

### Further information

[Oral question to the Commission on Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and hate speech in Europe: Video of the hearing on "Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and hate speech" in the Civil Liberties Committee \(29.06.2015\):](#)