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A resolution on preventing radicalisation and recruitment of EU citizens by terrorist organisations will also be debated on Tuesday afternoon and voted on Wednesday.

The debate is set to focus on current and envisaged anti-terror measures. These include the Passenger Name Record data ([EU PNR](#)) proposal (currently being negotiated in three-way "trialogue" talks between Parliament, Council and Commission), stepping up information-sharing among EU member states and between them and Europol, strengthening controls at the EU's external borders, tackling terrorist financing, and combating firearms trafficking.

Ways to counter Daesh in Syria and elsewhere are also expected to be addressed in the debate.

*Procedure: Council and Commission statements followed by debate*

*Debate: Wednesday, 25 November*

*#ParisAttacks #terrorism*

### Further information

[Joint statement of the Heads of State or Government and leaders of the European Union and its institutions on the terrorist attacks in Paris](#)

[Schulz condemns the Paris terrorist attacks](#)

[Video statement by EP President Martin Schulz following the terrorist attacks in Paris](#)

[Justice and Home Affairs Council, 20 November 2015 - Agenda highlights](#)

[Background note on EU PNR](#)

[Draft report on the prevention of radicalisation and recruitment of European citizens by terrorist organisations](#)

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In this non-binding resolution, MEPs give their input for a joint EU strategy for fighting extremism and the recruitment of EU citizens by terrorist organisations, to be applied in particular online, in prisons and through education and social inclusion.

Other measures include confiscating passports, freezing financial assets, checking potentially radicalised people re-entering the EU, and setting up a blacklist of European jihadists and jihadist terrorist suspects.

MEPs will also recommend separating radicalised prisoners, strengthening intercultural dialogue and setting up support systems such as hotlines where family members and friends can get help quickly if they fear someone is being radicalised or may be about to leave the EU to join a terrorist organisation.

### **Note for editors**

*An estimated 5,000 European citizens have joined terrorist organisations and other military formations, particularly ISIS, Jahbat al-Nusra and others in the Middle East and North Africa.*

*Procedure: non-legislative resolution*

[\*2015/2069\(INI\)\*](#)

*Debate: Tuesday 24 November*

*Vote: Wednesday 25 November*

*#radicalisation #recruitment #terrorist #organizations*

## Further information

[Draft resolution on Prevention of radicalisation and recruitment of European citizens by terrorist organisations](#)

[Interview - Rachida Dati on the radicalisation of EU-citizens: "A truly European response is needed"](#)

[Video statement by Rachida Dati on preventing radicalisation](#)

[Rapporteur Rachida Dati \(EPP, FR\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EP Research study: Preventing radicalisation in the EU](#)

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**President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella will deliver a formal address to the European Parliament on Wednesday at 12.00, for the first time since he was elected twelfth President of the Republic on 31 January 2015.**

*Formal sitting*

*Wednesday, 25 November 2015 at noon*

*#Italy #Mattarella #ItalianRepublic*

## **Further information**

[Biography of Sergio Mattarella](#)



## 2015 LUX film prize in Strasbourg: and the winner is...

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**MEPs, who have been able to watch the films at Parliament, will elect the winner of this, the ninth, edition of the LUX Prize competition. Voting is open from 16 to 23 November.**

A press conference with the directors of the three films is scheduled for 15.00 on Tuesday, 24 November, in Strasbourg.

The LUX Prize is the European Parliament's award for European film (co)productions aimed at both focusing public debate on EU policies and promoting the distribution of the films across Europe. Parliament meets the costs of translating and subtitling each of the three films on the final shortlist in the EU's 24 official languages. In addition, the winning film will be adapted for the hard of hearing and visually impaired in at least the original language version.

*Procedure: LUX Prize*

*Award ceremony : Tuesday, 24 November at 12.00*

*Press conference: Tuesday, 24 November at 15.00*

#LuxPrize [#Mediterranea](#) [#Mustang](#) [#TheLesson](#)

### **Further information**

[LUX Prize website](#)

[Mediterranea](#)

[Mustang](#)

[Urok](#)

[Interview: Jonas Carpignano, director of \*Mediterranea\*](#)

[Interview: Margita Gosheva, actress in \*The Lesson\*](#)

[Podcast with Jonas Carpignano \(\*Mediterranea\*\), Elit Iscan \(\*Mustang\*\) and Margita Gosheva \(\*The Lesson\*\)](#)

[LUX Prize: Supporting cinema in Europe](#)

# Vote on recommendations to end aggressive tax planning and tax evasion

**Parliament's recommendations to combat aggressive corporate tax planning and tax evasion will be debated on Tuesday, and set out in a resolution to be voted on Wednesday. They will include requiring multinational firms to report their financial data country by country, introducing a common consolidated corporate tax base, making EU member states' tax deals with these firms more transparent and doing more to protect whistle blowers.**

The draft resolution, prepared by co-rapporteurs Elisa Ferreira (S&D, PT) and Michael Theurer (ALDE, DE) builds on the principle that multinational companies should pay their taxes where value is created.

They argue that today's corporate tax competition – prompting aggressive tax planning and evasion, without any agreed framework - is harmful. Apart from the loss of public revenue, it is unfair that big firms should pay hardly any taxes on their profits, while small and medium-sized ones – and citizens - must pay their full share.

*Procedure: Non-legislative resolution*

[2015/2066\(INI\)](#)

*Debate: Tuesday 24 November*

*Wednesday 25 November*

*Press conference: Wednesday 25 November 15:00*

*#luxleaks #TaxTransparency #taxevasion #taxrulings*

## Further information

[Draft report](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(26.10.2015\)](#)

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

[Profile of co-rapporteur Michael Theurer \(ALDE, DE\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

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[EP Research study: Aggressive corporate tax planning under scrutiny](#)

## EU budget 2016: final vote

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Parliament and Council agreed on €155 billion in commitment appropriations and €143.9 billion in payment appropriations for 2016. The agreement on the 2016 budget – part of an overall deal reached on 14 November – includes pledges to continue with the youth employment initiative and to keep the level of unpaid bills low. Council is expected to confirm the joint conclusion of the negotiations on 24 November.

*Procedure: budgetary*

[2015/2901\(RSP\)](#)

*Debate: Tuesday 24 November*

*Vote: Wednesday 25 November*

*Press conference: Wednesday 25 November 14:30, with José Manuel Fernandes (EPP, PT), Gérard Deprez (ALDE, BE), Jean Arthuis (ALDE, FR), Eider Gardiazábal Rubial (S&D, ES)*

#EUbudget #migrationEU #refugeecrisis #EUfunds

### Further information

[Profile of general rapporteur José Manuel Fernandes \(EPP, PT\)](#)

[Profile of other sections rapporteur Gérard Deprez \(ALDE, BE\)](#)

[Profile of agencies rapporteur Jens Geier \(S&D, DE\)](#)

[Profile of 2015 budget rapporteur Eider Gardiazábal Rubial \(S&D, ES\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EP research service background documents for the 2016 budget](#)

[Infographics: how much did your country pay into and receive from the EU budget in 2014?](#)

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While member states' contributions to the EU budget have fallen by €9.4 billion, partly thanks to a windfall of €2.3 billion in competition fines and higher than expected customs duties, their financial pledges to the Africa Trust Fund and the Syria Trust Fund are still behind by €2.3 billion. Parliament expects member states to honour their pledges, states the draft resolution on draft amending budget 8/2015.

In a separate vote on Wednesday, the House is set to approve the use of budget flexibility to finance migration. It successfully negotiated a deal to make full use of the €1.53 billion available from the 2014 and 2015 budgets for this purpose in 2016.

*Procedure: budgetary*

*Procedure Code:*

[2015/2269\(BUD\) - \(DAB8/2015\)](#)

[2015/2264\(BUD\) - \(flexibility instrument\)](#)

*Debate: Tuesday 24 November*

*Vote: Wednesday 25 November*

*Press conference Wednesday 25 November at 14:30, with 2016 budget rapporteurs José Manuel Fernandes (EPP, PT) and Gérard Deprez (ALDE, BE), budgets committee chair Jean Arthuis (ALDE, FR) and 2015 budget rapporteur Eider Gardiazábal Rubial (S&D, ES)*

*#EUfunds #EUbudget #migrationEU #refugeecrisis*

## Further information

[Press release: Syria and Africa Funds: Parliament urges member states to pay up \(11.11.2015\)](#)

[Press release: Budget 2016 deal: Parliament ensures more funding for refugees and jobs](#)

[Profile of rapporteur \(DAB8/2015\) Eider Gardiazábal Rubial \(S&D, ES\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur \(flexibility instrument\) José Manuel Fernandes \(EPP, PT\)](#)

[Procedure file \(DAB8/2015\)](#)

[Procedure file \(flexibility instrument\)](#)

## MEPs' reactions to the G20 and Valletta summits

**Terrorism, climate change, economic growth and migration, which dominated the 15-16 November G20 summit in Antalya, Turkey, will take centre stage in a debate with Foreign Policy Chief Federica Mogherini and Nicolas Schmit, representing the Council Presidency on Wednesday afternoon. MEPs will also react to the joint action plan, agreed by EU and African leaders at the 11-12 November Valletta summit, to manage current migration and refugee flows.**

*Procedure: Council and Commission statements followed by debate*

[2015/2902\(RSP\)](#)

*Debate: Wednesday 25 November 2015*

#MigrationEU #VallettaSummit #G20 #terrorism #ParisAttacks

### Further information

[G20 Antalya summit, 15-16 November 2015 - G20 leaders' communiqué](#)

[G20 statement on the fight against terrorism](#)

[Valletta summit, 11-12 November 2015 - action plan](#)

## EP secures better information, advice and protection for insurance buyers

**Buying insurance will be made easier and safer following Parliament's vote on Tuesday to update EU rules on the information and advice offered by insurance sales staff. The current rules on sales of insurance will be amended to introduce similar information and consumer protection requirements for all insurance distribution channels unless they meet the conditions for exemption.**

Insurance distributors will have to register with a competent authority in their home member state, and their sales staff will have to be fully trained to meet the requests and needs of customers. Buyers must be informed of the overall cost of the insurance contract and, before signing it, must be given standard information, free of charge, on the type of insurance, obligations under the contract, risks insured and excluded and means of payment and premiums, in clear, plain language.

To protect clients against the financial inability of an insurance distributor to pay out a premium or a claim, intermediaries (brokers or sellers) must have a permanent financial capacity amounting to 4% of the sum of all annual premiums received but no less than €18,750.

The rules will not apply to all insurance distribution. There are exemptions, for example when the insurance is complementary to the supply of goods or services and covers the risk of damage or theft, or when the amount of the premium paid for the insurance product does not exceed €600 calculated on an annual basis.

*Procedure: Co-decision (Ordinary Legislative Procedure), 1st reading agreement*

[2012/0175\(COD\)](#)

*Debate/vote: Tuesday, 24 November*

#Insurancemediation #insurance #consumerprotection

## Further information

[Draft resolution on insurance mediation](#)

[Press release after deal with Council \(30.06.2015\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Werner Langen \(EPP, DE\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EP Research study: Insurance Distribution Directive: Strengthening transparency and consumer protection](#)



# Debate on first "State of the Energy Union" report

**The first annual "State of the Energy Union" report, presented by the European Commission on 18 November, will be debated in plenary on Tuesday morning, with Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič.**

MEPs will take the opportunity to assess progress made to date and are likely to quiz the Commission on energy security in the context of the doubling of Nord Stream capacity.

The report highlights "progress made" in 2015 and the "way forward" in 2016, with regard to:

- "decarbonising" the economy,
- energy efficiency,
- progress towards a fully-integrated internal energy market,
- energy security, solidarity and trust,
- an energy union for research, innovation and competitiveness, and
- the implementation of the Energy Union

## **Note to editors**

*Two draft resolutions, on "Towards a European Energy Union" (rapporteur Marek Józef Gróbarczyk ECR, PL) and "Achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target - Making Europe's electricity grid fit for 2020" (rapporteur Peter Eriksson, Greens/EFA, SE), were approved by the Industry, Research and Energy Committee on 10 November and are scheduled for plenary votes in December.*

*Procedure: Commission statement without resolution*

[2015/2113\(INI\)](#)

[2015/2108\(INI\)](#)

*Debate: Tuesday, 24 November*

*#energyunion #energysecurity*

## Further information

[Procedure file - "Towards a European Energy Union"](#)

[Procedure file - "Achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target - Making Europe's electricity grid fit for 2020"](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(11.11.2015\) – "Towards a European Energy Union"](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(11.11.2015\) - "Achieving the 10% electricity interconnection target - Making Europe's electricity grid fit for 2020"](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Marek Józef Gróbarczyk \(ECR, PL\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Peter Eriksson \(Greens/EFA, SE\)](#)

[Statement of Jerzy Buzek, chairman of Parliament's committee on Industry and Energy on the "State of the Energy Union" \(18.11.2015\)](#)

[EC press release and links "The Energy Union on track to deliver" \(18.11.2015\)](#)

# Stop violence against women: EP in orange on 25 November

**On Wednesday, 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, MEPs will ask the European Commission what new measures it plans to take to prevent gender-based violence against women in the EU and whether it can propose an EU directive on combating violence against women, as requested by Parliament. The debate starts at 15.00.**

To mark this day, the European Parliament in Strasbourg will participate in the global initiative "Orange the world" and the building will be lit up in orange from the evening of 24 November until until midnight on 25 November.

"Orange the world" is a yearly UN campaign to prevent and end violence against women and girls. This initiative aims to raise awareness and promote action to end violence against women. It will run for 16 days, from 25 November to 10 December.

## ***Background for editors***

*In February 2014 Parliament passed a legislative initiative resolution calling on the Commission to propose an EU-wide strategy to this end; including a draft law with binding instruments to protect women from violence.*

*In May 2014 the former Commission replied that it did not consider it appropriate to table a legislative proposal on prevention measures to combat violence against women.*

*According to the EU Fundamental Rights Agency survey, one third of women in the EU have experienced physical and/or sexual violence since the age of 15. That corresponds to 62 million women.*

*Procedure: Oral question to Commission*

2015/2855(RSP)

*Debate: Wednesday, 25 November*

*Press conference: Wednesday, 25 November at 11.00 with Iratxe Iratxe García Pérez (S&D, ES), Chair of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee*

#orangetheworld #16days

## Further information

[Oral question to the Commission](#)

[European Parliament resolution of 25 February 2014 with recommendations to the Commission on combating Violence Against Women](#)

[Violence against women: an EU-wide survey \(European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights\)](#)

[EP Research](#)

[UN Women campaign:](#)

## Debates with Ms Mogherini on Burundi, Myanmar, Georgia, and Moldova

**Mounting insecurity, continuous violence and human rights violations in Burundi will be debated with the EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini on Wednesday afternoon. In subsequent debates, MEPs will also assess the recent elections in Myanmar, the tense political situation in Georgia and political instability in Moldova following the government's recent dismissal.**

A resolution on the situation in Burundi is to be voted at the December plenary session.

*Statements by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (with resolution on Burundi)*

*Debate: Wednesday 25 November*

*Vote: December II (Burundi)*

*#Burundi #Myanmar #Georgia #Moldova*

### **Further information**

[Council conclusions on Burundi \(16/11/2015\)](#)

# Debate on ways to protect and support the EU base metals and steel industry

**Anti-dumping measures and sustainable initiatives to support the European base metals industry, including steel, will be debated with the Commission on Tuesday afternoon. A draft resolution prepared by Edouard Martin (S&D, FR) is scheduled for a plenary vote in December.**

Industry Committee MEPs call for "the revision of the two regulations on trade defence instruments (TDI)", and suggest "an initial review of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy complaints".

They also deplore "the fact that the legislative proposal on the modernisation of TDI is at a standstill in the Council despite the strong support which Parliament has expressed for tougher measures against unfair imports from third countries".

*Procedure: Commission statement, non-legislative resolution*

[2014/2211\(INI\)](#)

*Debate: Tuesday, 24 November*

*Vote: December II*

## Further information

[Draft resolution on "Developing a sustainable European industry of base metals"](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(13.10.2015\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Edouard Martin \(S&D, FR\)](#)

[Procedure file - "Developing a sustainable European industry of base metals"](#)

## Concerns over toxic additive to recycled plastics

**The EU Commission should not authorise the recycling of plastics that contain the banned softener diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP), to make soft PVC items such as footwear and floor coverings, because it poses a reproductive toxicity threat to exposed workers and could render their male foetuses sterile, says a draft resolution to be voted on Wednesday.**

DEHP has been the main “general purpose” phthalate used over the last 50 years. Under the REACH legislation, DEHP has been classified as a Substance of Very High Concern and since February 2015 authorisation for its use must be granted by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). The use of DEHP is also banned in toys, childcare articles and in cosmetics.

The Commission has proposed, in a draft decision still to be approved by EU member states, to authorise the recycling of old plastics containing it into new PVC products.

DEHP is known to adversely affect the endocrine system in mammals, e.g. by reducing foetal testosterone. It can also irreversibly affect the rate at which a mammal develops as well as its reproductive capacity, says the text.

*Procedure: Non-legislative resolution*

*Procedure Code: (D041427 – 2015/(RSP))*

*Vote: Wednesday, 25 November*

*#DEHP*

### **Further information**

[Press release on committee vote \(10.11.2015\)](#)

# MEPs ask to increase support for children's access to education in emergencies

**MEPs will debate the need for member states to support the Commission's target of increasing the share of humanitarian funds for the education of children in emergencies to 4% and for all host countries to help integrate child refugees in their national education systems on Wednesday afternoon, and vote on a resolution on Thursday.**

*Note to editors*

*It is estimated that 65 million children are affected by emergencies and protracted crises in 35 countries and that approximately 37 million primary and lower secondary age children are out of school in crisis affected countries. However, education in emergencies is the most underfunded sector, with only two percent of humanitarian aid catering for these needs.*

*Procedure: Oral question to Commission (with resolution)*

*Debate: Wednesday 25 November*

*Vote: Thursday 26 November*

*#education*

## **Further information**

[Meeting documents](#)



## Parliament to state its position for world trade talks in Nairobi

**The European Parliament's political message for the December round of world trade talks in Nairobi (Kenya) will be debated on Monday and voted on Tuesday. MEPs are likely to reaffirm their trust in multilateralism in world trade and stress the need to keep the needs of developing countries in the mind, but also to call for faster progress towards concluding the long-running "Doha Round" of world trade talks.**

The World Trade Organisation's tenth two-yearly Ministerial Conference – its top decision-making forum – takes place in Nairobi from 15 to 18 December 2015. It will be attended by a delegation of MEPs.

*Procedure: Non-legislative resolution*

[2015/2632\(RSP\)](#)

*Debate: Monday, 23 November*

*Vote: Tuesday, 24 November*

*#WTO #Doha #MH10*

### **Further information**

[Draft resolution - The state of play of the Doha Development Agenda in the view of 10th WTO Ministerial Conference \(not online yet\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Bernd Lange \(S&D, DE\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[Tenth WTO Ministerial Conference official Website](#)

# Child poverty: MEPs to table recommendations to break the vicious circle

**Recommendations to break the cycle of disadvantage for children living in poverty will be set out in a resolution to be debated on Monday and voted on Tuesday. They include investing more in social protection, health, education and social housing, and establishing “child guarantee” funds for this purpose.**

The text, drafted by Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL, PT), also calls on the EU Commission and member states to step up resources, services and also children's participation, to fight child poverty. Reducing child poverty and social exclusion should also become a sub-target of the EU 2020 Strategy, it adds.

*Background for editors*

*Between 2008 and 2012, the number of children at risk of poverty or social exclusion in Europe (EU27+Norway, Iceland and Switzerland) rose by almost one million, increasing by half a million between 2011 and 2012 alone. In 2013, 26.5 million children in the EU28 were at risk of falling into poverty or social exclusion. In Estonia, Greece and Italy, the percentage of children who cannot eat meat, chicken or fish two days running has doubled since 2008 (Eurostat data).*

*Procedure: Non-legislative resolution*

[2014/2237\(INI\)](#)

*Debate: Monday, 23 November*

*Vote: Tuesday, 24 November*

## **Further information**

[Draft resolution on reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Inês Cristina Zuber \(GUE/NGL, PT\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[Save the Children: Child Poverty and Exclusion in Europe](#)

[UNICEF: Children in the Developed World](#)

## Human rights and democracy resolutions

**Parliament will hold urgent debates on the following topics relating to human rights and democracy, on Thursday 26 November around 11.00 with the votes following at 12.00.**

- Afghanistan – in particular the killings in the province of Zabul
- Cambodia
- Freedom of Expression in Bangladesh

## Other topics on the agenda

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

- Presentation of the Court of Auditors' annual report - 2014, *debate Thursday*
- Human rights in EU-Vietnam trade negotiations, *debate Monday (no resolution)*
- Accession of Ecuador to the trade agreement between the European Union and Peru and Colombia, *debate Monday, vote Tuesday*