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EU leaders agreed on the ways to tackle the growing influx of migrants in the Mediterranean, including their resettlement and distribution from recipient countries to other parts of Europe. They also called for better cooperation among EU member states on defence and security and pledged to speed up efforts to complete the digital single market.

As for the EU summit, the Greek crisis will probably feature prominently in Tuesday's debate.

Procedure: Commission and Council statements (without resolution)

Debate: Tuesday, 7 July

#euco #Greece #migration #security #digitalsinglemarket

Further information

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The priorities of the Luxembourg Presidency for the second half of 2015 are based on seven pillars:

- Stimulating investment to boost growth and employment
- Deepening the European Union's social dimension
- Managing migration, combining freedom, justice and security
- Revitalising the single market by focusing on its digital dimension
- Placing European competitiveness in a global and transparent framework
- Promoting sustainable development
- Strengthening the European Union's presence on the global stage

Luxembourg, a founding member state of the EU, will hold the six-month rotating presidency of the Council for the 12th time, from 1 July to 31 December 2015.

Procedure: Council statements followed by a debate

Debates: Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 - 8 July

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Further information

[Luxembourg presidency webpage](#)

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The TTIP deal, which the EU and the USA have been negotiating since 2013, could deliver the world's largest free trade area. From the outset, a substantial majority of MEPs strongly [favoured these](#) talks, as potentially beneficial for growth and jobs, but at the same time drew several "red lines" beyond which EU interests must be safeguarded (e.g. a request to exclude audiovisual services).

Parliament will vote on a resolution, drafted by its International Trade Committee with contributions from 13 other committees, which assesses the progress made so far and sets out Parliament's views on what needs to be achieved and safeguarded in the TTIP talks in areas such as agriculture, public procurement, data protection, energy, and labour rights.

Amendments and requests for the split and separate votes will also be put to a vote, as tabled for the June plenary session, decided the International Trade Committee on 29 June.

A TTIP deal, once drawn up by EU and US negotiators, would need the backing of the European Parliament and the EU Council to enter into force.

Procedure: non-legislative resolution

(2014/2228(INI))

[2014/2228\(INI\)](#)

Debate: Tuesday, 7 July

Vote: Wednesday, 8 July

Press conference: Wednesday, 8 July at 14.30

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Copyright: MEPs to air their views ahead of reform proposals

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The draft, non-binding resolution, which assesses the implementation of the key aspects of EU copyright law ahead of proposals from the Commission to overhaul it, calls for adequate provisions to improve access to services and content across borders as "consumers are too often denied access to certain content services on geographical grounds".

MEPs are also likely to call for measures to strengthen the position of authors and creators and improve their remuneration for the digital distribution of their works, and to urge the Commission to assess the possibility of adapting current exceptions and limitations, e.g. for libraries and researchers, to the digital environment.

Images of public buildings and art works

The legal affairs committee wants to ensure that the permission of the authors of works such as public buildings and art works permanently located in public places is sought before images of these works are used commercially. However, some MEPs want to ensure that these images can be used freely.

The Commission is to table a proposal by the end of 2015 to modernize EU copyright law to make it fit for the digital age.

Procedure: non-legislative resolution

[2014/2256\(INI\)](#)

Debate/vote: Thursday, 9 July

Press conference: Wednesday, 8 July at 15:30

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The resolution follows up the Commission communication on a “[circular economy](#)” package in 2014, tabled together with a legislative proposal on waste which was withdrawn a couple of months later, by the new Commission.

Today’s global economy uses the equivalent of one and a half planets’ worth of resources to produce global output and absorb waste each year. This figure is forecast to rise to two planets’ worth by the 2030s, say MEPs. Europe is more dependent on imported resources than any other region and many will be exhausted in the relatively short term, they add.

Procedure: non-legislative resolution

[2014/2208\(INI\)](#)

Debate: Monday, 6 July

Vote: Wednesday, 8 July

Press conference: Tuesday, 7 July at 14.00

#CircularEconomy #waterreduction #ecodesign #naturalresources

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Budgets Committee MEPs note that even this increase may not suffice to meet real needs in the Mediterranean, let alone possible future migration from the Ukraine.

The budget increase of €75.7 million in commitments and €69.6 million in payments would be financed with funds for the Galileo European satellite navigation system, which MEPs want to be replenished in 2016. The three agencies in line for extra funding are FRONTEX, the European Asylum Support Office and the European Police Office (Europol). EU ministers approved the increases on 19 June.

Procedure: budgetary

[2015/2121\(BUD\)](#)

Vote: Tuesday, 7 July

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[Draft report on draft amending budget 5/2015 on additional resources to migration.](#)

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More shareholder say on directors' pay and new corporate tax disclosure rules

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The draft law, approved by the Legal Affairs Committee in a close vote, aims to increase transparency and foster shareholders' long-run commitment to companies, by making it easier for them to exercise their rights.

Note to editors

Parliament is likely to vote on its first reading position on Wednesday. But MEPs might also decide not to close the first reading, and instead to enter into informal talks with the Council of Ministers to seek agreement on the final version of the legislation.

According to the European Commission, only 13 EU member states currently give shareholders "a say on pay", either through a vote on directors' remuneration policy and/or a report. Only 15 require disclosure of the remuneration policy and 11 require disclosure of individual directors' pay.

Procedure: co-decision (Ordinary Legislative Procedure), first reading

[2014/0121\(COD\)](#)

Debate: Tuesday, 7 July

Vote: Wednesday, 8 July

Press conference: Wednesday, 8 July at 14.00

#Shareholder #ShareholderRights #shareholders #corporate #governance

Further information

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Parliament to mark 20th anniversary of Srebrenica massacre

President Martin Schulz will mark the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre by paying tribute to the victims at the beginning of the session. Over 8,000 Bosniaks were murdered on 11 and 12 July 1995 in what is described by the UN as the worst crime on European soil since the Second World War.

A UN Security Council resolution to mark the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre and reflect on the UN's failure to prevent genocide is currently being drafted by the UK. The resolution is expected to honour the victims of the genocide and all those who suffered during the war. Bosnian Serbs refuse to accept the term genocide to describe the massacre.

The ceremonies commemorating the anniversary will be held on 11 July.

Procedure: statement by the President

Debate: Monday, 6 July

Vote: Tuesday, 7 July

[#Srebrenica](#) [#srebrenica2015](#)

Further information

[Remembering Srebrenica](#)

[EP Resolution of 15 January 2009 on Srebrenica](#)

Draft EU budget for 2016: Parliament to vote on its negotiating mandate

Parliament welcomes most of the draft EU budget for 2016 as tabled by the European Commission. But it opposes cuts for small and medium-sized enterprises, wants the Youth Employment Initiative to continue, and reiterates that total outstanding EU bills for regional policy must be reduced to €2 billion, as previously agreed by the Commission and the Council. These are some of the aims set out in the negotiating brief, to be voted on Wednesday for Parliament's budget talks with EU ministers.

In the proposed mandate, 2016 budget rapporteur [José Manuel Fernandes \(EPP, PT\)](#) recalls the three institutions' pledge (attached to the mandate) to avoid again building up a backlog of delayed payments to beneficiaries of EU programmes. At the end of 2014, unpaid regional policy bills alone hit a record high of €24.7 billion.

The first three-way talks on next year's budget will take place on 14 July. They will continue in September, and the 2016 budget should be approved by the end of the year.

Procedure: budgetary

Procedure Code: 2015/2074(BUD)

[2015/2074\(BUD\)](#)

Debate: Tuesday, 7 July

Vote: Wednesday, 8 July

#EUBudget #YEI

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[Parliament's guidelines for the 2016 budget \(resolution on 11.03.2015\)](#)

[Draft budget presented by the Commission](#)

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

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Capital Markets Union: MEPs to call for EU-wide approach and focus on SMEs

The EU Capital Markets Union (CMU) should provide a new, more efficient way to channel savings into business ventures as well as protecting cross-border investors, says a non-binding resolution to be voted on Thursday. On Monday MEPs will quiz Commission representatives on how they plan to develop a specifically European approach to the CMU, SME-friendly regulatory conditions and ensure that the future legislative proposal is consistent and proportionate to needs.

The draft resolution, already approved by the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, says that reliable non-bank sources of finance should be further developed alongside well-established bank financing. EU businesses will be less vulnerable to tight bank lending terms if market players are able to raise debt, equity and venture capital directly from the market, it adds.

Procedure: oral question to the Commission (with resolution)

[2015/2634\(RSP\)](#)

Debate: Monday, 6 July

Vote: Thursday, 9 July

#CapitalMarkets #CMU #crosseborder

Further information

[Profile of the rapporteur Roberto Gualtieri \(S&D, IT\)](#)

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[Commission Green Paper: Building a Capital Markets Union](#)

Parliament to vote on CO2 market reform deal

Parliament votes on Wednesday on a reform of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), informally agreed with the Latvian Presidency of the Council. The reform aims to reduce the surplus of carbon credits available for trading in order to support the price of the emission rights. The scheme would start operating in 2019.

The proposed law would create a system that automatically takes a portion of ETS allowances off the market and puts it into a reserve if the surplus exceeds a certain threshold. In the opposite scenario, allowances could be returned to the market. The surplus of emission allowances, which has been building up in the system since 2009, is estimated at over 2 billion.

The Market Stability Reserve would start operating earlier than initially foreseen, on 1 January 2019, rather than 2021 as proposed by the European Commission.

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

[2014/0011\(COD\)](#)

Debate: Tuesday, 7 July

Vote: Wednesday, 8 July

Press conference TBC

#EUETS #MSR #emissions

Further information

[Draft report on the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme](#)

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Employment: targeted actions and greening jobs

MEPs are expected to call for more detailed EU employment policy guidelines for EU member states' efforts to fight youth unemployment and poverty in a debate on Tuesday and a resolution to be voted on Wednesday. Parliament will also debate and vote on a draft resolution on the potential for creating quality jobs by "greening" the economy.

The employment guidelines are EU recommendations to national governments on improving labour markets, workers' skills and combating poverty. MEPs will debate a draft resolution by the Employment Committee calling for public investment to create jobs, less red tape for small and medium-sized enterprises and incentives for young people to start their own businesses.

A separate draft resolution explores the potential for generating new high-quality jobs by stimulating the growth of a more sustainable economy. The sectors best able to deliver "green" jobs include science, research, engineering, digital technology and new technologies, suggests the text.

Another draft resolution advocates reforms to make the EU labour market more competitive, including better matching skills and jobs, stepping up cooperation between universities and businesses, and setting up more lifelong learning schemes for workers,

Procedure: Consultation (Employment guidelines) and non-legislative resolutions (Green employment and Competitive labour market)

[2015/0051\(NLE\) - Employment guidelines](#)

[2014/2238\(INI\) - Green employment initiative](#)

[2014/2235\(INI\) - Competitive labour market](#)

Debate: Tuesday, 7 July

Vote: Wednesday, 8 July

#employment #unemployment #poverty #labourmarket #skills

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[Draft report on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States](#)

[Draft resolution on the Green Employment Initiative](#)

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[Procedure file Employment guidelines](#)

[Procedure file Green Employment Initiative](#)

[Procedure file Competitive labour market](#)

Fighting tax evasion in developing countries

MEPs will call on companies to adopt country-by-country reporting and make all information publicly available in order to fight tax evasion and illicit money flows in developing countries, in a resolution to be debated on Tuesday and voted on Wednesday. They will also debate the UN conference on financing for development to be held on 13-16 July in Addis Ababa.

Background

Developing countries raise substantially less revenue than advanced economies (with a tax to GDP ratio ranging between 10 to 20%, as opposed to 30 to 40% of OECD economies) and are characterised by extremely narrow tax bases.

Tax havens and secrecy jurisdictions that allow banking or financial information to be kept private, combined with 'zero-tax' regimes to attract capital and revenues that should have been taxed in other countries generate harmful tax competition, undermine the fairness of the tax system and distort trade and investment, particularly affecting developing countries, with a loss of an estimated \$189 billion of tax revenue annually.

Procedure: non-legislative resolution

[*2015/2058\(INI\)*](#)

Debate: Tuesday, 7 July

Vote: Wednesday, 8 July

#taxevasion #illicitmoney

Further information

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[Press release on committee vote \(01.06.2015\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Elly Schlein\(S&D, IT\)](#)

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Milk, fruit and vegetables: farm income, market shocks and export outlets

Ways to help EU dairy, fruit and vegetable farmers to boost their bargaining power, competitiveness and ability to withstand market crises will be debated on Monday. Two draft non-legislative resolutions to be put to vote on Tuesday ask the European Commission to secure various export opportunities for EU produce shut out of the Russian market.

In two draft non-binding resolutions, one on [milk](#) and the other on [fruit and vegetables](#), MEPs insist that the EU must better balance the food supply chain, further improve milk market monitoring, introduce better tools for dealing with market disturbances and provide further incentives for dairy farmers and fruit and vegetable growers to join forces in producer organisations.

MEPs also encourage EU member states to make better use of "Milk Package" tools, given that milk quotas expired on 31 March this year, and call on the European Commission to help farmers and growers to find new outlets, especially now that Russia has prolonged its embargo on EU foodstuffs.

Procedure: non-legislative resolutions

2014/2147(INI) & 2014/2146(INI)

[2014/2146\(INI\)](#) - dairy sector

[2014/2147\(INI\)](#) - fruit and vegetable sector since the 2007 reform

Debate: Monday, 6 July

Vote: Tuesday, 7 July

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[Profile of rapporteur on the dairy sector, James Nicholson \(ECR, UK\)](#)
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[The end of milk quotas: EU must use all tools to avoid market disruptions and become a global dairy leader, say MEPs Siekierski and Nicholson \(press release, 31.03.2015\)](#)
[EuroparlTV: End of milk quotas: Concerns of the dairy sector](#)
[EP Research: The future of the EU dairy sector after the end of milk quotas \(24.06.2015\)](#)
[EP Research: Producer organisations in the EU fruit and vegetable sector \(29.06.2015\)](#)
[EP Research: The Russian Embargo - Impact on the Economic and Employment Situation in the EU \(14.11.2014\)](#)

€66.5 million for flood damage repairs in Romania, Bulgaria and Italy

Romania, Bulgaria and Italy are set to receive €66.5 million in total for compensation to cover part of the cost of emergency measures taken during the 2014 floods, if Parliament approves the Commission proposal on Tuesday. The aid is covered by the European Solidarity Fund.

Country	Natural disaster	Date of disaster	Amount of aid (€)
Romania	Floods	April-May 2014	4,198,175
Romania	Floods	July-August 2014	4,297,775
Bulgaria	Floods	July-August	1,983,600
Italy	Floods	October-November 2014	56,026,300

Procedure: budgetary

[2015/2079\(BUD\)](#)

Vote: Tuesday, 7 July

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Further information

[Draft report on EUSF aid to Romania, Bulgaria and Italy](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(23.06.2015\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Siegfried Mureşan \(EPP, RO\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

Vote on €1.36 million in job search aid for redundant Finnish workers

More than 500 workers made redundant by electrical manufacturer Broadband Communications Finland and two suppliers will get EU aid worth €1.36 million to help them find new jobs if Parliament backs a European Commission proposal in a vote on Tuesday.

Country	Company	N u m b e r o f beneficiaries	A m o u n t o f aid (€)	Sector	E P rapporteur
Finland	Broadcom Communications Finland, two suppliers	568	1,365,000	M o b i l e p h o n e c h i p s e t production (electronics, electrical industry)	Petri Sarvamaa (EPP, FI)

The European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) aid also needs to be approved by the EU Council of Ministers, on 13 July.

Procedure: budgetary

[2015/2125\(BUD\)](#)

Vote: Tuesday 7 July

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Further information

[Draft resolution on EGF aid to Finland](#)

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[Profile of rapporteur Petri Sarvamaa \(EPP, FI\)](#)

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MEPs to debate security and stability in the Middle East and North Africa

Parliament will debate the EU's role in the Middle East peace process and the humanitarian situation in Yemen with the EU foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, on Wednesday afternoon. In a separate debate and vote on Thursday, MEPs will insist that the EU must step up its influence in the Middle East and North Africa to spur security and stability there.

The draft resolution on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, drawn up by Vincent Peillon (S&D, FR), calls on EU countries to mobilise more military, logistical, financial and humanitarian resources to address the conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa. The EU must also engage more strongly with the regional actors, who should do more to prevent financing of terrorism, say MEPs. They will point to the lack of democracy as a key cause of political instability in the region.

The debate on the humanitarian situation in Yemen will be followed by a vote on Thursday.

The House will vote on a resolution on the role of the EU in the Middle East peace process in September.

Procedure: non-legislative resolution (Peillon report), Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (with resolutions)

[2014/2229\(INI\)](#)

Debate: Wednesday, 9 July and Thursday, 10 July (Peillon report)

Vote: Thursday, 10 July (Peillon report and Yemen resolution), September (Middle East peace process)

#MENA #peaceprocess

Further information

[Draft resolution on the security challenges in the Middle East and North Africa region and the prospects for political stability](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Vincent Peillon \(S&D, FR\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EP Research study: Security challenges in the MENA region](#)

Foreign policy chief Mogherini to address Parliament on EU-Cuba relations

MEPs will discuss the latest developments in EU-Cuba relations and the direction they might take in future with Federica Mogherini on Wednesday.

Ms Mogherini met President Raul Castro of Cuba and Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez in Havana

in March 2015 at the third round of talks on a political dialogue and cooperation agreement between the EU and Cuba. Talks have been under way since the EU's formal rapprochement with Cuba in 2008 but accelerated in 2014 with the adoption of the negotiating mandate for the agreement in February and the start of negotiations in April.

The US and Cuban presidents recently announced that they would restore diplomatic relations and reopen embassies.

Statement by the Vice-President/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy followed by a debate

Debate: Wednesday, 8 July

#EU #Cuba #EUCuba

Further information

[EEAS spokesperson statement on on US-Cuba relations](#)

[EEAS webpage on EU Relations with Cuba](#)

[EEAS press release on "First EU- Cuba high level human rights dialogue meeting on 25th June":](#)

[EP Research study; A new phase in EU-Cuba relations](#)

“Back to basics” in European Neighbourhood Policy

The EU must get “back to basics” in its European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) MEPs are set to say in their vote on the ENP policy review on Thursday. It should start by refocusing the ENP to build prosperity, stability, security and good neighbourliness, says the draft text.

The revised ENP must be more political, focused, flexible and coherent and take more account of EU neighbour countries’ differing aspirations, the draft text says.

The ENP must be based on EU values and principles, democracy, the rule of law and human rights, but ENP partnerships also needs a stronger security dimension, it adds.

Procedure: non-legislative resolution

[2015/2002\(INI\)](#)

Debate: Wednesday, 8 July

Vote: Thursday, 9 July

Press conference: Wednesday, 8 July 2015, 14.30

#ENP #Neighbourhood

Further information

[Draft resolution on the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Eduard Kukan \(EPP, SK\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EP Research study: Reviewing the European Neighbourhood Policy](#)

Human rights and technology: Whistle blowers and activists should be protected

Whistle blowers and human rights defenders must be protected, say foreign affairs MEPs in a resolution adopted in May. They also stress that the mass surveillance of citizens by the US National Security Agency, with the active complicity of some EU countries, has seriously damaged the credibility of the EU's human rights policy. The House will vote on this non-binding resolution on Thursday.

Procedure: non legislative resolution

Procedure Code: (2015/2058(INI))

Vote: Thursday 9 July

#humanrights #surveillance #NSA

Further information

[Draft resolution on human rights and technology](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Marietje Schaake \(ALDE, NL\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

Door-to-door trips: MEPs to call for single ticket for all transport modes used

EU countries and the European Commission should take steps to improve the sharing of travel timetable information, so as to boost the development of “intermodal” tickets covering all the modes of transport used on a journey, say MEPs in a draft resolution to be voted on Tuesday. If no real progress is made by 2020, MEPs would ask the Commission to table EU legislation to finish the job, it adds.

Procedure: non-legislative resolution

2014/2244(INI))

Debate: Monday, 6 July

Vote: Tuesday, 7 July

#singleticket #transport #intermodal #ticket

Further information

[Draft resolution on delivering multimodal integrated ticketing in Europe](#)

[Press release on Transport committee vote \(28.05.2015\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Dieter-Lebrecht Koch \(EPP, DE\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[EP Research background info on multimodal integrated ticketing](#)

Human rights and democracy resolutions

Parliament will hold urgent debates on the following topics relating to human rights and democracy, on Thursday 9 July at 15.00 with the votes following at 16.00.

- **Cambodia's** draft laws on NGOs and trade unions
- The **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**, in particular the case of two detained human rights activists Yves Makwambala and Fred Bauma
- **Bahrain**, in particular the case of Nabeel Rajab
- Situation of two Christian pastors in **Sudan**

Procedure: Non-legislative resolutions

Debate: Thursday, 9 July

Vote: Thursday, 9 July

#humanrights #democracy

Other topics on the agenda

Other topics for debate and vote include the following:

- Recent terrorists attacks, Council and Commission statements *debate Wednesday*
- Commission Work Programme 2016, *debate Wednesday, vote Thursday*
- Appointment of new member to Court of Auditors (Bettina Michelle Jakobsen, DK), *Wednesday*
- Working conditions of seafarers, *vote Wednesday*, Morin-Chartier, COD)
- Situation in Burundi, resolution, *vote Thursday*
- European Agenda on Security, oral questions, *debate Tuesday, vote Wednesday*
- Annual report on Human Rights in the world in 2014, *debate Wednesday*