



The Week Ahead 16 - 22 January 2012

Agenda

Plenary Session - Strasbourg

Electing a new EP President. Parliament's first act in 2012 will be to elect its new President, 14 Vice-Presidents and five Quaestors. The three candidates declared so far to succeed Jerzy Buzek are Martin Schulz (S&D, DE), Diana Wallis (ALDE, UK) and Nirj Deva (ECR, UK). After being elected on Tuesday, the new President will hold a press conference (*Tuesday, Wednesday*).

Danish Presidency. Denmark's "Europe at work" programme and priorities for its six-month Presidency of the Council will be presented by Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt (*Wednesday*). Economic and financial issues, and notably the Eurozone debt crisis and Euro pact negotiations, top the agenda. The Presidents of the Parliament, the Commission and the Council will give a joint press conference after the debate.

Fiscal stability union. Parliament will set out its demands for the new international agreement on a fiscal stability union (*vote Wednesday*). On Monday, the Economic and Monetary Affairs and Constitutional Affairs committees meet jointly to discuss the latest draft agreement with MEPs on the drafting group.

Hungary. Political developments in Hungary will be debated with Commission President Barroso. MEPs will comment on Hungary's controversial new constitution (in force since 1 January 2012), the laws implementing it and other measures taken by Viktor Orbán's government (*Wednesday*).

Stop wasting e-waste. MEPs will vote on legislation, already negotiated with Member States, to improve collection and recycling of electronic and electrical waste and cut red tape for producers (*debate Wednesday, vote Thursday*).

Food wastage. Up to 50% of food is wasted in EU households, and at least half of this wastage is avoidable, says a draft resolution calling for measures to halve food wastage in Europe (*vote Thursday*).

Mario Draghi. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will meet Mario Draghi in his capacity as Chair of the European Systemic Risk Board, which monitors the build up of potential economic imbalances. The focus will be on competitiveness disparities among the Eurozone economies (*Monday*).

Pre-session press briefing. The last-minute press briefing by the EP Press Service and political group spokespeople is on Monday at 16.30 (*Press Conference room Strasbourg*).

Monday 16/01/2012

PLENARY SESSION

18:00-19:00 *Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber*

Plenary agenda

18.00 - 19.00

Announcement of the candidates for election to the office of President

PRESS CONFERENCES

16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Last minute session briefing

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

19:00-20:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building (LOW), room N1.3*

20:45-22:45 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill building (WIC), room 200*

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

Joint meeting with the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

- Draft International Agreement on a Reinforced Economic Union - Discussion with Parliament's representatives of the Working Group

20:45-22:45 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill building (WIC), room 200*

Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)

Joint meeting with Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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Tuesday 17/01/2012

PLENARY SESSION

09:00-22:00 *Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber*

Plenary agenda

9.00 - 11.00

- Election of the President of the Parliament - First ballot

11.00 - 12.00

- Election of the President of the Parliament - Possibly, second ballot

13.00 - 14.00

- Election of the President of the Parliament - Possibly, third ballot

15.30 - 16.30

- Election of the President of the Parliament - Possibly, fourth and last ballot

19.30 - 20.30

- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Parliament - First ballot

21.00 - 22.00

- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Parliament - Possibly, second ballot

PRESS CONFERENCES

12:30-13:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

The newly elected President of the EP

Martin SCHULZ, newly elected President of the European Parliament

13:00-13:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Briefing EPP

Joseph DAUL (FR), President

13:30-14:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Briefing GREENS/EFA

Daniel COHN-BENDIT (FR) and Rebecca HARMS (DE), Co-Presidents

14:00-14:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Briefing ALDE

Guy VERHOFSTADT (BE), President

14:30-15:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Briefing GUE/NGL

Lothar BISKY (DE), President, Jürgen KLUTE (DE), Marie Christine VERGIAT (FR), Søren Bo SØNDERGAARD (DK) and Joao FERREIRA (PT)

15:00-15:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

EFA Group welcomes new MEP - priorities for the second half of this legislature

Jill EVANS (GREENS/EFA, UK) and Ana MIRANDA (GREENS/EFA, ES)

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16:00-16:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

The wall of silence: a deadly refrigerant gas in air conditioners in 2012?

Michèle RIVASI (GREENS/EFA, FR), Andreas KORNATH, Head of the Chemistry Department, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (Munich) and Prof. Alex LECHLEUTHNER, Head of the German organization for Firemen Safety

16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Green Paper public consultation on corporate restructuring and anticipation of change

László ANDOR, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

17:00-17:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

MEPS Friends of GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security

Vittorio PRODI (S&D, IT), Norbert GLANTE (S&D, IT), Jo LEINEN (S&D, DE), Vladimir REMEK (GUE/NGL, CZ) and Christine DE VEYRAC (EPP, FR)

Wednesday 18/01/2012

PLENARY SESSION

09:00-20:00 *Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber*

Plenary agenda

9.00 - 10.00

- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Parliament - Possibly, third and last ballot
or
- Election of the Quaestors of the Parliament - First ballot

10.00 - 12.30

- Order of business
- *Vote*
- Numerical strength of the standing committees - Proposal for a decision
- **KEY DEBATE**
- Danish Presidency Programme - Council and Commission statements
- *End of Key Debate*

12.35 - 12.55

- *Votes*
- Conclusions of the European Council meeting on a draft international agreement on a Fiscal Stability Union (8-9 December 2011) - Motions for resolutions

13.00- 13.30

- Election of the Quaestors of the Parliament - First of second ballot

15.00 - 19.00

- Election of the Quaestors of the Parliament - Possibly, second or third and last ballot
- Recent political developments in Hungary - Commission and Council statement followed by debate
- Follow-up to the Durban climate change conference - Commission statement followed by debate
- ***II - Electrical and electronic equipment waste - Debate on report by Karl-Heinz FLORENZ (EPP, DE)
- ***II - Placing on the market and use of biocidal products - Debate on report by Christa KLAB (EPP, DE)

19.00 - 20.00

- Appointments to the committees - Announcement of the proposal for a decision by the Conference of Presidents
- Election of the Quaestors of the Parliament - Possibly, third and last ballot

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

The new Treaty and the discipline of banks recapitalization

Mario MAURO (EPP, IT) and Alfredo PALLONE (EPP, IT)

11:30-12:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

José Manuel GARCIA-MARGALLO, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, and Iñigo MENDEZ DE VIGO, Spanish Secretary of State for European Affairs.

13:00-14:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

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Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament, Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT, President of the Council and José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission

14:00-14:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Biocides Regulation

Christa KLAß (EPP, DE), Rapporteur

14:30-15:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Electrical and electronic equipment waste "(WEEE) directive (e-waste)

Karl-Heinz FLORENZ (EPP, DE), Rapporteur

15:00-15:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Reducing Food wastage in the EU

Salvatore CARONNA (S&D, IT), Rapporteur and Paolo DE CASTRO (S&D, IT)

16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Viktor ORBÁN , Hungarian Prime Minister, Péter SZIJJÁRTÓ, József SZÁJER and György SCHÔPFLIN

Thursday 19/01/2012

PLENARY SESSION

09:00-14:00 *Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber*

Plenary agenda

9.00 - 11.50

- *Food supply chain - Joint debate*
 - Farm input supply chain - Report by José BOVÉ (Greens/EFA, FR)
 - Imbalances in the food supply chain - Oral questions to the Commission
- *End of Joint debate*
- Short presentations of the following reports:
 - Space strategy for the European Union - Report by Aldo PATRICIELLO (EPP, IT)
 - Avoiding food wastage - Report by Salvatore CARONNA (S&D, IT)

12.00 - 14.00

- *Votes- followed by explanations of votes*
- ***I - Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas - Report by Louis MICHEL (ALDE, BE)
- *** - EU-Georgia Agreement on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs - Report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- *** - EU accession to Regulation No 29 of the UN Economic Commission for Europe - Report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- *** - Pedestrian safety and light emitting diodes (LEDs) - Report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- *** - Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia - Report by Brian SIMPSON (S&D, UK)
- *** - Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organisation - Report by Brian SIMPSON (S&D, UK)
- Farm input supply chain - Report by José BOVÉ (Greens/EFA, FR)
- Avoiding food wastage - Report by Salvatore CARONNA (S&D, IT)
- Proposals for appointments to committees
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- ***II - Placing on the market and use of biocidal products - Report by Christa KLAß (EPP, DE)
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PRESS CONFERENCES

11:15-11:45 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Sustainability of natural resources

Paul RÜBIG (EPP, AT) and Steve TOLAN, winner of the sustainable energy prize.