



## The Week Ahead 19 – 25 January 2015

### Committee meetings, Brussels

**TTIP.** The International Trade Committee will debate its new draft position on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) Agreement for the first time and take stock of progress in the talks so far. The next day, it will debate the results of Commission's recent consultation on possible TTIP investment protection and investor-to-state dispute settlement (ISDS) provisions. *(Wednesday and Thursday)*

**Arab League.** The Foreign Affairs Committee will meet Nabil El Araby, Secretary General of the League of Arab States, to discuss recent developments in the Mediterranean and in the Middle East, including the situation in Syria, Iraq, Libya and Egypt. *(Tuesday)*

**Human Rights in Hungary.** The Civil Liberties Committee will discuss human rights in Hungary with, *inter alia*, Zoltán Kovács, International Spokesperson of the Hungarian Government, Veronika Mora, Director of the Okotars Alapítvány NGO and Attila Mong, investigative journalist and editor of *Atlatszo.hu*. *(Thursday)*

**Fight against fraud.** Measures to better protect revenues destined for the EU budget and spent on EU programmes will be voted by the Budgetary Control Committee, on the basis of the Commission's 2013 Annual Report on protecting the EU's financial interests. *(Wednesday)*

**Food safety.** In the wake of the horsemeat scandal, the Environment Committee will vote a resolution urging the Commission to propose new legislation allowing country of origin labelling on meat used in processed food. According to the Commission's own research, 90% of consumers want to have this information when buying processed foods. *(Wednesday)*

**Latvian Presidency.** Parliament's committees will meet Latvian government ministers to discuss the EU Council Presidency's work programme in their respective areas of responsibility. The Latvian Presidency runs from January until the end of June 2015. *(Monday to Thursday)*

**European Youth Event (EYE).** "Speed-hearings" will be held all week in several committees as a follow-up to the European Youth Event (EYE2014) hosted by the EP in May 2014, where thousands of young Europeans discussed ideas for a better Europe with MEPs. *(Tuesday to Thursday)*

**President's diary.** EP President Martin Schulz will meet Prime Minister of Norway Erna Solberg and President of Finland Sauli Niinistö on Wednesday. He will meet Director of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights Morten Kjærum and Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Elaraby on Tuesday and participate in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2015 in Davos, Switzerland, on Thursday and Friday.



# Agenda

**Press briefing.** The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on week's activities at 11.00 on Monday. (*EP press conference room "Anna Politkovskaya", Brussels*).

**Monday 19/01/2015**

## **PRESS CONFERENCES**

**11:00-11:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

**Briefing on parliamentary agenda**

## **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES**

**15:30-19:00** *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

**Committee on Foreign Affairs**

- Discussion with Edgars RINKĒVIČS, Minister for Foreign Affairs, on the Latvian Presidency priorities on enlargement - with the participation of the Committee on European Affairs of the Croatian Parliament

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3E2*

**Budgetary Control Committee**

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2*

**Committee on Transport and Tourism**

- Weights and Dimensions Directive - announcement of Council's position at first reading
- Discussion with Josef DOPPELBAUER - Executive Director of the European Railway Agency

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002*

**Committee on Regional Development**

- Discussion with Corina CREȚU, Commissioner for Regional Policy

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G3*

**Committee on Legal Affairs**

- Discussion with Věra JOUROVÁ, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality **(15.00-15.45)**
- Discussion with Frans TIMMERMANS, first Vice-President of the European Commission, with responsibility for Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights **(15.45-16.30)**

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3*

**Committee on Culture and Education**

- Priorities of the Latvian presidency of the Council - discussion with Dace MELBĀRDE, Latvian Minister of Culture, and Māriņe SEILE, Latvian Minister of Education and Science

Tuesday 20/01/2015

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's diary

#### Brussels

11:00 Attending New Year's reception hosted by King Philippe - Royal Palace of Brussels, Rue Brederode 16, 1000 Brussels

14:45 Meeting with Morten Kjærum, director of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Salon Protocolaire A

16:15 Meeting with Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General of the Arab League - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Grand Salon Protocolaire

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**09:00-18:30** *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

### Committee on Foreign Affairs

**(09:00 – 12.30)**

- Discussion with Nabil EL ARABY, Secretary General of the League of the Arab States
- Discussion with the Conference of Delegation Chairs on EU external relations challenges and cooperation between Delegations and Committees

**(15.00 – 18.30)**

- European Youth Event (EYE) Speed Hearing
- Discussion on the election observation mission in Tunisia with Annemie NEYTS-UYTTEBROECK, EU Chief Observer - In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union
- Discussion with Mohamed BIHI YONIS, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Somaliland

**09:00-18:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

### Committee on Budgets

- Budget 2016 - Discussion on the guidelines for the 2016 budget - Section III - Rapporteur, José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT) and Gérard DEPREZ (ALDE, BE)
- Investment plan - proposal for a regulation and draft amending budget - Discussion
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund : application EGF/2013/007 BE/Hainaut Steel (Duferco-NLMK) (BUDG) - Discussion - Rapporteur, Andrej PLENKOVIC (EPP, HR)

# Agenda

- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund : application EGF/2014/012 BE/ArcelorMittal (BUDG) - Discussion
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund : application EGF/2014/011 BE/Caterpillar (BUDG) - Discussion - Rapporteur, Anneli JÄÄTTEENMÄKI (ALDE, FI)
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund : application EGF/2014/014 DE/Aleo Solar (BUDG) - Discussion - Rapporteur, Iris HOFFMANN (S&D, DE)

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

## **Committee on Transport and Tourism**

- Cross-border exchange of information on road safety related to traffic offenses - vote on the agreed text of a directive
- Weights and Dimensions Directive - presentation of the draft recommendation for second reading
- Discussion with João AGUIAR MACHADO, Director General DG MOVE at the European Commission
- Priorities of the Latvian presidency of the Council - discussion with Anrijs MATISS, Latvian Minister for Transport

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002**

## **Committee on Regional Development**

- Priorities of the Latvian presidency of the Council - discussion with Jānis REIRS, Latvian Minister for Finance

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G3**

## **Committee on Legal Affairs**

### **VOTES (09.45-10.00)**

- 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction: accession of Morocco, Singapore, Russia, Albania, Andorra, Seychelles, Gabon and Armenia (NLE), rapporteur Heidi HAUTALA (Greens/EFA, FI) - vote on draft reports
- Promoting the free movement of citizens and businesses by simplifying the acceptance of certain public documents in the EU, rapporteur Mady DELVAUX (S&D, LU) - vote on mandate
- Verification of credentials (REG), rapporteur Pavel SVOBODA (EPP, CZ) - vote on a draft decision
- Oral question on Commission's group of experts on the enforcement of intellectual property rights (RSP) - adoption of oral question

### **end of votes**

- Priorities of the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council - discussion with Dzintars RASNACS, Latvian Minister for Justice (**11.30-12.30**)
- Hearing on protecting trade secrets (**15.00-16.30**) - see *Public Hearings*

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3**

## **Committee on Culture and Education**

- Discussion with Tibor NAVRACSICS, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

**10:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3**

## **Committee on Constitutional Affairs**

- Italian Presidency of the EU Council - discussion with Sandro GOZI, Italian Secretary of State on the results of the EU presidency and, in particular, on the conclusions of the group "Friends of the Presidency" **(11.30-12.30)**
- Priorities of the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council - discussion with Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA, President of the Council, Parliamentary Secretary of the Latvian Foreign Ministry **(15.15-16.30 approx.)**
- Discussion with Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President of the European Commission, with responsibility for Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights **(16.30-17.45 approx.)**

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

## **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**

- Zero tolerance for female genital mutilation - discussion with Elise PETIPAS, Coordinator of the End FGM European Network and Andrea VONKEMAN, Senior Policy Officer, UNHCR Bureau for Europe
- Priorities of the Latvian presidency of the EU Council - discussion with Latvian Welfare Minister Uldis AUGULIS **(10.00-11.00)**

### **VOTES (11.00-12.00)**

- Progress on equality between women and men in the EU in 2013 (INI), rapporteur Marc TARABELLA (S&D, BE) - vote on a resolution
- Zero tolerance for female genital mutilation (RSP) - vote on question for oral answer
- GMAs - European network of Employment Services, workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets, rapporteur Iratxe GARCIA PÉREZ (S&D, ES) - vote on Gender Mainstreaming amendments
- European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) - discussion with Virginija LANGBAKK, Director of EIGE **(15.00-15.30)**
- Discussion with Věra JOUROVÁ, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality **(15.30-16.30)**
- Hearing on equal treatment of women and men in matters of employment and occupation **(16.30-18.00)** - see *Public Hearings*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**15:00-16:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G3**

### **Protecting trade secrets**

Organised by the **Committee on Legal Affairs**, the purpose of the hearing is to consider why trade secrets should be protected and analyse the instrument put forward by the Commission.

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**16:30-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

## **Equal treatment of women and men in matters of employment and occupation**

At this hearing, organised by the **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**, experts will present their views in two discussion panels: one will address the application of the equal pay provisions in practice and the second looks at improving equal opportunities.

This hearing is related to the draft report on " the application of Directive 2006/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation" (rapporteur Anna ZÁBORSKÁ (EPP, SK).

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Wednesday 21/01/2015

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's diary

#### Brussels

9:55 Welcome of Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, entrance

10:00 Meeting with Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Grand Salon Protocolaire

11:40 Welcome of Sauli Niinistö, President of Finland - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, entrance

11:45 Meeting with Sauli Niinistö, President of Finland - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Grand Salon Protocolaire

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-2**

### Subcommittee on Human Rights

- Human rights and technologies: the impact of digital surveillance and intrusion systems - Joint hearing with the Committee on International Trade - *see Public hearings*

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-2**

### Committee on Development

**(9.00 – 12.30)**

- The future of development finance: modernising measures and instruments - Discussion with Eric SOLHEIM, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)
- The priorities of the Latvian Presidency in humanitarian aid - Discussion with Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA, Parliamentary State Secretary for the European Affairs of Latvia

**(15.00 – 17.30)**

- The main activities of the EIB, with a focus on the 11th EDF 'Impact Financing Envelope' - Discussion with Pim VAN BALLEKOM, Vice President, European Investment Bank

**(17.30 - 18.30) Vote**

- The work of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Charles GOERENS (ALDE, LU)

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, A1G-3**



## Committee on International Trade

(9.00 – 12.30)

- Human rights and technologies: the impact of digital surveillance and intrusion systems on human rights in third countries - Joint Public Hearing with Committee on Human Rights - see *Public hearings*

### *In camera*

- Discussion with Pascal LAMY, President emeritus, Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute

(15.00 – 18.30)

- Presentation by Zanda KALNINA-LUKAŠEVICA, Parliamentary State Secretary for EU affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, representing the President-in-Office of the Council, on the priorities of the Latvian Presidency in the area of International Trade Policy
- Recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) - Consideration of working document - Rapporteur: Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE)

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

## Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- Money market funds - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Neena Gill (S&D, UK)

### Vote

- European Central Bank Annual Report for 2013 - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Pablo ZALBA BIDEGAIN (EPP, ES)

### End of vote

- Economic Dialogue and discussion with Janis REIRS, ECOFIN President and Minister for Finance of Latvia
- Structural measures improving the resilience of EU credit institutions - Consideration of draft report - Gunnar HÖKMARK (EPP, SV)
- Reporting and transparency of securities financing transactions - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Renato SORU (S&D, IT)

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

## Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

- Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme - Discussion with Uldis AUGULIS (Latvian Minister of Welfare)
- European network of Employment Services, workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Heinz K. BECKER (EPP, AT)
- European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2015 - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Sergio GUTIÉRREZ PRIETO (S&D, ES)

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

## Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

# Agenda

## (9.00 – 12.30)

- Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme - Discussion with Mr Kaspars GERHARDS, Minister of Environment and Regional Development, Latvian Presidency
- Amendment to the fuel quality directive and the renewable energy directive (Indirect Land Use Change) - Consideration of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteur: Nils TORVALDS (ALDE, FI)
- Recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Bart STAES (Greens/EFA, BE)

## (15.00 – 18.30)

- Discussion with Mr Guntis BELĒVIČS, Minister of Health, Latvian Presidency

### Votes

- Country of origin-labelling for meat in processed foods - Adoption of motion for a resolution further to a question for oral answer - Co-rapporteurs: Glenis WILLMOTT (S&D, UK), Julie GIRLING (ECR, UK), Anneli JÄÄTTEENMÄKI (ALDE, FI), Lynn BOYLAN (GUE/NGL, IE), Keith TAYLOR (Greens/EFA, UK), Piernicola PEDICINI (EFDD, IT)
- Zootechnical and genealogical conditions for trade in and imports into the Union of breeding animals and their germinal products - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Michel DANTIN (EPP, FR)
- Prohibition on driftnet fisheries - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Marco Affronte (EFDD, IT)

### End of votes

- Establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme and amendment of Directive 2003/87/EC - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Ivo BELET (EPP, BE)

## 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

### Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

- Aid scheme for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in the educational establishments (COD) - discussion on a draft regulation by Marc Tarabella (S&D, BE)
- Priorities of the Latvian presidency of the Council - discussion with Jānis DŪKLAVS, Latvian Minister of Agriculture
- TTIP negotiations - discussion on AGRI opinion to INTA Report under Rule 108(4) on the, rapporteurs Paolo De Castro (S&D, IT) and James Nicholson (ECR, UK)

## 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E2*

### Committee on Fisheries

- Provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area (COD) - vote on a formal mandate: decision on the opening of negotiations and on the negotiating team; rapporteur Gabriel Mato (EPP, ES)
- Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Senegal (NLE) - vote on a draft decision by Norica Nicolai (ALDE, RO)

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1E-2**

## **Subcommittee on Security and Defence**

**(9.00 – 12.30)**

- Financing the Common Security and Defence Policy - Rapporteurs: Indrek TARAND (Greens/EFA, ET ), Eduard KUKAN (EPP, SK)
- The strategic military situation in the Black Sea Basin following the illegal annexation of Crimea by Russia - First discussion - Rapporteur: Ioan Mircea PAȘCU (S&D, RO)

**(15.00 – 18.30)**

- Public hearing "Sahel: a high risk area for the security of the EU" - see *Public hearings*
- Emerging security challenges in the Arctic - Discussion with experts

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3**

## **Committee on Budgetary Control**

9:00-11:30

- Landscape review: Making the best use of EU money: a landscape review of the risks to the financial management of the EU budget - Discussion - Presentation by Iğors LUDBORZS, Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible
- Annual Report 2013 on the Protection of the EU's Financial Interests - Fight against fraud (INI) - vote on the report by Georgi PIRINSKI (S&D, BG)

15:00-18:30

- Discharge 2013: EU general budget - European Commission (CONT) - Discussion with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, Marianne THYSSEN, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Iliana IVANOVA - Rapporteur, Ingeborg GRÄSSLE (EPP, DE)

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

## **Committee on Industry, Research and Energy**

**(9.00 – 12.30)**

- Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Visit of Anrijs MATĪSS, Latvian Minister of Transport (telecom, ICT)

**(15.00 – 18.30)**

- Study on 'TTIP Impacts on European Energy Markets and Manufacturing Industries', Presentation by Koen RADEMAEKERS, Triple Consulting

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2**

## **Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs**

**(09.00-10.30)**

- Chair's announcements: Terrorist attacks in Paris - information and follow-up
- Priorities of the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council in the area of justice and home affairs - discussion with Rihards KOZLOVSKIA, Minister of the Interior and Dzintars RASNAČS, Minister of Justice

## Afternoon

- Discussion with Věra JOUROVÁ, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality **(14.00-15.30)**
- Discussion with Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President of the European Commission with responsibility for Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and Charter of Fundamental Rights **(17.00-18.30)**

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3**

### **Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection**

- Presentation of the priorities of the Latvian Presidency by Dana REIZNIECE-OZOLA, Minister for Economics
- Simplification of the transfer of motor vehicles registered in another Member State within the Single Market - Presentation by the Commission of possible impacts on vehicle tax revenues of Member States - Rapporteur: Dita CHARANZOVÁ (ALDE, CZ)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**09:00-11:40 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-2**

### **Human rights and technologies: the impact of digital surveillance and intrusion systems**

- The **Committee on International Trade** and the **Subcommittee on Human Rights** will hold a hearing about human right and technologies. The hearing will address the threats to human rights of intrusive and surveillance technologies, looking at the various fields of use, the legal environment and the commercial implications. The hearing will also provide information for the upcoming European Parliament own-initiative report on Human rights and technologies: the impact of digital surveillance and intrusion systems in third countries.

**15:00-17:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1E-2**

### **Sahel: a high risk area for the security of the EU**

The **Subcommittee on Security and Defence** will hold on Tuesday a hearing on the impacts of the situation in the Sahel, facing the challenges of unresolved tensions, violent extremism, radicalisation, illicit trafficking and terrorist-linked security threats, on the security of the EU. Dr Cristina Barrios from the EU ISS and General Pierre-Michel Joana, Chief coordinator of EU projects for support to the fight against terrorism in the Sahel and former EU Special Adviser "Peace and Security in Africa", will take part in the hearing.

Thursday 22/01/2015

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's diary

#### Davos

All day Participating in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2015 - Davos, Switzerland

## PRESS CONFERENCES

**11:00-11:30** *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2*

### Vote on Industry Committee opinion on emissions trading system (ETS) reform

Press point by Antonio TAJANI (EPP, IT), rapporteur

**16:30-17:00** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

### Reactions to the announcement on euro by President Draghi

Marine LE PEN (NI, FR)

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**09:00-12:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-2*

### Committee on Development

- DEVE mission to the launch event of the European Year for Development - Presentation by Linda McAVAN on the DEVE mission to Riga, Latvia, on 9 January 2015, for the launch event of the European Year for Development (EYD)
- The situation of working children - Discussion with invited expert

**09:00-12:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, A1G-3*

### Committee on International Trade

**(9.00 – 10.00)**

- Discussion with representatives of the EU Chamber of Commerce in China

**(10.00 – 12.30)**

#### Votes

- Imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Union import rules (recast) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Jarosław WAŁĘSA (EPP, PL)
- Common rules for imports from certain third countries (recast) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Jarosław WAŁĘSA (EPP, PL)

## End of votes

- Presentation by the Commission on the outcome of the public consultation on ISDS

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

## Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**(9.00 – 12.30)**

### Votes

- Adoption of opinion(s) in letter form on EGF application(s)
- European Investment Bank - Annual Report 2013 - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: David CASA (EPP, MT)

## End of votes

- Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on seafarers amending Directives 2008/94/EC, 2009/38/EC, 2002/14/EC, 98/59/EC and 2001/23/EC - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER (EPP, FR)

**(15.00 – 18.30)**

- Establishment of a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Georgi PIRINSKI (S&D, BG)

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3**

## Committee on Budgetary Control

9:00-12:30

- Discharge 2013: EU general budget - European Commission (CONT) - Discussion with the Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Budget and Human Resources, Kristalina GEORGIEVA, in the presence of the Members of the European Court of auditors responsible, Lazaros S. LAZAROU and Henrik OTBO - Rapporteur, Ingeborg GRÄSSLE (EPP, DE)

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

## Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- Amending Directives on waste, packaging and packaging waste, landfill of waste, end-of-life vehicles, batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators and on waste electrical and electronic equipment - Discussion with Mr FALKENBERG, Director-General of DG ENVI - Rapporteur: Simona BONAFÈ (S&D, IT)
- Public hearing on the Waste Legislative Package - see *Public hearings*

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

## Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

**(9.00 – 12.30)**

- EYE 2014 follow-up - European Youth Event speed hearing
- Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Visit of Dana REIZNIECE-OZOLA, Latvian Minister for Economics (industry, energy, competitiveness)

(15.00 – 18.30)

- Public Hearing on "Interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens" - see *Public hearings*

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3**

## **Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection**

(9.30 – 10.30)

### **Votes**

- Single Market governance within the European Semester 2015 - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Ildikó GÁLL-PELCZ (EPP, HU)
- Accessibility of public sector bodies' websites - Consideration of mandate to enter trilogue negotiations - Rapporteur: Dita CHARANZOVÁ (ALDE, CZ)

### **End of votes**

(10.30 – 12.30)

- Public hearing: Customs infringements and sanctions - Rapporteur: Kaja KALLAS (ALDE, ET) - see *Public hearings*

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

## **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development**

- Workshop on "Reforming EU rules concerning the fruit and vegetables sector" (9.00-10.30) - see *Special events*
- Discussion with Livia POMODORO, President of the Milan Center for food law and policy

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E2**

## **Committee on Fisheries**

- Priorities of the Latvian presidency of the Council - discussion with Jānis DŪKLAVS, Latvian Minister of Agriculture (9.00-10.00)
- Discussion with Karmenu VELLA, Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fishing, on the priorities in the field of fisheries, including current issues such as the discard ban and the use of driftnets (10.00-12.30)

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2**

## **Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs**

- Hearing on the situation of human rights in Hungary (09.00-11.00) - see *Public Hearings*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**09:00-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2**

### **Human rights in Hungary**

MEPs from the **Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee** will assess the situation of human rights in Hungary with experts in a hearing taking place on Thursday, 22 January, from 9.00 to 11.00. The experts invited by the committee are Tamás FRICZ, from the Civil Union Forum, Veronika MORA, Director of Okotars Alapítvány, Attila MONG, Editor of Atlatszo.hu, Barbora CERNUSAKOVA, from Amnesty International, Anne WEBER, Adviser to the Commissioner for Human Rights from the Council of



# Agenda

Europe, and Zoltán KOVÁCS, International Spokesperson of the Hungarian Government.

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**10:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

### Waste Legislative Package

The **Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety** will hold a hearing on the Waste Legislative package, following the discussion with the European Commission, represented by Director General Mr Karl Falkenberg, on the review of six waste directives (Waste Framework, Packaging & Packing Waste, Landfill, Batteries & Accumulators Waste, End-of-life Vehicle, Waste Electric & Electronic Waste).

**10:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3**

### Why Europe needs a legal framework for customs sanctions

The **Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection** will hold a hearing about customs infringements and sanctions. The first section of the hearing will focus on the different customs sanctioning systems in the Member States: their definition of the legal nature of customs sanction, thresholds to distinguish between criminal and non-criminal infringements and sanctions, requirements to establish the economic operator's liability for the customs infringements, the time limits to initiate a customs sanction, the procedure and the definition of the legal persons' liability. The second section will focus on the impact of the absence of an EU legal framework for sanctions on the functioning of the single market, on economic operators and on counterfeiting.

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

### Interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens

The **Committee on Industry, Research and Energy** will organise a hearing on Interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA2). ISA2 is a new programme proposed by the commission in June 2014. The aim of ISA2 is to help Member States to modernise their administrations and provide interoperable digital services at national and European level. ISA2 should make it easier for administrations to interact between different sectors and across borders.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**09:00-10:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

### Reforming EU rules concerning the fruit and vegetables sector

The Parliament's **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development** will organise a workshop to discuss with experts how to best reform EU rules concerning the fruit and vegetables sector. Their input should help MEPs better understand current problems and future challenges for fruit and vegetable producers. The committee will in coming weeks draft a report, in response to Commission's assessment of the situation in the sector, setting Parliament's priorities ahead of the future revision of the EU fruit and vegetable regime.



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