



The Week ahead 30 January - 5 February 2012

Agenda

Plenary Session and Committee Meetings – Brussels

Fiscal Union. MEPs will react to the outcome of Monday's summit on the financial and economic crisis, and in particular the draft treaty on fiscal union. A resolution will be voted on Thursday (*debate Wednesday, vote Thursday*).

Eurobonds. The desirability and feasibility of introducing Eurobonds is up for a debate by the full House. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee said last December that Eurobonds could become a source of stability for the Eurozone in the medium term, but cannot meet its short-term needs (*debate and vote Thursday*).

Iran/Russia. MEPs will debate Iran, its nuclear programme and EU sanctions as well as the situation in Russia with foreign policy High Representative Catherine Ashton. A resolution on Iran will be put to the vote on Thursday, and one on Russia at the February plenary session in Strasbourg (*debate Wednesday, vote Thursday*).

Derivatives trading. Parliament, Council and Commission will meet to strike a deal on new legislation on trade in derivatives, which is widely believed to have aggravated the global financial crisis. The draft aims to enhance the safety, transparency and stability of the over-the-counter derivatives market (*Tuesday*).

European mortgage market. A press workshop on the new EU mortgage legislation, which aims to reduce the build-up of risk and improve access to mortgage markets, will enable journalists to exchange views with leading MEPs and representatives of other EU institutions as well as consumer and mortgage industry representatives (*Tuesday, Wednesday*).

President's Diary. President Schulz meets Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk at 9.30h on Monday. At 14h he meets German Chancellor Angela Merkel (photo opportunity upon arrival). He will then address and exchange views with EU leaders at the summit, followed by a press conference. On Monday evening he meets Croatia's Prime Minister Zoran Milanović, on Wednesday, Bundestag President Norbert Lammert, and on Thursday morning, Tunisia's Prime Minister Hamadi Jebali (followed by a press point). On Friday and Saturday, Mr Schulz will participate in the Munich Security Conference.

Monday 30/01/2012

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

14:00-21:00 *Brussels*

President's Diary

- 09:30 Meeting with Polish Prime Minister Donald TUSK, followed by press point - 9th floor Protocol area
- 14:00 Meeting with Angela MERKEL, German Chancellor - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor (photo opportunity for journalists on the ground floor of the Paul-Henri Spaak Building upon arrival)
- 15:00 Speech and discussion at the European Council - Justus Lipsius
- 16:00 Press conference at the European Council following the family photo
- 20:00 Meeting with Zoran MILANOVIĆ, Prime Minister of Croatia

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room 0A50 " Anna Politkovskaya"*
Briefing on parliamentary agenda

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-18:30 *Brussel, József Antall (JAN) building, room 4Q2*

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

- EU civil protection mechanism - Discussion with Kristalina GEORGIEVA, Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response **(16.00-17.00)**

Tuesday 31/01/2012

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

09:15-19:30 Brussels

President's Diary

- 08:00 Meeting with Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Latvian Prime Minister - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Protocol area
- 9:15 Speech at the opening of the conference: "The EU moving towards a European Energy Community" - European Economic and Social Committee
- 11:15 Meeting with Abdullatif BIN RASHID AL ZAYANI, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor
- 12:00 Celebrating 25 years of the Erasmus Programme - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 1st floor, Yehudi Menuhin area
- 15:00 Attending the ceremony to celebrate the Euranet awards - Altiero Spinelli Building, 3rd floor, open bar area
- 16:00 Participation in the Panel "Presidents' Talk" in the framework of the Brussels Think Tank Dialogue 2012 - The Hotel
- 18:30 Hosting the new year reception of the diplomatic corps - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 1st floor, Yehudi Menuhin area

PRESS CONFERENCES

17:00-17:30 Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room 0A50 " Anna Politkovskaya"

A Sense of Europe - Fragrance, Innovation & IP Protection

Amalia SARTORI (EPP, IT), Gaston FRANCO (EPP, FR), Andreas SCHWAB (EPP, DE), and Pierre SIVAC

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

10:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 2Q2

Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

- Relations EU-Gulf Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) - Discussion with Abdul Latif BIN RASHID AL ZAYANI, Secretary General of the GCC (**10.00 - 11.00**)

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In camera

- Discussion with Sven KUEHN VON BURGSDORFF, newly appointed Head of Delegation to South Sudan (**11.00 - 12.00**)

(15.00 - 17.15)

- 2011 progress report on Iceland - discussion on an EP motion for resolution by Cristian Dan PREDA (EPP, RO)
- Negotiations of the EU-Armenia Association Agreement (INI) - Discussion on a report by Tomasz Piotr POREBA (ECR, PL)
- Negotiations of the EU-Azerbaijan Association Agreement (INI) - Discussion on a report by Anneli JÄÄTTEENMÄKI (ALDE, FI)

In camera

- Discussion with Samuel ZBOGAR, newly appointed EU Special Representative for Kosovo (**17.15 - 18.30**)

09:00-12:30 *Brussel, József Antall (JAN) building, room 4Q2*

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

- List of nutrition claims - Vote on a motion for resolution
- A Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050 (INI) - Vote on a report by Chris DAVIES (ALDE, UK)
- Sulphur content of marine fuels (COD) - Vote on a report by Satu HASSI (Verts/ALE, FI)

OTHER EVENTS

12:00-14:00 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 1G1*

Trilogue on the regulation on derivatives market

Parliament, Council and Commission will meet to strike a deal on new legislation to regulate trade in derivatives, which is widely believed to have aggravated the global financial crisis. The draft aims to enhance the safety, transparency and stability of the over-the-counter derivatives market. The meeting will be followed by a press conference.

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15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 7C050*

Workshop for journalists: A sustainable European mortgage market

A press workshop on the proposed EU mortgage directive will enable journalists to exchange views with leading MEPs and representatives of other EU institutions as well as consumer and mortgage industry representatives.

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Tuesday 31 January, 3.00 - 6.30pm

Wednesday 1 February, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Programme - Tuesday 31 January 2012

from 14:30

Arrival and registration (EP Press Entrance, rue Vautier)

15:00 - 15:30

Opening - Introduction to the workshop

Yannis Darmis & Paula Fernández Hervás, EP officials, Press Service

An introduction to the European Parliament

Decision-making in the European Union and the role of the Parliament

George Stylianou, EP official, Visitors Service

15:30 - 16:00

Proposals on credit agreements relating to residential property - state of play

Technical briefing: proposals from the European Commission, procedures and state of play in the EP Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs(off-the-record)

Dorota Kolinska, EP press officer for Economic and Monetary Affairs

Jennifer Long, EP official, Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee

16:00 - 17:30

Mortgages in the EU - current situation and impact of proposed reform on the industry and consumers

Exchange of views with stakeholders and representatives from other EU institutions

Jonathan FAULL, Director General, DG Internal Market and Services, European Commission

Reine-Claude MADER, Rapporteur, Economic and Social Committee

Diego RODRIGUEZ PALENZUELA, Head of Capital Markets Division, Directorate General Economics, European Central Bank

Anne FILY, Head of Legal & Economic Department and team leader on financial issues, European Consumers' Organisation

Annik LAMBERT, Secretary-General, European Mortgage Federation

Moderated by: Paula Fernández Hervás, EP official, Press Service

17:30 - 18:30

Towards a single European mortgage market - the political perspective

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Exchange of views with Members of Parliament from the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (associated committee)

MEP Malcolm HARBOUR (ECR, UK), Chair of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee

MEP Kurt LECHNER (EPP, DE), Draftsman of opinion

Moderated by: Jack Blackwell, EP official, Press Service

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Wednesday 01/02/2012

PLENARY SESSION

15:00-23:00 *Brussels, Plenary Chamber*

Plenary agenda

15:00 - 15:10

- Resumption of session and order of business

15:10 - 16:10

- Conclusions of the informal European Council meeting of 30 January 2012
European Council and Commission statements, followed by debate

16:10-17:10

- Question Hour with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

17:10 - 23:00

- Iran and its nuclear programme - Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, followed by debate
- Situation in Russia - Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, followed by debate
- EU foreign policy towards the BRICS and other emerging powers
Report on the EU foreign policy towards the BRICS and other emerging powers: objectives and strategies - Debate on report by Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI (EPP, PL)
- Short presentation of the following report:
 - Consistent policy towards regimes against which the EU applies restrictive measures - Report with a proposal for a European Parliament recommendation to the Council on a consistent policy towards regimes against which the EU applies restrictive measures, when their leaders exercise their personal and commercial interests within EU borders - Report: Graham WATSON (ALDE, UK)
- European dimension in sport - Report on the European dimension in sport - Debate on report by Santiago FISAS AYXELA (EPP, ES)
- Application of waste management directive - Report on the issues raised by petitioners in relation to the application of the Waste Management Directive, and related directives, in the Member States of the European Union - Debate on report: Carlos José ITURGAIZ ANGULO (EPP, ES)
- One-minute speeches (Rule 150)

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

08:00-17:10 *Brussels*

President's Diary

- 08:00 Meeting with Turkish intellectuals: Osman KAVALA, Chair of the cultural organisation Anadolu Kultur, Prof. Ahmet INSEL, and Akin ATALAY, Vice-President of the Turk Ceza Hukuku Dernegi (Association of the Turkish Penal Law) - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor
- 13:00 Meeting with Norbert LAMMERT, President of the Bundestag - Solvay Library
- 16:10 Chairing the plenary session: Question Hour with Catherine ASHTON, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy - Plenary Chamber

PRESS CONFERENCES

09:30-10:00 *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room 0A50 " Anna Politkovskaya"*

The goals of the ÖVP within the European Parliament up to 2014/Ziele der ÖVP im Europäischen Parlament bis 2014

Othmar KARAS (EPP, AT), Paul RÜBIG (EPP, AT), Elisabeth KÖSTINGER (EPP, AT), Richard SEEBER (EPP, AT), Hubert PIRKER (EPP, AT) and Heinz K. BECKER (EPP, AT)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

14:00-15:00 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 5G3*

Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

Jointly with the Sub-committee on Security and Defence

- Discussion with Hervé LADSOU, UN Under-Secretary-General and Head of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)

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Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE)

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A sustainable European mortgage market - the political perspective

Exchange of views with Members of Parliament from the Economic Affairs Committee

MEP Antolín SÁNCHEZ PRESEDO (S&D, ES), Rapporteur

MEP Alfredo PALLONE (EPP, IT), Shadow rapporteur

MEP Philip DE BACKER (ALDE, BE), Shadow rapporteur

MEP Nikolaos CHOUNTIS (GUE/NGL, EL), Shadow rapporteur (tbc)

MEP Vicky FORD (ECR, UK), Shadow rapporteur (tbc)

MEP Sven GIEGOLD (Greens/EFA, DE), Shadow rapporteur

Moderated by: Michel Geoffrey Plumley, EP official, Press Service

12:00 - 12.30

Financial services legislation currently pending before the European Parliament

An overview of proposals to reform financial services in the European Union

MEP Arlene McCARTHY (S&D, UK), Vice-Chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (tbc)

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Thursday 02/02/2012

PLENARY SESSION

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

Plenary agenda

9:00 - 11:50

- Feasibility of introducing stability bonds - Oral question to the Commission followed by debate
- Short presentations of the following reports:
 - Daphne programme - Report on the Daphne programme: achievements and future prospects - Report: Regina BASTOS (EPP, PT)
 - Women's situation in war - Report on women's situation in war - Report: Norica NICOLAI (ALDE, RO)
 - EU development cooperation in support of the objective of universal energy access by 2030 - Report on EU development cooperation in support of the objective of universal energy access by 2030 - Report: Norbert NEUSER (S&D, DE)
 - Annual tax report - Report on the Annual Tax Report - Report: Olle SCHMIDT (ALDE, SE)
 - Budgetary control of EU humanitarian aid - Report on the budgetary control of EU humanitarian aid managed by ECHO - Report: Martin EHRENHAUSER (NI, AT)

12:00 - 14:00

- *VOTES - followed by explanations of votes*
 - EU foreign policy towards the BRICS and other emerging powers - Report: Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI (EPP, PL)
 - Consistent policy towards regimes against which the EU applies restrictive measures - Report: Graham WATSON (ALDE, UK)
 - Budgetary control of EU humanitarian aid - Report: Martin EHRENHAUSER (NI, AT)
 - Towards a coherent European approach to collective redress - Report on Towards a Coherent European Approach to Collective Redress - Report: Klaus-Heiner LEHNE (EPP, DE)
 - Cross-border transfer of company seats- Report with recommendations to the Commission on a 14th company law directive on the cross-border transfer of company seats - Report: Evelyn REGNER (S&D, AT)
 - Conclusions of the informal European Council meeting of 30 January 2012
- Motions for resolutions
 - Iran and its nuclear programme - Motions for resolutions
 - European dimension in sport - Report: Santiago FISAS AYXELA (EPP, ES)
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 - EU competition policy - Report on on the Annual Report on EU Competition Policy - Report: Andreas SCHWAB (EPP, DE)

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

08:00-15:30 *Brussels*

President's Diary

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- 08:00 Meeting with Hamadi JEBALI, Prime Minister of Tunisia followed by a press point- Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor
- 10:30 Meeting with Jürgen TRITTIN, leader of the Green Party in the German Bundestag - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor
- 11:30 Meeting with Hervé LADSOUS, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor
- 14:30 Meeting with Thomas MIRROW, President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:00-14:30 *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room 0A50 " Anna Politkovskaya"*

European dimension in sport

Santiago FISAS AYXELA (EPP, ES), rapporteur

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Friday 03/02/2012

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

08:30-18:30 *Munich*

President's Diary

- All Day Munich Security Conference

Saturday 04/02/2012

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

08:30-18:30 *Munich*

President's Diary

- All Day Munich Security Conference