



The Week Ahead 6-12 February 2012

Agenda

Week of committee and political group meetings - Brussels

Financial transaction tax. Financial experts will appear before the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee to discuss the proposal to introduce a financial transaction tax in the EU (*Monday*).

Situation in Hungary. Following the debate with Hungarian Prime Minister Orbán at the Strasbourg plenary session in January, the Civil Liberties Committee will hold a hearing with representatives of Hungarian civil society to assess the civil rights situation (*Thursday*).

Food aid for the needy. The Agriculture Committee will vote on plans to continue distributing food to the EU's most deprived citizens (*Monday*).

Market abuse and insider dealing. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will hold its first debate on draft legislation to combat market abuse, insider dealing and market manipulation, which provides among other things for minimum rules on criminal sanctions (*Monday*).

2013 Budget. Work on the 2013 budget will begin in the Budgets Committee with a debate on the general guidelines for the Commission's 2013 budget, which covers EU spending in the Member States, and a vote on the EU institutions' administrative budgets (*Monday*).

President's diary. President Schulz will meet Željko Komšić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on Tuesday, as well as Egemen Bağış, Turkish Minister for EU Affairs, Agriculture Commissioner Dacian Cioloș and Zhang Zhijun, Chinese deputy Foreign Minister. He meets Anna Diamantopoulou, Greek Minister of Education, on Thursday.

Preparing for the plenary. Parliament's political groups will prepare for the 13-16 February plenary session in Strasbourg. There will be votes on the EU patent, recent political developments in Hungary, the situation in Russia, the EU-Morocco trade agreement on farm and fisheries products, the food-for-the-needy programme and the growth and jobs strategy. MEPs will also provide their input for the EU summit to be held on 1 and 2 March.

Pre-session press briefing. The regular briefing by the EP Press Service and political group spokespeople will be held on Friday at 11.00 (*Anna Politkovskaya Room, PHS 0A050*).

Monday 06/02/2012

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

18:00-19:00 Brussels

President's Diary

- 18:00 Opening the photo exhibition on the Arab Spring - Balcony area of the Altiero Spinelli building, 5th floor

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:30-15:00 Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room 0A50 "Anna Politkovskaya"
The introduction of a financial transaction tax

Anni PODIMATA (S&D, EL), Vice-President of the E.P., Avinash PERSAUD and Stephany GRIFFITH-JONES

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-19:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 3C50

Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

- European Parliament resolution on the 2011 progress report on Iceland - Vote on report by Cristian Dan PREDA (EPP, RO)

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3E-2

Committee on Budgets (BUDG)

- Guidelines for the 2013 budget - European Parliament and others sections (BUD) - consideration and vote on draft report by Derek VAUGHAN (S&D, UK)
- General guidelines for the 2013 budget - Section III - Commission (BUD) - consideration of draft report by Giovanni LA VIA (EPP, IT)

15:00-19:00 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 4Q2

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

- Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB) (CNS) - Vote on draft report by Marianne THYSSEN (EPP, BE) (**15.20-15.40**)
- Insider dealing and market manipulation (market abuse) (COD) - Discussion of the report by Arlene MCCARTHY (S&D, GB) (**16.05-16.30**)
- Criminal sanctions for insider dealing and market manipulation (COD) - Discussion of the report by Arlene MCCARTHY (S&D, GB) (**16.30 – 17.00**)
- Public Hearing on the Proposal for a Financial Transaction Tax (**17.00-18.30**) - see "Public hearings"

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15:00-18:30 Brussels, building József Antall (JAN), room 2Q2

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

- Discussion of the key elements of the study on European Renewable Energy Network **(15.00)**
- European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) (COD) - Vote on report by Giles CHICHESTER (ECR, UK) **(16.00)**

15:00-18:30 Brussels, building József Antall (JAN), room 4Q1

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)

Votes 16.00 - 17.15

- Customs enforcement of intellectual property rights (COD) - Consideration of amendments. Report by Jürgen CREUTZMANN (ALDE, DE)
- Food intended for infants and young children and food for special medical purposes (COD) - Consideration of amendments and vote on draft opinion. Report by Iliana IVANOVA (EPP, BG)
- Roaming on public mobile communications networks within the Union (recast) (COD) - Consideration of amendments and vote on draft opinion. Report by Eija-Riitta KORHOLA (EPP, FI)
- Consumer programme 2014-2020 (COD) - Presentation by the Commission of the proposal and the Impact Assessment. Report by Robert ROCHEFORT (ALDE, FR) **(17.45-18.30)**

15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 6Q2

Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN)

- Accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers (recast) (COD) - vote on draft report by Dominique RIQUET (EPP, FR)

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 1A002

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)

Votes

- Vaccination against bluetongue (COD) - vote on draft recommendation for second reading by Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI (ECR, PL)
- Food distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community (amendment of the Single CMO Regulation) (COD) - vote on draft recommendation for second reading by Czesław Adam SIEKIERSKI (EPP, PL)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 4Q2

Public Hearing on the Proposal for a Financial Transaction Tax

On Monday afternoon, MEPs from the **economics and monetary affairs committee** will meet representatives from think tanks and the financial industry to discuss the Commission's recent proposal for a financial transaction tax and the best ways to take it forward. Parliament is required to give its opinion on the Commission proposal and can table amendments.

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Tuesday 07/02/2012

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

14:00-19:30 *Brussels*

President's Diary

- 14:00 Meeting with Egemen BAĞIS, Turkish Minister for EU Affairs - Paul-Henri Spaak building, Protocol area, 9th floor
- 16:00 Meeting with Dacian CIOLOȘ, European commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development - President's Office
- 18:30 Meeting with ZHANG Zhijun, Chinese Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs - Paul-Henri Spaak building, Protocol Area, 9th floor

Wednesday 08/02/2012

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:00-14:30 *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room 0A50 "Anna Politkovskaya"*
EU citizenship, Homelessness and EU free movement

Niccolò RINALDI (ALDE, IT), Cecilia WIKSTRÖM (ALDE, SE), Freek SPINNEWIJN (Director FEANTSA) and Heather ROY, Secretary General of Eurodiaconia

16:30-17:00 *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room 0A50 "Anna Politkovskaya"*
Situation in Russia before the presidential elections

Kristiina OJULAND (ALDE, EE) shadow rapporteur on Russia, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia and Mikhail KASYANOV, Leader of Peoples' Democratic Union (PDU) former Prime Minister of Russia

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14:00-16:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 1A002*
The outcome of the elections to the Russian Duma and the upcoming presidential elections

MEPs will discuss the outcome of the elections on the Russian Duma and the upcoming presidential elections in public hearing organized by the **committee on Foreign Affairs in association with the Delegation to the EU-Russia PCC**. The speakers include Lilia Shibanova, Executive Director, Golos, Ilya Yashin, Member of the Solidarnost Movement, Mikhail Kasyanov, Co-leader, Peoples Freedom Party, Michael Púlch, Head of Division for Russia of the EEAS.

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Thursday 09/02/2012

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

13:00-18:00 *Brussels*

President's Diary

- 13:00 Meeting with Coreper Ambassadors - Council
- 17:00 Meeting with Anna DIAMANTOPOULOU, Greek Minister of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs - President's office

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 5G2*

Committee on Development (DEVE)

- Priorities of the Danish Presidency of the Council - discussion with Christian FRIIS BACH, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark (**11.30 - 12.30**)

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G-2*

Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT)

- Appointment of a member of the Court of Auditors - Mr Baudilio TOME MUGURUZA (ES) (NLE) - Evaluation, vote and adoption of a draft report (in camera) by Inés AYALA SENDER (S&D, ES)
- Special report No 12/2011 (2011 discharge) : Do EU measures contribute to adapting the capacity of EU fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities? (DEC) - Report by Marta ANDREASEN (EFD, UK) - Discussion in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Lazaros LAZAROU

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

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)

- Hearing on the future strategy for EU consumer policies - see "Public hearings"

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak building (PHS), room 1A2*

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

Votes (10.15-10.45)

- Schengen acquis - establishment of an evaluation mechanism to verify application of the Schengen acquis (COD) - confirmation vote on report by Carlos COELHO (EPP, PT)

11.00-12.30

- Work Programme 2012 for the European Commission and state of play in the area of justice, fundamental rights and citizenship - discussion with Viviane REDING, Vice-President of the European Commission

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Afternoon

- Hearing on the situation in Hungary (15.00-18.30) - see *Public hearings*

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 3C50

Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)

(9.00 - 11.30)

- Presentation and update by the EEAS on the Joint Communication: Human rights and democracy at the heart of EU external action – towards a more effective approach
- Annual Report on Human Rights in the World and the European Union's policy on the matter including implications for the EU's strategic human rights policy (INI) - Consideration of draft report by Richard HOWITT (S&D, UK)

Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries

- Hearing on the follow-up to the Egyptian elections - see *"Public hearings"* (11.30 - 12.30)

09:30-13:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 4B1

Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE)

- EUJUST LEX-Iraq - Discussion with Hansjoerg HABER, Civilian Operations Commander and Director of CPCC, and László HUSZÁR, Head of Mission
- Role of the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) - Discussion with Ambassador Theodor H. WINKLER, Director of DCAF

PUBLIC HEARINGS

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Building József Antall (JAN), room 4Q2

The future strategy for EU consumer policies

Organized by the **Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)** the public hearing on Consumer protection, product safety and better redress mechanisms, will be on the agenda when MEPs, Commissioners Viviane REDING and John DALLI and invited experts debate the future EU Consumer Strategy 2014 -2020.

The Commission is expected to present the new Consumer Agenda in May 2012.

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11:15-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak Building (PHS), room 3C50

Hearing on the follow-up to the Egyptian elections

Organised jointly with the Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and in association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries

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MEPs will discuss the results of recent elections in Egypt, the transition process and the freedom of association, particularly the situation of NGOs. EEAS and the Egyptian NGOs will be represented in the hearing.

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14:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak building (PHS), room 1A2

The situation in Hungary

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Following a debate in the Civil Liberties Committee on 12 January and a plenary debate with Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor ORBÁN on 18 January, the Civil Liberties Committee will hold a hearing on the new Hungarian laws implementing the Constitution. Representatives from European and international institutions and the Hungarian civil society will take part in the event.

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Friday 10/02/2012

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

Pre-session briefing