The Week Ahead 7-13 March 2011

Plenary session – Strasbourg

Libya/North Africa. MEPs will debate the events in the EU’s southern neighbourhood, and in particular in Libya, with High Representative/Commission Vice-President Catherine Ashton, and will vote on a resolution (debate Wednesday, vote Thursday). EP President Jerzy Buzek will address EU leaders at the special European Council on this issue, before holding a press conference (Friday, Brussels - Justus Lipsius).

Iran/Middle East/Human Rights. A series of other issues will also be debated with Catherine Ashton – EU relations with Iran, the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and the current session of the UN Human Rights Council (debate Wednesday, votes on Iran and Middle East Thursday).

International Women’s Day. Parliament will debate reports on female poverty and gender equality, before formally marking the 100th International Women’s Day. In addition, EP President Jerzy Buzek will join Commission Vice-President Viviane Reding and EP Women’s Rights Committee chair Eva-Britt Svensson for a press conference on the issue, and Parliament’s press service is organising a related seminar for journalists (Tuesday).

Eurozone. Commission President José Manuel Barroso will debate with MEPs plans for Friday’s meeting of Eurozone heads of state or government (Tuesday). Parliament will also debate its position on the proposed treaty change to create a permanent stability mechanism for the euro (Wednesday, vote at next session).

Turkey and Montenegro. Parliament holds its regular debates and votes on the progress made by these countries aiming for EU membership (debates Tuesday, votes Wednesday).

Roma in Europe. MEPs will adopt their position on how to encourage inclusion of Roma communities into wider European societies, ahead of a forthcoming Commission plan (debate Tuesday, vote Wednesday).

Pál Schmitt. The President of Hungary will address a formal sitting of Parliament, before joining EP President Jerzy Buzek for a press conference (Wednesday).
Monday 07/03/2011

PLENARY SESSION

17:00-23:59 Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber

Plenary agenda

17.00 - 24.00
- Resumption of session and order of business
- Innovative financing at a global and European level - Debate on report by Anni PODIMATA (S&D, EL)
- General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean Agreement Area - Debate on report by Crescen- zio RIVELLINI (EPP, IT)
- EU-Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement - Oral question to Commission with debate
- EU strategy for the Atlantic region - Oral question to Commission with debate
- One-minute speeches (Rule 150)
- Short presentations of the following reports
  - General product safety and market surveillance - Debate on report by Christel SCHALDEMOSE (S&D, DK)
  - Management of H1N1 influenza - Debate on report by Michèle RIVASI (Greens/EFA, FR)
  - Reducing health inequalities - Debate on report by Edite ESTRELA (S&D, PT)
  - Cooperating with developing countries on promoting good governance in tax matters - Debate on report by Eva JOLY (Greens/EFA, FR)
  - Agriculture and international trade - Debate on report by Georgios PAPASTAMKOS (EPP, EL)
- The EU protein deficit: what solution for a long standing problem? Debate on report by Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA, DE)

PRESS CONFERENCES

16:30-17:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201

Last minute session briefing

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

19:00-21:00 Strasbourg, LOW - N1.3

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

- Short selling and certain aspects of credit default swaps (COD), vote on report by Pascal CANFIN (Verts/ALE, FR) (19.00-19.30)
- Discussion with Olli Rehn, Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs (19.30-21.00)

12:30-18:30 Strasbourg, WIC 100

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

19:00-20:30 Strasbourg, WIC-200

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)
19:00-20:30 Strasbourg, SDM S1
Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)

- Stability mechanism for Member States whose currency is the euro - modification of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (NLE) - vote on report by Roberto GUALTIERI (S&D, IT) and Elmar BROK (EPP, DE)
Tuesday 08/03/2011

PLENARY SESSION

09:00-23:59 Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber

Plenary agenda

09:00 - 11:50
- Priorities for the 2012 budget – other sections - Debate on report by José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT)
- Joint debate - Women in the EU
  - Equality between women and men – 2010 - Debate on report by Mariya NEDELCHEVA (EPP, BG)
  - Female poverty - Debate on report by Rovana PLUMB (S&D, RO)
- End of joint debate
- 100th anniversary of International's Women's day

12:00 - 13:00
- Votes
  * Appointment of a Member of the European Court of Auditors (Mr Harald Wögerbauer - AT) - Debate on report by Inés AYALA SENDER (S&D, ES)
- Texts on which debate is closed

15:00 - 19:30
- Preparation of the Eurozone summit of 11 March 2011 - Statement by the President of the Commission followed by debate
- 2010 progress report on Turkey - Council and Commission statements followed by debate
- European integration process of Montenegro - Council and Commission statements followed by debate
- EU strategy on Roma inclusion - Debate on report by Lívia JÁRÓKA (EPP, HU)

19:30 - 20:30
- Question Time (Commission)

21:00 - 24:00
- Industrial policy for the globalised era - Debate on report by Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE)
- Securing Europe’s supply of rare earth elements - Oral questions to the Commission with debate
- Possibility of using gas from alternative sources in Europe - Commission statement followed by debate

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

12:00-20:00 Strasbourg

The President’s Agenda - The Week Ahead - Week 10 (7-13 March)

• 12:00 Press conference with Commissioner Viviane REDING and Eva-Britt SVENSSON, Chair of the FEMM Committee on the International Women’s Day - Press Conference Room

• 19:00 Keynote speech on the “Increasing role of the European Union since the Treaty of Lisbon”
  - Institut des Hautes Etudes Européennes - 76, allée de la Robertsau
PRESS CONFERENCES

09:45-10:15  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Briefing S-D
Martin SCHULZ (DE), President

10:20-10:40  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Briefing GREENS/EFA
Daniel COHN-BENDIT (FR) and Rebecca HARMS (DE), Co-Presidents

10:40-11:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Briefing ALDE
Guy VERHOFSTADT (BE), President

11:00-11:30  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Briefing EPP
Joseph DAUL (FR), President

11:30-12:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Southern Neighbourhood, and Libya in particular, including humanitarian aspects
Mario MAURO (EPP, IT)

12:00-13:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
International Women's Day 2011
Jerzy BUZEK, EP President, José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission, Eva-Britt SVENSSON (GUE/NGL, SE) and Viviane REDING, European Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

13:30-14:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Innovative financing at global and European level
Anni PODIMATA (S&D, EL), rapporteur

14:00-14:30  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Vote on the regulation on short selling and credit default swaps
Pascal CANFIN (Greens/EFA, FR), rapporteur

14:30-15:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Briefing GUE/NGL
Lothar BISKY (DE), President, Eva-Britt SVENSSON (SV), Miguel PORTAS (PT) and Takis HADZIGEORGIOU (CY)

15:30-16:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
The invisible smiles. Acid Violence, The New Weapon Against Women
Roberta ANGELILLI (EPP, IT) and Barbara MATERA (EPP, IT)

16:30-17:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Roadmap for a low carbon economy by 2050 and Energy Efficiency Plan 2011
Günther OETTINGER, European Commissioner for Energy, and Connie HEDEGAARD, European Commissioner for Climate Action

17:00-17:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201
Treaty change to allow permanent stability mechanism
Elmar BROK (EPP, DE) and Roberto GUALTIERI (S- D, IT)

OTHER EVENTS

14:15-18:30 Strasbourg, Room WIC 200
Workshop for journalists: Women in Leadership - Celebrating 100 years of International Women's Day
The Press service of the European Parliament is organising a networking workshop with journalists on the subject "Women in Leadership". The aim of the workshop is to exchange views with journalists on why there are still so few women in top positions in the public and private sectors. It also provides an opportunity to question Members of Parliament on their different views on this issue, and on what the options are on a European level.

Programme:

14:15 Welcome and introduction to the workshop
Juana Lahousse-Juárez, Director General for Communication

14:30 Opening of the workshop
Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou (EPP, EL), Vice-President of the European Parliament and Rapporteur of "Women and business leadership"

15:00 Women in top positions in the private and public sector: exchange of views with journalists

15:00 - 16:15 Looking back, looking forward: achievements and steps to be taken
How women made history - What can we learn from them?
Alexandra Föderl-Schmid, Editor-in-chief of Austrian daily newspaper Der Standard
Dagmar Roth-Behrendt (DE, S&D), Vice-President of the European Parliament
Mariya Nedelcheva (BG, EPP), Rapporteur of "Equality between women and men in the European Union - 2010"

16:15 - 17:30 How to break the glass ceiling - Perspectives from the media
What are the best ways to promote women in leadership positions, both in the private and public sector? Are quotas the way forward?
Hanne Seelmann-Holzmann (DE), President Dr Hanne Seelmann Consultants, Consultant for successful business in Asia, European Ambassador for Female Entrepreneurship
Isabella Lenarduzzi (BE), Founder & Managing Director of JUMP "Empowering Women, Advancing the Economy"
Isabelle Germain (FR), Journalist and Creator of www.lesnouvellesnews.fr/
Silvana Koch-Mehrin (DE, ALDE), Vice-President of the European Parliament and President of the High Level Group on Gender Equality and Diversity
Rebecca Harms, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group
17:30  Presentation of results of the Eurobarometer and closing remarks  
Ms Eva-Britt Svensson (SE, GUE/NGL), Chair of the FEMM Committee  
Questionnaire on issues such as obstacles faced by women to access high profile jobs in politics and businesses, the balance of family and business life, and violence against women  

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Wednesday 09/03/2011

PLENARY SESSION

08:30-18:00 Plenary Chamber, Strasbourg

Plenary agenda

08:30 - 11:20
- KEY DEBATE
  - Southern Neighbourhood, and Libya in particular - Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy followed by debate
  * - Amendment of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union with regard to a stability mechanism for Member States whose currency is the euro - Debate on report by Elmar BROK (EPP, DE), Roberto GUALTIERI (S&D, IT)

11:30 - 12:00
- Votes
- Texts on which debate is closed

12:00 - 12:30
- Formal sitting: Address by Pál Schmitt, Hungary

12:30 - 13:30
- Continuation of votes
- Part-session calendars for 2012 and 2013

15:00 - 18:00
- EU approach towards Iran - Debate on report by Bastiaan BELDER (EFD, NL)
- 16th session of the Human Rights Council (Geneva, 28 February - 25 March 2011) - Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy followed by debate
- State of play of the peace process for the Middle East - Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy followed by debate

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

11:45-16:00 Strasbourg

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• 11:45 Welcomes Pál SCHMITT, President of Hungary - Espace Mariana de Pineda

• 12:35 Joint Press conference with Pál SCHMITT, President of Hungary - Press Conference Room

• 14:50 Ceremonial signing of co-decision legislation, including the Directive on Patients’ Rights in cross-border healthcare - Protocol Room

PRESS CONFERENCES

10:00-10:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201

Deletion and not blocking (websites showing images of child abuse)

Alexander ALVARO (ALDE, DE) Sophia IN ’T VELD (ALDE, NL) and Jens ROHDE (ALDE, DK)
10:30-11:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201  
Libya and the opposition transitional government  
Guy VERHOFSTADT (ALDE, BE), Dr. Mahmoud JEBRIL, and Dr. Ali AL-ESSAWI, of the Libyan National Transitional Council in Benghazi

11:00-11:30  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201  
Gelato artigianale at the European Parliament  
Antonio CANCIAN (EPP, IT) Oscar de BONA, and Ferdinando BUONOCORE

12:30-13:30  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201  
Jerzy BUZEK, President of the European Parliament and Pál SCHMITT, President of the Republic of Hungary  
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13:30-14:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201  
EU Strategy for Roma inclusion  
Lívia JÁRÓKA (EPP, HU), rapporteur and Zoltán BALOG, Hungarian Minister of State for Social Inclusion

14:00-14:30  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201  
Stéphane HESSEL in EP  
Véronique DE KEYSER (S&D, BE)

14:30-15:00  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss Building - Briefing room N-1/201  
An Industrial Policy for the Globalisation Era  
Bernd LANGE (S-D, DE)
PLENARY SESSION

09:00-17:00

Plenary agenda

09:00 - 11:50
- Prevention of natural and man-made disasters - Oral question to the Commission with debate
- Volcanic ash crisis - Oral question to the Commission with debate
- Respect of national wages and retirement-setting mechanisms - Oral questions by (S&D) to the Commission with debate

12:00 - 13:00
- Votes
- Media law in Hungary - Motions for resolutions *(debate 16 February 2011)*
- Texts on which debate is closed

15:00 - 16:00
- Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law - One hour maximum (Rule 122)
- Pakistan - murder of Shahbaz Bhatti, Minister for Minorities
- Belarus, in particular the cases of Ales Michalevic and Natalia Radin
- Situation and cultural heritage in Kashgar (Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China)

16:00 - 17:00

Votes *(at the end of the preceding debates)*
- Motions for resolutions concerning debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 122)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-10:00 *Strasbourg, room WIC 200*

Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)
The Foreign Affairs Committee together with the Delegation for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo (DSEE) will hold a joined meeting with Senator Dick MARTY, who drafted the report on the investigation of allegations of inhuman treatment of people and illicit trafficking in human organs in Kosovo adopted by the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly on 25 January - *IN CAMERA* (only MEPs will be allowed to participate).

09:00-11:30 *Strasbourg, LOW N1.3*

Special committee on the policy challenges and budgetary resources for a sustainable European Union after 2013 (SURE)

- Discussion with Home Affairs Commissioner Cecilia MALMSTRÖM about the future budget for citizenship, freedom, security and justice

- Discussion with Jos DELBEKE, Director General at the Commission's DG Climate Action, about the future climate budget
Friday 11/03/2011

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

11:30-12:30 Brussels
The President's Agenda - The Week Ahead - Week 10 (7-13 March)

• 11:30 Speech at the extraordinary European Council on the Southern Neighbourhood followed by a press conference - Justus Lipsius
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

14:30-15:30 Rzeszow
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• 14:30 Keynote speech on the "The common agricultural policy after 2013"