



The Week Ahead 30 March – 05 April 2015

Committee meetings, Brussels

NATO/counter-terrorism. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg and EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator Gilles de Kerchove will join the Foreign Affairs Committee for two separate debates. Libya, Tunisia and the EU response to terrorist threats are likely topics. *(Monday)*

LIBOR/EURIBOR scandal. Draft EU rules to improve the transparency and reliability of benchmarks that may affect key financial market rates or the pricing of retail financial contracts such as mortgages will be put to a vote in the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee. The rules were prompted by the rigging of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR). *(Tuesday)*

Tax policy. The Special Tax Rulings and Economic and Monetary Affairs committees will hold a joint hearing with taxation Commissioner Pierre Moscovici on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday both committees will debate tax issues with OECD Secretary-General Ángel Gurría and Director of Centre for Tax Policy Pascal Saint-Amans. Topics will include the fight against tax evasion and tax havens. The OECD is widely seen as the right venue for taking international decisions on tax policy. *(Tuesday)*

Fundamental rights. Recent EU initiatives to protect and promote fundamental rights will be debated at a Civil Liberties Committee hearing with Commission First-Vice President Frans Timmermans, EU Court of Justice Advocate General Juliane Kokott, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Nils Muižnieks and EU Fundamental Rights Agency officials, among other experts. The hearing is to provide input to the committee's draft resolution on fundamental rights in the EU in 2013-2014. *(Monday)*

Climate change. The road to the December Paris Climate conference will be debated by MEPs, national MPs and climate action and environment Commissioners Miguel Arias Cañete and Karmenu Vella. *(Monday)*



Monday 30/03/2015

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3*

Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect

- Discussion with Pierre MOSCOVICI, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs (**15.00-17.00**)

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

Committee on Foreign Affairs

In association with the Subcommittee on Security and Defence and the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

- Discussion with Jens STOLTENBERG, NATO Secretary General

In association with the Subcommittee on Security and Defence

- Discussion with Gilles DE KERCHOVE, EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G2*

Committee on Fisheries

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2*

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- Hearing on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union - see *Public Hearings*

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

- Workshop on main causes of female poverty (**15.00-17.00**) - see *Special events*

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

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- Interparliamentary Committee Meeting : "From COP 21 Paris to 2050: a roadmap towards an innovative low-carbon, resource-efficient Europe"

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2*

Situation of fundamental rights in the European Union

Organised by the **Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee**, this hearing brings together institutional actors, researchers and civil society organisations to discuss the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union. The hearing aims to contribute to the on-going dialogue on the mechanisms and methods to better safeguard the rule of law and the fundamental rights of persons in the EU, as well as to allow for an assessment of the Union's efforts to protect and promote its common values.

Agenda

The first session will focus on the EU's recent initiatives to protect and promote fundamental rights and the rule of law and on its institutional framework in this area, and the second on specific threats to fundamental rights in the EU. The recent study on "The impact of the crisis on fundamental rights across the Member States of the EU," carried out at the Civil Liberties Committee's request, will also be presented.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

15:00-17:00 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

Workshop on main causes of female poverty

Organised by the **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**, discussion will focus on the root causes of female poverty as well as the effects of poverty on the living and working conditions of women and their children. The effects of the economic crisis on girls' well-being in rich countries "children of the recession" will also be discussed as well as the positive impact of a gender sensitive approach to the fight against poverty.

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Tuesday 31/03/2015

PRESS CONFERENCES

13:00-13:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

"Youth and exile"

Marina ALBIOL GUZMÁN (GUE/NGL, ES)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Votes

- Recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) - Adoption of amendments - Rapporteur: Francisco José MILLÁN MON (EPP, ES)

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

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- Discussion with Angel GURRÍA, Secretary-General of the OECD (**09.00-10.30**)

Vote (**10.30-11.00**)

- Indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts (COD) - Vote on a report by Cora VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN (ALDE, NL)

End of vote

- Discussion with Pascal SAINT-AMANS, Director of Centre for Tax Policy and Administration at the OECD (**11.00-12.30**)
- Public Hearing with Danièle NOUY, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB. **See Public Hearing (15.00-16.30)**

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

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- Presentation on the state and outlook of Europe's environment 2015 (SOER 2015) by the European Environment Agency

Votes

- Amendment to Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste to reduce the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags - Adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteur: Margrete AUKEN (Greens/EFA, DA)
- Safer healthcare in Europe: improving patient safety and fighting antimicrobial resistance - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Piernicola PEDICINI (EFDD, IT)
- Alcohol strategy - Adoption of motion for a resolution further to a question for oral answer - Co-rapporteurs: Alberto CIRIO (EPP, IT), Glenis WILLMOTT (S&D, UK), Marcus PRETZELL (ECR, DE), José Inácio FARIA (ALDE, PT),

Agenda

Younous OMARJEE (GUE/NGL, FR), Piernicola PEDICINI (EFDD, IT)

End of votes

- Follow up to the European Citizens' Initiative Right2Water - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Lynn BOYLAN (GUE/NGL, IE)

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G2

Committee on Fisheries

- Multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks (COD) - vote on a draft regulation by Jarosław Wałęsa (EPP, PL)

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

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

VOTES (09.45-10.30)

- Smart borders package (RSP) - vote on questions for oral answer to the Commission and Council of the EU
- Criminal proceedings: strengthening of certain aspects of the presumption of innocence and of the right to be present at trial (COD), rapporteur Nathalie GRIESBECK (ALDE, FR) - vote on draft report
- Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) (INI) - recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the TTIP, rapporteur Jan Philipp ALBRECHT (Greens/EFA, DE) - vote on draft opinion

end of votes

- Article 29 Working Party - discussion on working document of 5 December 2014 on surveillance of electronic communications for intelligence and national security purposes with Isabelle FALQUE-PIERROTIN, CNIL President (France) and Chair of Art. 29 WP (**11.45-12.30**)
- FRONTEX - The European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the EU Member States - joint discussion on the annual risk analysis and the 2015 annual work programme with Fabrice LEGGERI, Executive Director of Frontex (**16.00-18.00**)

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

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Committee on Development

- The effects of cyclone PAM on Vanuatu - EU response - Discussion with Susanne MALLAUN, Head of Unit (Asia, Latin America, Caribbean, Pacific), European Commission DG ECHO

Wednesday 01/04/2015

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2*

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Jointly with the Committee on Development (DEVE) in room Altiero Spinelli (ASP 3G-3) (10.40-12.30)

- Discussion on the nexus between development and migration

10:00-12:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2*

Committee on Budgets

Voting time

- Amendment of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020 (APP) - vote on the report by Jan OLBRYCHT (EPP, PL) and Isabelle THOMAS (S&D, FR)
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund : application EGF/2014/017 FR/Mory-Ducros - France (BUD) - vote on the report by Jean-Paul DENANOT (S&D, FR)

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

Committee on Development

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

- The nexus between development and migration - Discussion

Votes

- EU Member States' commitments to Official Development Assistance (ODA) - Adoption of Oral Question - Rapporteur: Linda McAVAN (S&D, UK)

End of votes

- EU-Africa relations - Discussion with Nick WESTCOTT, Director for Africa, EEAS

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3C050*

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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 - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER (EPP, FR)
- European Fund for Strategic Investments - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Danuta JAZŁOWIECKA (EPP, PL)
- Recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Marian HARKIN (ALDE, IE)

Agenda

End of votes

- Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty - Discussion with stakeholders - Rapporteur: Inês Cristina ZUBER (GUE/NGL, PT)