The Week Ahead 09 – 15 April 2018

Committees

Hungary. The Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee will discuss the draft report on the situation in Hungary, assessing whether Hungary is at risk of a serious breach of EU values and if Parliament should ask the Council to act on the basis of Article 7(1) of the EU Treaty. The rapporteur will give a press conference after the debate. *(Thursday)*

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the April Strasbourg plenary debates, in particular the debate with the French President Emmanuel Macron on the future of Europe. MEPs will prepare votes, amongst others, on a set of new rules to boost waste recycling, on binding reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions, on rules to prevent money laundering and financial flows to terrorists, on organic food labelling, on stricter car approval rules and on incentives to increase the energy efficiency of buildings. They will also discuss final drafts of resolutions on the protection of investigative journalists (following the murder of Ján Kuciak), media pluralism and freedom as well as gender equality in the media sector. MEPs will also hear from the European Council President Donald Tusk on the outcome of the EU summit of 22 and 23 March.

President's agenda. EP President Antonio Tajani will be in Madrid on Wednesday to receive the 2018 Nueva Economía Fórum award and deliver a speech. At 5pm, he will address the Spanish Congress. President Tajani will meet with President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr Sooronbay Jeenbekov, on Thursday.

Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing with the EP's political group spokespersons at 11.00 on Friday. *(Anna Politkovskaya room, press centre, Brussels)*

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Monday 09/04/2018

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President’s agenda
18:00 Meeting with the President of the National Assembly of France, Mr François de Rugy (Grand Salon Protocolaire)

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:00-14:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
“"Our Bodies Our Rights”
Molly SCOTT CATO (Greens/EFA, UK), Ernest URTASUN (Greens/EFA, ES), Teodora DEL CARMEN VÁSQUEZ, and Bertha DE LEÓN

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-16:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2
Committee on Budgetary Control
• Joint debate with the committee on budgets (BUDG) - Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union
Rapporteurs Richard ASHWORTH (EPP, UK) and Ingeborg GRÅSSLE (EPP, DE)

15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
• European Central Bank Annual Report for 2017 - Discussion following the presentation of the Annual Report by the ECB Vice-President, Vitor CONSTÂNCIO (15.00-16.30)

16:00-18:15 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
• European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights - Report on “Challenges facing civil society organisations working on human rights in the EU” - Presentation Michael O’Flaherty, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (16.00 - 17.00)
• Controls on cash entering or leaving the Union (COD) - Rapporteurs Mady Delvaux (S&D, LU) Juan Fernando López Aguilar (S&D, ES) (17.00 - 17.10) - Reporting back to committee on the state of play of trilogue negotiations

Vote (18.00 – 18.15)
• A European Values instrument to support civil society organisations which promote democracy, rule of law and fundamental values within the European Union - vote on a motion for a resolution
Special Committee on Terrorism

- Evolution of the terrorist threat in Europe and the new challenges in the fight against terrorism - Discussion with Jean-Charles Brisard, Centre for the Analysis of Terrorism (CAT) (15.00 - 16.30)
- Discussion on judicial cooperation in the fight against terrorism financing - Discussion with Raphaël Malagnini, Federal Magistrate, Prosecutor’s Office, Belgium (16.30 - 17.30)
- Discussion with Commissioner Pierre Moscovici (17.30 - 18.30)

DELEGATIONS

ENVI delegation to London
A delegation from the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety will travel to London and attend the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Environment protection committee’s 72nd session (MEPC72), from Monday to Wednesday. MEPs will meet NGO and industry representatives, IMO Secretary General Kitack LIM, representatives from major flag states, and participate in working groups and MEPC72 plenary meetings.

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THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

The President’s agenda
11:30 Exhibition on Autism - Break Barriers Together for Autism (JAN 3rd floor)
16:30 Meeting of the Jury of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize (Grand Salon Protocole)

PRESS CONFERENCES

13:30-14:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
“A Future for democracy in Syria”
Branislav ŠKRIPEK (ECR, SK)

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Wednesday 11/04/2018

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The President's agenda
Mission to Madrid

13:28 Reading of the act "PREMIO NUEVA ECONOMÍA FÓRUM 2018" given to Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament

13:38 Speech of Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament

17:00 Speech Spanish Congress

PRESS CONFERENCES

15:30-16:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
"Child refugees and access to school: presentation of a new comparative study"
Enrique GUERRERO SALOM (S&D, ES), and Thomas HUDDLESTON

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Thursday 12/04/2018

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The President's agenda
11:00 Conference of Presidents (PHS06B001)

13:40 Meeting with Mr Sooronbay Jeenbekov, President of the Kyrgyz Republic (Grand Salon Protocole)

PRESS CONFERENCES

10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
"the situation in Hungary, following the exchange of views in the Civil Liberties Committee"
Judith SARGENTINI (Greens/EFA, NL), rapporteur

17:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50
Press Point
- by Eric ANDRIEU (S&D, FR), Chair of the Special Committee on the Union’s authorisation procedure for pesticides, and Bernhard URL, EFSA executive director

17:30-18:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
“Big Pharma – Killing for Profit”
Nathan GILL (EFDD, UK), Aseem MALHOTRA, Carl HENEGHAN, Richard THOMPSON, Hanno PIJL, Deborah COHEN, and Sarah MACKLIN

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2
Committee on Foreign Affairs
- A public hearing on EU policy options in case of decertification of the Iran nuclear deal by the US will take place on Thursday 12 April from 9:00 to 10:30 in room JAN 2Q2. MEPs plan to assess the state of play of implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and will discuss with experts from think tanks the EU policy options should US decide to withdraw from Iran nuclear deal concluded in 2015.

09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Debates
- Dual quality of products in the Single Market - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Biljana BORZAN (S&D, HR)
- Exchange of views with the Commission on possible further restrictions on the use of neonicotinoids
• Exchange of views with the Commission on General Report on the operation of REACH and review of certain elements - Conclusions and Actions

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001**

**Committee on Transport and Tourism**

*Debates*

- Deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: Time to act! (INI) - exchange of views with Commission representatives, rapporteur Ismail Ertug (S&D, DE)

**09:00-11:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G3**

**Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality**

- Gender Mainstreaming Network - Discussions *(10.00 - 11.30)*
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
17h00 Meeting with Ministerpräsidet Armin Laschet Staatskanzlei, Horionplatz 1, 40213 Düsseldorf, Germany

18h30 Arrival in Bochum, Christuskirche, get-together with members of the board of trustees Platz des Europäischen Versprechens, 44787 Bochum, Germany

19h00 Speech the event HERAUSFORDERUNG ZUKUNFT – lecture Welcome by Sascha Hellen, Initiator of HERAUSFORDERUNG ZUKUNFT

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
Pre-session briefing