



The Week Ahead 20 – 26 April 2015

Political group and committee meetings, Brussels

Juncker's Strategic Investment Plan. The European Strategic Investment Fund, designed to leverage €315 billion to boost the EU economy, will be up for a joint legislative vote in the Budget and Economic Affairs committees. Arrangements for financing it will be of particular interest. Members will also vote on opening talks with EU ministers on an agreement to allow the Fund to start working in mid-2015. A press conference will take place at 18:00. (*Monday*)

Financing development. The Development Committee will vote on how EU development aid should be financed, with a view to an international conference on development finance in Addis Ababa in July, and the new Global Development Goals to be agreed at a UN summit in New York City in September 2015. (*Monday*)

Consumer safety. Two draft laws, one to improve the safety of personal protective equipment such as life jackets and bicycle helmets and the other to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning by gas appliances, will be voted in the Internal Market Committee. Members will also seek to ensure that the administrative burden of these laws is proportionate to safety risks. (*Thursday*)

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 27 – 30 April plenary session in Strasbourg, where MEPs are to vote on plastic bag reduction, biofuels, a new EU alcohol strategy, the e-Call system for cars, the 2014 accession progress reports on Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina and money market funds. MEPs will also debate economic governance with Economic and Financial Affairs and Taxation Commissioner Pierre Moscovici.

President's diary. EP President Martin Schulz will deliver a keynote speech at a conference on "The role of Parliaments in the negotiations on international treaties", in Rome, on Tuesday. He will meet European Council President Donald Tusk and the head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church His Holiness, the Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus'-Ukraine Filaret, on Wednesday. On Thursday, Mr Schulz will deliver a speech at Politico's launch event.

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



Monday 20/04/2015

PRESS CONFERENCES

13:30-14:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Copyright law in the information age – new authors' views

Julia REDA (Greens/EFA, DE), Cory DOCTOROW, Lexi ALEXANDER and Neil JOMUNSI

18:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

The Budgets and Economics Committees votes on the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI)

Roberto GUALTIERI (S&D, IT), Jean ARTHUIS (ALDE, FR), Udo BULLMANN (S&D, DE), and José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

- Hearing on the internal energy market as a pillar for Energy Union - *see Public hearings*

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3*

Committee on Development

- Global Health: smart investment for sustainable development - Discussion with invited experts
- Structured dialogue on the Commission work programme - Discussion with Christos STYLIANIDES, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management (16.15 – 17.15)

Votes (18.05 - 18.30)

- Financing for Development (INI) - Vote on a report by Pedro SILVQ PEREIRA (S&D, PT)
- Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of South Africa to take account of the accession of Croatia to the EU (NLE) - vote on a report by Davor Ivo STIER (EPP, HR)

End of votes

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

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

With the Council and Commission and EEAS

- EU Training Mission Somalia (EUTM) - Discussion with Brigadier General Antonio MAGGI, Commander of the EU Training Mission Somalia and Gábor IKLÓDY, Director, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate (CMPD), EEAS

Agenda

- Overview of CSDP missions and operations - Discussion with Gábor Iklódy, Director, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate (CMPD), EEAS

16:45-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q-2*

Committee on Budgets

Joint meeting with ECON Committee

- European Fund for Strategic Investments (COD) - Rapporteurs José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT) and Udo BULLMANN (S&D, DE) - Adoption of single draft report (Rule 55)

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- ECB annual report 2014, discussion with ECB Vice-President Vitor Constancio

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

The internal energy market as a pillar for energy union

The **Industry and Energy Committee** will hold a public hearing on integration of the electricity and gas markets, energy security, domestic energy production and electricity from renewables. Invited experts are Andrius Kubilius (Energy commission of the Lithuanian parliament), Claudia Kemfert (professor of energy economics, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin), Luis Atienza (Argo Capital Partners), Kari Hietanen (European Engine Power Plants Association) and Siward Zomer (Rescoop - Renewable Energy Sources Cooperative).

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Tuesday 21/04/2015

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

08:45

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Rome

8:45 Keynote speech at the Conference "The role of Parliaments in the negotiations on international treaties" - Montecitorio Palace

PRESS CONFERENCES

10:30-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Tax Justice - Fighting Corporate Tax Dumping & Taxing Wealth

Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS (GUE/NGL, EL), Marisa MATIAS (GUE/NGL, PT), Fabio DE MASI (GUE/NGL, DE), Rudolf ELMER and Nick MATHIASON

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

Prospects for the dairy sector after completion of the quota system

Ángela VALLINA (GUE/NGL, ES), Lidia SENRA RODRÍGUEZ (GUE/NGL, ES), Antón SÁNCHEZ, and Juan José SUÁREZ

13:30-14:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Presentation of the Paper of the S&D Group on countering terrorism

Tanja FAJON (S&D, SL) and Knut FLECKENSTEIN (S&D, DE)

Wednesday 22/04/2015

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

10:00-13:30

The President's diary

Brussels

10:00 Meeting with Donald Tusk, President of the European Council - Justus Lipsius Building

12:30 Meeting with His Holiness, the Patriarch of Kyiv and All Rus' - Ukraine Patriarch Filaret, head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Salon Protocolaire A

PRESS CONFERENCES

15:00-15:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

"Orthodox Church and European Ukraine"

Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI (EPP, PL)) and Patriarch PHILARET

18:30-19:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Protection of traditional minorities in the EU

József NAGY (EPP, SK), Béla BUGÁR and László BUKOVSKY

Thursday 23/04/2015

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

14:00-18:00

The President's diary

Brussels

14:00 Jury meeting of the Charlemagne Youth Prize - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Grand Salon Protocolaire

17:00 Speech at Politico Event " European Divides: a make or break year for the Union" - Autoworld, Parc du Cinquanteenaire

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

Subcommittee on Human Rights

In association with the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries

- Discussion on human rights in Syria on the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the uprising
- Hearing on the situation of the Roma minority in third countries (11.00 – 12.30) - *see public hearings*

09:00-12:30 **Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3**

15:00-18:30 **Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3**

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

VOTES (9.45-10.45)

- Personal protective equipment (COD) - Rapporteur: Vicky FORD (ECR, UK) - Vote of draft report
- Appliances burning gaseous fuels (COD) - Rapporteur: Catherine STIHLER (S&D, UK) - Vote of draft report

End of votes

- Discussion with Andrus Ansip, European Commission's Vice-President responsible for Digital Single Market (15.00-16.15)

09:00-12:30 **Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50**

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- Joint Operational Team (JOT) "Mare" - discussion with Europol and the European Commission (09.00-10.00)
- STOA study on Mass Surveillance (December 2014) - Part 1: risks and opportunities raised by the current generation of network services and applications - discussion with Stefan SCHUSTER, Project Director, TECNALIA Research and Innovation; Part 2: technology foresight, options for longer-term

Agenda

security and privacy improvements - discussion with Patrick de GRAAF,
Principal Consultant/lead Cybersecurity, Capgemini Consulting (10.30-11.30)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

The situation of the Roma minority in third countries

The Subcommittee on Human Rights will hold a public hearing on the situation of the Roma minority in third countries, with a focus on the Western Balkans. Experts from the Roma Active Albania, the Romedia Foundation in Budapest and the Open Society Foundations will debate with MEPs and representatives from the Commission on all the current developments in this area.

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Friday 24/04/2015

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Pre-session briefing

Saturday 25/04/2015

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

09:00-12:30

The President's diary

Gattatico

Morning Speaking at the event of the 70th anniversary of the Italian liberation - Alcide Cervi Institute, Fratelli Cervi street 9, 42043 Gattatico

Sunday 26/04/2015

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

15:00-16:00

The President's diary

Strasbourg

15:00 Attending the ceremony for the commemoration of the victims of the Natzweiler-Struthof Concentration Camp