

## The Week Ahead 02 – 08 May 2016

### Political group meetings, Brussels

**Plenary preparations.** Political groups will prepare for the 9-12 May plenary session in Strasbourg, where MEPs are to debate the new migration and asylum reform package to be presented by Commission and preparations for the World Humanitarian Summit. The EP will also vote on draft laws giving Europol new powers to fight terrorism and making residence/entry permits easier to obtain for *au pairing* and students from third countries. Members will also vote recommendations on how to protect women who are victims of human trafficking, improve existing rules on parental leave and help the development of EU mountain regions.

**2016 Charlemagne Youth Prize.** The Charlemagne Youth Prize 2016 will be awarded on 3 May in Aachen. The prize rewards young people aged between 16 and 30 who have been involved in projects that help promote better understanding between the peoples of different European countries. The award ceremony will take place in the presence of EP President Martin Schulz, who will deliver a keynote speech, and former President Hans-Gert Pöttering.

**2016 Charlemagne Prize to go to Pope Francis.** Parliament's President Martin Schulz will take part in a debate on the future of the EU with European Council President Donald Tusk, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and President of the Italian Council of Ministers Matteo Renzi, in Rome on Thursday. He will also deliver a joint *laudatio* with Messrs Tusk and Juncker at a ceremony awarding the 2016 Charlemagne Prize to His Holiness Pope Francis and hold a press conference with Mr Juncker, in Rome on Friday.

**Transparency register/lobbyists.** The ongoing public consultation on the Parliament and Commission joint Transparency Register for lobbyists and interest groups, their role in policy-making and transparency in EU decision-making will be debated at a conference with EP Vice-President Sylvie Guillaume, Commission First Vice-President Frans Timmermans and several other experts. (Monday)

**President's diary.** EP President Schulz will meet China National People's Congress Standing Committee Vice-Chairman Qiangba Puncog and European Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly, on Tuesday in Brussels.

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**Tuesday 03/05/2016**

## **THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY**

### **The President's Agenda**

#### **Brussels/ Aachen**

11:00 Meeting with Qiangba Puncog, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Grand Salon Protocolaire

13:30 Meeting with Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 2nd floor, Salon Protocolaire III

17:30 Speech at the Charlemagne Prize Europe Forum: "Europe's last chance" - Town Hall Aachen

19:30 Keynote speech at the Charlemagne Youth Prize - Town Hall Aachen

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **European Charlemagne Youth Prize**

On Tuesday 03 May 2016 the three final European winners of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize will be announced at an award ceremony in Aachen (Germany). The ceremony will take place from 19.00 to 21.00 in the University of Aachen in the presence of Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, Hans-Gert Pöttering, former President of the European Parliament, Michael Jansen, Chairman of the Charlemagne Prize foundation and Marcel Philipp, Major of the city of Aachen.

The three winners will be chosen from 28 national projects, submitted by national juries. In total 330 projects were submitted in all EU Member States. The competition is open to young people aged between 16 and 30 who have been involved with projects helping to promote understanding between peoples of different European countries. It is organised by the European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen. ECYP winners will be awarded €2,000, €3,000 and €5,000 as third, second and first prize.

Thursday 05/05/2016

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#### Rome

18:30 Conference-debate organised by the Charlemagne Prize Foundation and the European University Institute on the future of the European Union with Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission and Matteo Renzi, President of the Council of Ministers of Italy - Hall of the Horatii and Curiatii of the Capitoline Museums

Friday 06/05/2016

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#### Rome

12:00            Joint laudatio with Donald Tusk, President of the European Council and Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission at the ceremony for the award of the Charlemagne Prize to His Holiness Pope Francis - Sala Regia, Vatican

14:10            Joint press Conference of the Charlemagne Foundation with Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission - Hotel Residenza Paolo VI, Roof terrace