Agenda

# The Week Ahead 30 April - 6 May

**External Parliamentary Activities Week**

The coming week is set aside for MEPs to work in their constituencies or take part in inter-parliamentary meetings or other delegation visits outside the EU. Parliament is sending delegations to interparliamentary meetings in the United Arab Emirates, Israel and Egypt. MEPs will also meet their counterparts in Iceland, Croatia, and Georgia and observe the elections in Armenia on 6 May.

**President's Diary**. President Schulz will be in Barcelona on Wednesday where he will meet Núria De Gispert, Speaker of the Parliament of Catalonia, Artur Mas, President of the Generalitat de Catalunya and Fathallah Sijilmassi, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean.

There are no official parliamentary meetings in Brussels.

# Monday 30/04/2012

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

**14:00-18:00** ***Münster, Germany***

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- 14:00 : Debate on ACTA - University of Münster

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- 11:15 Meeting with Fathallah SIJILMASSI, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean
- 12:00 Meeting with Jaume CABRÉ, writer and novelist
- 13:00 Meeting with Núria De GISPERT, President of the Parliament of Catalonia
- 16:30 Meeting with Artur MAS, President of the Generalitat de Catalunya
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## 14th EU-Georgia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

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The state of play in relations between the EU and Georgia, democratic reforms and the current situation of refugees and the internally displaced people in Georgia will be discussed during the meeting.

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## Visit of a delegation of Budgets committee to Turkey

Members of the **Budgets committee** will visit Turkey to assess the effect of a possible Turkish EU membership on the EU Budget as well as the effects of the current pre-accession assistance.

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## Delegation of the Women's committee to Nicosia

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The Chair of this delegation is  Mikael GUSTAFSSON (GUE/NGL, SE).

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Six members will take part in the 15th EU-Croatia Joint Parliamentary Committee Meeting from 1 to 3 May in Zagreb. The EP delegation is lead by Gunnar HÖKMARK (EPP, SE) and includes Tanja FAJON (S&D, SL), Zoltán BAGÓ (EPP, HU), Silvana KOCH-MEHRIN (ALDE, DE), Alojz PETERLE (EPP, SI), and Libor ROUČEK (S&D, CZ).

MEPs will meet Croatia's political leaders, including the President, Prime minister (TBC) and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs and will take part in the Joint Parliamentary Committee Meeting at the Croatian Parliament on the remaining steps towards the country's full EU membership.

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**09:00-19:00** ***Tbilisi, Georgia***

## 14th EU-Georgia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

A delegation of six MEPs led by Milan CABRNOCH (ECR, CZ) is visiting Tbilisi, Georgia, for the 14th EU-Georgia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee meeting from 2 to 3 May. The other members of the delegation are Mojca KLEVA (S&D, SI), Krzysztof LISEK (EPP, PL), Ms Edit HERCZOG (S&D, HU) and Norica NICOLAI (ALDE, RO).

The state of play in relations between the EU and Georgia, democratic reforms and the current situation of refugees and the internally displaced people in Georgia will be discussed during the meeting.

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## Friday 04/05/2012

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### 18th EU-New Zealand interparliamentary meeting

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Meetings with ministers, Maŏri business leaders and students, will be on the agenda.

MEPs will also visit earthquake damage zones in Christchurch and meet local authorities on the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the city.

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Meetings with ministers, representatives of commerce and industry and women on the board of the Dubai Chamber of commerce will be on the agenda.
MEPs will also visit IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency),

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