

The Week Ahead 14 – 20 May 2018

Committee meetings, Brussels

Civil protection/natural disasters. An overhaul of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) will be up for a vote in the Environment Committee. The current system is unable to respond effectively to all the requests from EU member states for support. Proposed changes, including the creation of a Civil Protection Erasmus, reflect lessons learned from forest fires in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and Greece in 2017. *(Thursday)*

Financial help after natural disasters: The Budgets Committee votes on plans to mobilise more than €100 million in financial aid to Greece, following earthquakes in Lesbos, hurricane damage in the French overseas territories of Saint-Martin and Guadeloupe and forest fires in Portugal and Spain, all in 2017. *(Wednesday)*

Cyber defence. The Foreign Affairs Committee will vote on ways to improve the cybersecurity of Europe's armed forces. MEPs may call for closer integration of national defence capabilities and increases in financial and staff resources, in particular experts in cyber forensics, to make it easier to identify the sources of cyber-attacks. *(Wednesday)*

Migration/review of EU funding. EU funding for migration-related programmes and the challenges that are faced by organisations managing it in the field will be debated at a public hearing organised by the Civil Liberties, Budgets and Budgetary Control committees. MEPs will review EU migration expenditure and propose ways to improve the efficiency of EU funding for asylum and migration policies. *(Wednesday)*

Data protection. As new EU rules on data protection are set to take effect on 25 May, MEPs and national MPs will meet to discuss their implementation with law enforcement authorities, intergovernmental organizations, enterprises and IT specialists. *(Tuesday)*

President's diary. EP President Antonio Tajani will be in Sofia for the EU-Western Balkans Summit on Wednesday and Thursday.

Press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on the week's activities at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, in the "Anna Politkovskaya" EP press conference room.



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Monday 14/05/2018

PRESS CONFERENCES

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

Briefing on parliamentary agenda

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Debates

- Digitalisation and automation: Challenges for the labour market and social security systems
Challenges for the labour market and social security systems. Digitalisation will have a rapid and profound impact on the economy in general and on labour markets in particular
- Study on the social protection of workers in the platform economy

The “collaborative economy”, “platform” or “gig economy”, encompassing work-on-demand via apps like Uber and crowdwork like Amazon Mechanical Turk, has grown exponentially in recent years. While creating many new opportunities for digital services (e.g. translation, tagging photos) or physical services (e.g. transporting persons, delivery of goods, renting accommodation) this new digitally based economy has raised questions on the situation of workers, their legal status and negative effects on those workers.

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50*

Committee on Transport and Tourism

- **Mobility package - road charges aspects** - consideration of compromise amendments

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002*

Committee on Regional Development

- The work of the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) in the field of regional policy - presentation by Emanuela Bellan, Head of Unit - Interinstitutional, International Relations and Outreach

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

Committee on Fisheries

- Workshop on the 'landing obligation' requested by the Committee on Fisheries and organised by Policy Department B

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

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Debates

- Frontex Consultative Forum for Fundamental Rights - presentation of the Annual Report 2017 by Marta BALLESTERO, Chair of the Frontex Consultative Forum on fundamental rights and Head of UNHCR Liaison Office to Frontex and Stefan

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KESSLER, Chair of the Frontex Consultative Forum on fundamental rights and Senior Policy Officer, Jesuit Refugee Service Germany **(15.00-15.45)**

- *Joint debate* - agreement between the EU and Iceland and the EU and the Swiss Confederation on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020 (NLE) , rapporteurs Anders Primdahl VISTISEN (ECR, DK) and Claude Moraes (S&D, UK) **(15.45-16.00)**
- Countering money laundering by criminal law (COD), rapporteur Ignazio CORRAO (EFDD, IT) - reporting back to commission on the state of play of trilogue negotiations **(16.40-17.00)**

Tuesday 15/05/2018

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

10:00 Brief appearance at event "PassOnPlastic"

19:00 Meeting with MEP Esther de Lange (President's office)

PRESS CONFERENCES

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

"Petition of the Aire Limpio Platform, Spain"

Lola SÁNCHEZ CALDENTEY (GUE/NGL, ES)

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

"Internation Day of Families"

Anna ZÁBORSKÁ (EPP, SK), Lola VELARDE, and Antoine RENARD

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

"General Data Protection Regulation"

Jan Philipp ALBRECHT, rapporteur

18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

Press Point

- by Eric ANDRIEU (S&D, FR), Chair of the PEST Committee, and co-rapporteurs Norbert Lins (EPP, DE) and Bart Staes (Greens/EFA, BE), on "the EU authorisation procedure for pesticides"

(in front of the Meeting room: JAN 4Q1)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3*

Subcommittee on Human Rights

(09.00-12.30)

- Discussion with Mr Driss El Yazami, President of the National Human Rights Council of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the current human rights situation in the country
- Discussion on the human rights situation in China, with a special focus on the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, with Ms. Sophie Richardson (China Director, Human Rights Watch) and Mr Dolkun Isa (President of the World Uyghur Congress)

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09:00-18:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2
Subcommittee on Security and Defence
(09.00 - 12.30)

- Military Mobility - Discussion with :
 - Arnout Molenaar, Senior Expert on Defence Policy Matters, CMPD, EEAS
 - Jean-Louis Colson, Head of Unit Transport Networks, DG MOVE, European Commission

- Public hearing "Soldiers' rights in EU Member States"

Security and Defence Subcommittee organizes a public hearing on soldiers' rights in EU Member States with representatives of the European Organisation of Military Associations (EUROMIL), the Geneva Centre for the Democratic control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and the EEAS (tbc).

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09:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on Budgetary Control

- Use of EU agricultural funds in Slovakia - exchange of views to follow-up on the CONT-LIBE mission to Slovakia (7-9 March 2018)
- Workshop on Efficient use of EU funding in the Baltic Sea: State of play in the combat against eutrophication

09:30-17:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Debates

- Public Hearing on transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union

This hearing will allow the Rapporteur (Enrique CALVET CHAMBON, ALDE) and the EMPL Members to gain better understanding of the legal and social considerations underlying the proposal and in particular of its expected implications for the main stakeholders concerned

Votes

- Oral question on working conditions and precarious employment - Adoption - Co-rapporteurs: David CASA (EPP, MT), Siôn SIMON (S&D, UK), Anthea MCINTYRE (ECR, UK), Neoklis SYLKIOTIS (GUE/NGL, CY), Laura AGEA (EFDD, IT), Mara BIZZOTTO (ENF, IT), Jean LAMBERT (Greens/EFA, UK),

Enrique CALVET CHAMBON (ALDE, ES)

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

Committee on Transport and Tourism

- Exchange of views with H.E. Mr. Akbar al Baker, CEO of Qatar Airways
- **Mobility package - market and social aspects** - consideration of compromise amendments

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Regional Development

Votes

- Cohesion policy and the circular economy (INI) - adoption of draft report by Stanislav Polčák (EPP, CZ)
- Addressing the specific needs of Rural, Mountainous and Remote Areas - adoption of a draft motion for resolution, rapporteur Iskra Mihaylova (ALDE, BG)

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

Committee on Fisheries

- Exchange of views with Karmenu VELLA, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Votes

- Towards a sustainable and competitive European aquaculture sector: current status and future challenges (INI) - adoption of draft report by Carlos Iturgaiz (EPP, ES)
- State of play of recreational fisheries in the European Union (INI) - adoption of draft report by Norica Nicolai (ALDE, RO)

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

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- Interparliamentary Committee meeting with National Parliaments on the Implementation of the Data Protection package at the eve of its application - **see Special events**

09:00-13:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Hearing on the situation of migrant women workers in rural areas and farms in the EU (11.00-12.30)

- The aim of the hearing is to look into the working and living conditions of these women and to investigate how abuse can be prevented and how they could be better protected. The subject of the hearing will be introduced by three key note speakers, analysing the situation of migrant women from the more field related to the more academic angle. The hearing will be followed by the presentation of a study commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs. See draft programme

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09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B1

Committee on Legal Affairs

Votes (10.00-10.30)

- Monitoring the application of EU law 2016 (INI), rapporteur Kostas CHRYSOGONOS (GUE/NGL, EL) - vote on draft report

Debates (15.30-17.00)

- Law applicable to the third-party effects of assignments of claims (COD), rapporteur Pavel SVOBODA (EPP, CZ) - discussion on draft report

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

Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides

Debates

- Hearing on EU authorisation procedure for pesticides - Application for approval of active substances and Draft assessment reports

This hearing intends to provide in-depth insights into the first two steps of the authorisation procedure for plant protection products. 4 experts have been invited and their presentations will be followed by a questions and answers session with Members.

14:30-18:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Special committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance

Debates

- Public hearing on "The fight against harmful tax practices within the European Union and abroad"

One of the tools that the EU has to fight against harmful tax practices is the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes. A panel consisting of three experts, Prof Elly VAN DE VELDE (Hasselt University), Alex COBHAM (Tax Justice Network), and Mr Valère MOUTARLIER, (European Commission) will discuss the issue with Members. Previous special and inquiry committees have expressed concern over the level of transparency of the Council in the area of taxation. The European Ombudsman, Ms Emily O'REILLY, has been invited to assess the possible impact of her recommendations aimed at increasing transparency in the Council's working methods in this area. This is likely to include the work of the Code of Conduct Group.

SPECIAL EVENTS

09:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Implementation of the Data Protection package - at the eve of its application

Interparliamentary Committee meeting with National Parliaments

Co-organised by the **Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs** and the **Legislative Dialogue Unit of the Directorate for National Parliaments**, this meeting intends to take stock of views of national parliaments and stakeholders on different issues posed by the new data protection framework at the eve of its application.

The EU General Data Protection package is the most important change in data privacy regulation in 20 years. The new proposals are designed to harmonise data privacy laws across Europe, to protect and empower all EU citizens' data privacy and to reshape the

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way organizations across the region approach data privacy. The aim of the GDP package is to protect all EU citizens from privacy and data breaches in an increasingly data-driven world. [Draft programme](#)

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Wednesday 16/05/2018

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

EPP Western Balkans Summit

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

“Global Glyphosate Study – Preliminary Study Results Presentation”

Philippe LAMBERTS (BE), Greens/EFA Co-President, Marco AFFRONTI (Greens/EFA, IT), Fiorella BELPOGGI, and Daniele MANDRIOLI

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, JAN2Q2*

Committee on Foreign Affairs

(09.00-12.00)

Votes

- Recommendations to the Council, the Commission and the EEAS on the negotiations on the EU-Azerbaijan Comprehensive Agreement (INI), rapporteur Norica Nicolai (ALDE) - vote on amendments
- Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement and accompanying resolution between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, and the Republic of Armenia (NLE), rapporteur László Tőkés (PPE) - vote on the recommendation for the agreement and on amendments for the resolution
- Cyber defence (INI), rapporteur Urmas Paet (ALDE) - vote on amendments
- EU-NATO relations (INI), rapporteur Ioan Mircea Pașcu (S&D) - vote on amendments
- Towards an EU external strategy against early and forced marriages - next steps (INI), rapporteur Charles Goerens (ALDE) - vote on amendments
- Violation of the rights of indigenous peoples in the world, including land grabbing (INI), rapporteur Francisco Assis (S&D) - vote on amendments
- The situation in Armenia

(14.30)

In association with the Committee on International Trade

- Public hearing on EU-US relations and discussion on the State of EU-US relations (INI), rapporteur Elmar Brok (PPE)

09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G2

Committee on Development

(09.45-12.30)

- Financing for development: Are the EU and the Member States delivering on their commitments? - presentation and discussion of the Commission report with DG DEVCO, European Commission
- The Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2021-2027: what does it mean for development cooperation? discussion with CONCORD and the multi-stakeholder platform on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

Vote

- Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Iraq (NLE), rapporteur Paavo VÄYRYNEN (ALDE, FI) - adoption of draft opinion

Debates(14.30-18.30)

- Structured dialogue on the Commission work programme - discussion with Christos STYLIANIDES, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management
- EU-UK development cooperation after Brexit - discussion with representatives of NGOs and think tanks
- Digitalisation for development: reducing poverty through technology - first exchange of views

09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3

Committee on International Trade

(14.30-16.00)

In association with the Committee on Foreign Affairs

- Public hearing on EU-US relations (INI), rapporteur Elmar BROK (EPP, DE) - Draft programme

Debate

- Discussion on EU investment policy

09:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Jointly with Budgets, Budgetary Control and Civil Liberties committees

Joint Hearing on "Assessing the flow of EU migration funding within the Union".

- The objective of this hearing, jointly organised by the **Budgets, Budgetary Control and Civil Liberties** committees, is to track and assess the flow of current expenditure on the migration-related programmes and agencies under Heading 3 of the EU budget throughout the budgetary cycle, from allocation to implementation, control and evaluation of effectiveness. Keynote speaker is Emily O'REILLY, European Ombudsman. Further information and programme.

14:30-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Votes

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the clearing obligation, the suspension of the clearing obligation, the reporting requirements, the risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivatives contracts not cleared by a central counterparty, the registration and supervision of trade repositories and the requirements for trade repositories - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Werner LANGEN (EPP, DE)
- Amending Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority) and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the procedures and authorities involved for the authorisation of CCPs and requirements for the recognition of third-country CCPs - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Danuta Maria HÜBNER (EPP, PL)

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

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Debates

- Workshop 'Brexit and Energy policy'

Votes

- Distributed ledger technologies and blockchains: building trust with disintermediation - Adoption of question for oral answer and motion for a resolution - Rapporteur: Eva KAILI (S&D, EL)
- The definition of SMEs - Adoption of question for oral answer and motion for a resolution - Rapporteur: Markus PIEPER (EPP, DE)

09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Debates

- Tackling illegal content online - Exchange of views with the Commission -- Rapporteur: Julia REDA (Greens/EFA, DE)

-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

Committee on Culture and Education

- The situation in Hungary (pursuant to the European Parliament resolution of 17 May 2017) - vote on a draft opinion, rapporteur for the opinion Petra Kammerevert (S&D, DE)
- Exchange of views with Ms Audrey AZOULAY, Director-General of UNESCO

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

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debates

- Emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles (recast) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Miriam DALLI (S&D, MT)

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- Promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Andrzej GRZYB (EPP, PL)
- A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Mark DEMESMAEKER (ECR, BE)
- Debriefing of ENVI delegation to International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London by Ms Violeta BULC, Commissioner for Mobility and Transport
- Exchange of views with the Commission on digestive cancers

09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B1

Committee on Petitions

Votes

- Responding to petitions on tackling precariousness and the abusive use of fixed-term contracts - vote on draft question and resolution
- Improving language learning and the mutual recognition of language competences in the EU - discussion and vote on a draft oral question to the Commission and Council

Debates

European Ombudsman Annual Report 2017 - presentation of her report by Emily O'REILLY, European Ombudsman

09:00-17:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2

Special Committee on Terrorism

- Workshop: Terrorism and CBRN threat - presentation by the authors of three research papers commissioned by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs. This will be followed by a discussion on a study on Member States' approach to tackle the return of foreign fighters (**14.30-17.30**) Draft programme will soon be available.

Thursday 17/05/2018

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

EU - Western Balkans Summit

PRESS CONFERENCES

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

“Secondary roads in Andalusia, Spain: current situation and solutions”

Estefanía TORRES MARTÍNEZ (GUE/NGL, ES)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

Committee on Development

- Commission work programme - discussion with Neven MIMICA, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development (**09.00-10.00**)

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3*

Committee on International Trade

Votes (10.00)

- Protection against dumped and subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Community (COD), rapporteur Christofer FJELLNER (EPP, SE) - vote on draft recommendation for second reading
- Further macro-financial assistance to Ukraine (COD), rapporteur Jarosław WAŁĘSA (EPP, PL) - vote on draft report
- The public procurement strategy package (INI), rapporteur Daniel CASPARY (EPP, DE) - vote on draft opinion

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002*

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Debates

- Structured Dialogue with Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union - Exchange of views on Financial Services, Financial Stability and the Capital Markets Union

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Debates

- ‘Science and innovation - open to the world’, Exchange of views on the international cooperation through the 9th Framework Programme in cooperation

with STOA and STS forum

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Debates

- Promoting fairness and transparency for users of online intermediation services
- Exchange of views with the Commission
- Exchange of views with Vice-President Andrus ANSIP, responsible for Digital Single Market

Votes

- Regulation on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency", and repealing Regulation (EU) 526/2013, and on Information and Communication Technology cybersecurity certification ("Cybersecurity Act") - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Nicola DANTI (S&D, IT)

09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debates

- Public hearing on New Breeding Techniques organised by AGRI in association with ENVI (room JAN 4Q1)

Votes

- Objections pursuant to Rule 106: Genetically modified maize 1507 × 59122 × MON 810 × NK603, and genetically modified maize combining two or three of the single events 1507, 59122, MON 810 and NK603 - Adoption of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Bart STAES (Greens/EFA, BE), Guillaume BALAS (S&D, FR), Lynn BOYLAN (GUE/NGL, IE), Valentinas MAZURONIS (ALDE, LT), Eleonora EVI (EFDD, IT), Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI)
- Objection pursuant to Rule 106: Genetically modified maize GA21 (MON-ØØØ21-9) (D056125) - Adoption of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Bart STAES (Greens/EA, BE), Guillaume BALAS (S&D, FR), Lynn BOYLAN (GUE/NGL, IE), Valentinas MAZURONIS (ALDE, LT), Eleonora EVI (EFDD, IT), Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI)
- Union Civil Protection Mechanism - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Elisabetta GARDINI (EPP, IT)
- Europe on the Move: an agenda for the future of mobility in the EU - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Damiano ZOFFOLI (S&D, IT)
- Transparent and accountable management of natural resources in developing countries: the case of forests - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Kateřina KONEČNÁ (GUE/NGL, CZ)
- Common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Michel DANTIN (EPP, FR)

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2

Special Committee on Terrorism

- Hearing: How to improve Counter Terrorist Financing within the EU? **(09.00-12.30)** Draft programme Panellists will assess Member States' compliance with FATF recommendations and strategy on combatting terrorist financing, the international financial system's flaws based on the FBME case and finally, the

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cooperation between Financial Intelligence Units and the potential added value of an EU Terrorist Finance Tracking System.