

The Week Ahead 04 – 10 June 2018

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

Facebook/misuse of data. Following up on the meeting on 22 May between Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and Parliament's political leadership, MEPs will debate how to ensure data protection and prevent illegal use of collected personal information in a public hearing. The speakers include journalists and whistle blowers behind the media revelation of the Cambridge Analytica Case. *(Monday)*

Mobility package. The Transport Committee will vote on improving working conditions in road transport and competition between hauliers. The draft rules will help step up enforcement to fight illegal practices, such as use of letterbox companies or breaking the limits for operating in national markets after a cross-border delivery (so-called 'cabotage'). They will also clarify rules on the application of national minimum wage laws as well as ensuring proper rest conditions for drivers. *(Monday)*

Digital Union: free flow of non-personal data in the EU. A proposal banning member states from imposing unjustified territorial restrictions on processing non-personal data in the EU (e.g. in financial, health, tax, telecommunications sectors and government) will be voted on by the Internal Market Committee. This would cut red tape and remove unnecessary barriers for businesses. It is considered a key factor for a competitive European data economy. *(Monday)*

Pesticides' authorisation. The Special Committee on EU authorisation procedure for pesticides will look into the European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) opinion on draft assessment reports and the European Chemicals Agency's (ECHA) classification of active substances, with representatives from both agencies. *(Thursday)*

Sakharov Prize/30th anniversary conference. MEPs from the Foreign Affairs, Human Rights and Development Committees will look back on 30 years of the Sakharov Prize. During a two-day conference, they will highlight the EU's engagement in human rights through debates with high level experts, Sakharov Prize winners and human rights defenders from all over the world, and visit the (itinerant) exhibition "They Defend our Freedoms - 30 years of Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought". *(Monday and Tuesday)*

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the June plenary debates and votes, among others on the upcoming EU summit, the Iran nuclear agreement, the composition of Parliament and redistribution of seats after next year's European elections, the safety and privacy of drones, cyber security and EU-NATO relations. MEPs will also continue their discussions with EU heads of state or government on the future of Europe, this time with Netherlands' Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

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President's agenda. EP President Antonio Tajani will deliver the opening speech at the European Development Days and meet Rwanda's President Paul Kagame, Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou, Liberia's President George Weah and Montenegro's President Milo Djukanovic, on Tuesday.

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*)

EP press contacts

Monday 04/06/2018

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Votes

- Free flow of non-personal data in the European Union - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Anna Maria CORAZZA BILDT (EPP, SV)

16:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Mobility package vote:

- Amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards on minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs (COD) - adoption of draft report by Wim van de Camp (EPP, NL); vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations.
- Enforcement requirements and specific rules for posting drivers in the road transport sector (COD) - adoption of draft report by Merja Kyllönen (GUE/NGL, FI); vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations.
- Amending Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 with a view to adapting them to developments in the sector (COD) - adoption of draft report by Ismail Ertug (S&D, DE); vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations.

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

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- Public Hearing on "**Labelling of Origin for Agricultural and Food Products**"

Members of the Parliament's Agriculture and Environment Committees will meet representatives from the EU Commission, member states and the food sector to discuss with them how national labelling schemes work on the ground and whether existing EU rules are sufficient enough to respond to consumers' demand for transparency and the needs of actors throughout the food supply chain.

15:00-20:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- Hearing on "Supporting Niger, key cross-road of migrations to the EU" - *in association with the **Development Committee (15.00-17.00)*** -draft programme
- Hearing on the Facebook/Cambridge Analytica Case - Part 1: Use of Facebook users' data by Cambridge Analytica and impact on EU citizens' data protection - *in association with **Constitutional Affairs, Industry and Legal Affairs committees (17.30-20.00)*** - draft programme

SPECIAL EVENTS

15:30-19:15 *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2*

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Tuesday 05/06/2018

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

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12:00 Opening Speech at European Development Days (Tour & Taxis)

15:25 Official welcome Mr Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda (Protocol entrance)

15:30 Meeting with Mr Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda (Grand salon protocolaire)

16:30 Meeting with Mr Volker Bouffier, Minister-President of the State of Hessen (President's office)

17:25 Official welcome Mr Mahamadou Issoufou, President of Niger (Protocol entrance)

17:30 Meeting with Mr Mahamadou Issoufou, President of Niger (Grand salon protocolaire)

18:30 Meeting with Mr George Weah, President of Liberia (Grand salon protocolaire)

19:15 Official welcome Mr Milo Djukanovic, President of Montenegro (Protocol entrance)

19:20 Meeting with Mr Milo Djukanovic, President of Montenegro (Grand salon protocolaire)

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:30-15:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

“Populism, who's backing it?”

Janice ATKINSON (ENF, UK), Richard INMAN, and Lee WILLIAMS

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Wednesday 06/06/2018

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16:00 EPP GROUP STUDY DAYS (MUNICH)

Thursday 07/06/2018

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10:00 Conference of Presidents

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Debates

- Commission presentation: EGF mid-term review as an introduction to the proposal for the next MFF - Exchange of views with Commission representatives

Votes

Pathways for the reintegration of workers recovering from injury and illness into quality employment - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Jana ŽITŇANSKÁ (ECR, SK)

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debates

- Implementation of the Plant Protection Products Regulation EC/1107/2009 - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Pavel POC (S&D, CZ)
- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Soledad CABEZÓN RUIZ (S&D, ES)
- Deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels in the European Union: Time to act! - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Christel SCHALDEMOSE (S&D, DA)
- Quality of water intended for human consumption (recast) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Michel DANTIN (EPP, FR)

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

Committee on Transport and Tourism

- Port reception facilities for the delivery of waste from ships (COD) - presentation by the Commission

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G3*

Committee on Culture and Education

Votes:

- Import of cultural goods (COD) - vote on draft opinion by Santiago Fisas Ayxelà (EPP, ES)

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14:00-17:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides

Debates

- Hearing on EU authorisation procedure for pesticides - EFSA opinion on draft assessment reports and ECHA classification of active substances

14:00-18:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

Special committee on financial crimes, tax evasion and tax avoidance

Debates

- Workshop on "Taxation and fight against Money Laundering: Crypto Currencies, Digitalisation and the European Semester"

Friday 08/06/2018

PRESS CONFERENCES

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

Pre-session briefing