

The Week Ahead 15 – 21 July 2019

Plenary session, Strasbourg

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Election of Commission President. On Tuesday at 18.00, Parliament will vote on Ursula von der Leyen's nomination for Commission President. To be elected, she needs an absolute majority (50% plus one) of Parliament's component members. The vote will be held by secret paper ballot and will be preceded by a statement from Ms von der Leyen and a full debate with MEPs.

Humanitarian assistance in the Mediterranean. Parliament will debate NGOs' operations in the Mediterranean and the diverging positions of member states with the Finnish Presidency and the Commission on Wednesday afternoon.

Outgoing Romanian, incoming Finnish Council Presidency. In a debate on Tuesday afternoon, MEPs will assess the work of the outgoing Romanian Presidency of the Council with Prime Minister Viorica Dăncilă. On Wednesday, they will discuss the priorities of the incoming Finnish presidency, which started on 1 July, with Prime Minister Antti Rinne.

Foreign Affairs. On Tuesday evening, MEPs will hold four debates with EU Foreign Policy Chief Federica Mogherini on the implementation of the EU Global Strategy, the situation in Venezuela, in the Persian Gulf and in Moldova. A resolution on Venezuela will be put to the Vote on Thursday.

Interparliamentary delegations. MEPs will vote on how many MEPs should sit in each interparliamentary delegation on Wednesday at 12.00, with appointments announced at 19.00 on the same day.

Commissioners-designate. Parliament's Conference of Committee Chairs is set to meet with Commissioners-designate Ioan Mircea Pașcu from Romania and Kadri Simson from Estonia on Wednesday, who are set to replace Commissioners Crețu and Ansip who were elected Members of the European Parliament. The plenary vote is likely to take place on Thursday.

Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing at 16.30 on Monday in the Daphne Caruana Galizia Press conference room, Strasbourg.

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Monday 15/07/2019

PLENARY SESSION

17:00 - 20:00 Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business
- One-minute speeches (Rule 172)

PRESS CONFERENCES

16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Last minute session briefing

Tuesday 16/07/2019

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 12:30 KEY DEBATE

- **Statement by the candidate for President of the Commission**

15:00 - 16:00 Debates

- **Review of the Romanian Presidency of the Council**
[2019/2685(RSP)]

18:00 - 20:00 Election

- **Election of the President of the Commission**

20:00 - 23:00 (or after the election of the President of the Commission) Debates

- **Implementation of the EU Global Strategy**
[2019/2729(RSP)]
- **Situation in Venezuela**
[2019/2730(RSP)]
- **Situation in the Persian Gulf**
[2019/2731(RSP)]
- **Situation in Moldova**
[2019/2737(RSP)]

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:30-15:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

GUE/NGL Briefing

Martin SCHIRDEWAN (DE), Acting Chair

Agenda

16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Greens/EFA Briefing

Ska KELLER (DE), and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE) Co-Chairs

17:30-18:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

“the vote on Commission President-designate Ursula von der Leyen”

Dacian CIOLOȘ (Renew Europe, RO), President

19:30-20:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament, and Ursula von der LEYEN, President-elect of the European Commission

Wednesday 17/07/2019

PLENARY SESSION

10:00 - 11:50 Debates

- **Presentation of the programme of activities of the Finnish Presidency of the Council**
[2019/2687(RSP)]

12:00 - 14:00 VOTES

- **Numerical strength of interparliamentary delegations**
[2019/2719(RSO)]

15:00 - 19:00 Debates

- **Humanitarian assistance in the Mediterranean**
[2019/2718(RSP)]
- **Clean air zone in EU cities**
[2019/2738(RSP)]

19:00 - 19:15 Announcement

- **Announcement of appointments to interparliamentary delegations**

PRESS CONFERENCES

09:30-10:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

“EC Commission President Election”

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, (S&D, ES), President

12:00-12:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

“Presentation of the programme of the Finnish Presidency of the Council”

David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament, and Antti RINNE, Prime Minister of Finland

Thursday 18/07/2019

PLENARY SESSION

10:00 - 11:00 Debates

Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 144)

- **Situation in Hong Kong**
[2019/2732(RSP)]
- **Situation at the USA-Mexican border**
[2019/2733(RSP)]
- **Russia, notably the situation of environmental activists and Ukrainian political prisoners**
[2019/2734(RSP)]

11:00 - 13:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- **Motions for resolutions concerning debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 144)**
- **Situation in Venezuela**
[2019/2730(RSP)]