

## The Week Ahead 29 August – 04 September 2016

### Committee meetings, Brussels

**Turkey.** Parliament President Martin Schulz will pay a visit to Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Ankara (*Thursday*), following meetings a week earlier by Foreign Affairs chairman Elmar Brok and Turkey rapporteur Kati Piri with Prime Minister Binali Yildirim and other members of government. The Foreign Affairs Committee will discuss the rule of law and human rights situation in Turkey following the failed coup attempt. MEPs are also set to discuss the country's recent rapprochement to Russia and its military presence in Syria. (*Tuesday*)

**CETA.** MEPs will debate whether or not to approve the newly negotiated CETA, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada. Under pressure from Parliament, the European Commission and Canada reopened negotiations on the controversial Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) clause and replaced it with a new Investment Court system. CETA cannot enter into force without European Parliament approval. MEPs will also assess the European Commission's recent decision to have national parliaments ratify the deal as well. (*Wednesday*)

**Car emissions.** Parliament's Inquiry Committee on Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector (EMIS) will hear Günter Verheugen, former Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry. Members will also hear automotive supplier Faurecia, a market leader in catalytic converters and other emission reduction systems for cars and vans. (*Tuesday*)

**Migration.** Civil Liberties MEPs will debate new legislative proposals to complete the reform of the Common European Asylum System, including harmonised procedures for international protection, protection standards and rights and reception conditions. The legislative package was presented by the Commission on 13 July. (*Wednesday*)

**PRIIIPs.** MEPs on the Economic and Monetary Affairs committee may vote to formally object to a delegated act by the Commission providing for more information to clients of so-called Packaged retail and insurance-based investment products, such as certain investment funds, insurance products or derivative instruments. (*Thursday*)

**2017 EU budget.** A number of Parliament's committees will start voting their amendments to the 2017 EU budget, feeding into the position the Budgets Committee will lay down next month. The draft 2017 budget as proposed by the Commission makes provisions to address the refugee crisis as well as slow economic growth in the EU. MEPs want the 2017 budget to incorporate already the changes which may come out of the parallel mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework, the EU's long-term budget. The current framework ends in 2020. (*Wednesday*)

**President's agenda.** EP President Martin Schulz will meet with a Portuguese NGO helping homeless people on Wednesday, before travelling to Ankara to meet with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Thursday.



# Agenda

**Press briefing.** The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on the week's activities at 11.00 on Monday, in the “Anna Politkovskaya” EP press conference room, Brussels. Ask #EPpressbriefing @EuroParlPress questions on committees' work.

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**Monday 29/08/2016**

## **PRESS CONFERENCES**

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

**Briefing on parliamentary agenda**

**Tuesday 30/08/2016**

## PRESS CONFERENCES

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

### "Apple in Ireland"

Matt CARTHY (GUE/NGL, IE)

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

### Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections - vote on a draft opinion, rapporteur for the opinion Peter Jahr (EPP, DE)

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

### Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector (15.00-18.30)

- Hearing of Peter LAKIN, Vice President, Sales, Programs and Marketing, Faurecia Emissions Control Technologies, Faurecia Group - *see Public Hearings*
- Hearing of Günter VERHEUGEN, Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry from 2004 to 2010 - *see Public Hearings*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

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Wednesday 31/08/2016

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's diary

#### Brussels

14:00 Meeting with representatives of CAIS, Portuguese NGO

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**09:00-18:30** *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1*

### Committee on Budgets

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections

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

### Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- Discussion on Macroeconomic, financial and monetary impact of economic developments in China (**11.00-12.30**)
- Discussion: Towards a definitive VAT system and fighting VAT fraud (**15.00-16.45**)

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

### Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

- Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme - Discussion with Ján RICHTER (Slovakian Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family) (**15.00-16.30**)

**17:30-19:00** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 4Q2*

### Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001*

### Committee on Fisheries

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections - vote on a draft opinion, rapporteur for the opinion Nils Torvalds (ALDE, FI)

**09:00-18:30** *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2*

### Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- Reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders (COD), rapporteur Monica MACOVEI (ECR, RO) - presentation of the state of play of trilogue negotiations

**VOTES 15.15-16.30**

# Agenda

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections (BUD), rapporteur Monica MACOVEI (ECR, RO) - adoption of draft opinion and adoption of budgetary amendments

## ***end of votes***

- List of the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (review of the suspension mechanism), (COD), rapporteur Agustín DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA (PPE, ES) **(17.00-17.30)**

Thursday 01/09/2016

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's diary

Ankara

17:00 Meeting with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey - Presidential Palace

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**10:00-12:00** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

### Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

**Votes (11.30-12.00)**

- Commission Delegated Act on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) - vote on a resolution
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections (BUD) - Vote on a draft opinion and budgetary amendments. Report by Markus FERBER (EPP, DE)

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

### Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

- Hearing on Employee financial participation in the age of digitalisation (**09.00-10.45**) - see *Public Hearings*
- Approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services (COD) - Discussion with the Commission on report by Ádám KÓSA (EPP, HU) (**10.45-11.45**)

**09:00-12:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 2Q2*

### Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

**09:00-12:30** *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2*

### Committee on Transport and Tourism

- Technical requirements for inland waterway vessels (repealing Directive 2006/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) (COD) - vote on draft recommendation for second reading, rapporteur Ivo Belet (EPP, BE)

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

### Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality



## VOTES (09.00-09.45)

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections (BUD), rapporteur Viorica DĂNCILĂ (S&D, RO) - adoption of draft opinion and of budget amendments

### *end of votes*

- Council Presidency - presentation of the Council Presidency's programme by Ján RICHTER, Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic (09.45-11.00)

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### Employee financial participation in the age of digitalisation

The main objective of this hearing will be to get a better understanding of the impact of digitalisation, such as the use of artificial intelligence and robots, in employees' financial participation. Four experts have been invited and their presentations will be followed by an exchange of views with Members.

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