

## The Week Ahead 04 – 10 September 2017

### Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

**Counter-terrorism.** Counter-terrorism and the need to improve the exchange of information among member states will be discussed by MEPs on the Civil Liberties Committee with Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, responsible for migration, home affairs and citizenship, and Krum Garkov, president of the eu-LISA (agency responsible for managing IT systems in the area of security and justice, such as the Schengen and asylum-seekers databases). *(Monday)*

**Security.** An assessment of current threats will be made by the Civil Liberties Committee with Security Union Commissioner Sir Julian King. The debate, which will also focus on challenges ahead in the security field, is followed by a press conference with the commissioner and Committee Chair Claude Moraes. *(Thursday)*

**Climate Change/COP23.** Environment Committee MEPs will vote on their contribution to the next UN Climate Change Conference (COP23), to be held in Bonn in November this year. The conference will focus on the implementation of the Paris Agreement, in force since November 2016, as work remains to be done, in particular on climate finance and national contributions. A delegation of MEPs will attend the talks. *(Thursday)*

**Environmental liability.** The Legal Affairs Committee will look into the effectiveness of EU rules on the prevention and repairing of environmental damage, based on the 'polluter pays' principle. Members will also propose improvements to the Environmental Liability Directive (ELD), incorporated into national law in the member states in 2010. *(Thursday)*

**Commission Work Programme 2018.** EP President Tajani and political groups' leaders (EP Conference of Presidents) will discuss with Commission President Juncker and First Vice-President Timmermans next year's work priorities. *(Thursday)*

**Plenary preparations.** Political groups will set their political priorities in the run-up to the 2017 "State of the Union" debate with Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, scheduled on Wednesday morning, 13 September. To prepare for the 11-14 September plenary session, they will debate fire safety in buildings, the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities, the security of gas supply, arms exports, prison systems in Europe, next steps for completing the Capital Markets Union, the impact of EU trade policy and EU-Latin America relations.

**President's agenda.** EP President Antonio Tajani will be in Norcia (Italy) on Monday to participate in a Citizen's dialogue on "Building a better Europe with citizens for future generations" with Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Commissioner Tibor Navracsics.

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He will hold a press conference with Commissioner Navracsics and visit some European Solidarity Corps' projects, on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, President Tajani will meet Cyprus' House of Representatives President Demetris Syllouris in Brussels, followed by a press point. He will participate in the 15th G7 Parliaments' Presidents' meeting in Rome on Friday, and attend the official lunch for G7 speakers with Italy's President Sergio Mattarella, in Naples on Saturday. Finally, Mr Tajani will be in Münster on Sunday to join a conference organised by Community of Sant'Egidio, a Catholic organisation active in different fields including peace mediation, together with Chancellor Angela Merkel and Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou.

**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*)

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**Monday 04/09/2017**

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's agenda

NORCIA (ITALY)

Participation in the Citizen's dialogue "Building a better Europe with citizens for future generations" with Mr Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

Main topics: EU post-earthquake reconstruction aid, the future of the European Union, European Solidarity Corps as well as other EU initiatives for young people and planned initiatives under the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

### Subcommittee on Human Rights

- The recent and forthcoming HRC sessions - Discussion with Peter SOERENSEN, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001**

### Subcommittee on Security and Defence

**(15.00-17.00)**

- Election of the 3rd Vice-Chair
- Security developments in the post-Soviet space, particularly in Ukraine and Belarus - *See Public hearing*

**15:00-19:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3**

### Committee on Budgetary Control

- Workshop on "The implementation of the Common provisions (Reg. EU 1303/2013) for structural, agricultural, social and fisheries funds in practice, with view to their effectiveness" **(15.45-18.30)** - *see Special events*

**15:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

### Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

- Energy efficiency - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Adam GIEREK (S&D, PL)
- Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast) - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: José BLANCO LÓPEZ (S&D, ES)

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

### Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

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- Election of the 4th Vice-Chair

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2*

## **Committee on Culture and Education**

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

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

**Votes (16.40 - 16.45)**

- Draft Council implementing decision on subjecting N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenylacrylamide (acryloylfentanyl) to control measures (NLE) - rapporteur Brice HORTEFEUX (EPP, FR) - vote on a draft report

*End of votes*

- Progress towards the interoperability of EU information systems - discussion with Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, and Krum GARKOV, Director of eu-LISA (**16.45 - 18.30**)

**16:00-18:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3*

## **Committee on Constitutional Affairs**

- Brexit negotiations - debate with Guy VERHOFSTADT (ALDE, BE) (**17.00**)

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2*

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

- Workshop on "Increasing female participation in the labour market" organised by the Policy Department C (**15.00 - 16.45**) - see *Special events*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001*

### **Public hearing "Security developments in the post-Soviet space, particularly in Ukraine and Belarus"**

The continued fragile security situation in Eastern Europe and the resurgence of Russian power politics prompts the Subcommittee on Security and Defence to examine, also in the context of the upcoming Russian-Belorussian military exercise "Zapad 2017" to take place in Belorussia in mid-September and close to the EU's external borders, various angles of the ongoing development in the post-Soviet space, which impact on regional stability and beyond.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**15:00-16:45** *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2*

### **Increasing female participation in the labour market**

This workshop, organised by the **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality** (FEMM), will discuss the European Commission's proposal "European Pillar of Social Rights".

Amongst the participants, MEPs will welcome Monika LADMANOVA, from the Cabinet of Commissioner Věra JOUROVÁ, who will detail the Work-Life Balance Directive on which the FEMM committee is starting its work; Professor BURRI and Dr ANTILLA who will

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show how to address the challenges related to work-life balance and working time regimes. Finally, Dr Konstantina DAVAKI will present her [study](#) on "Demography and family policies from a gender perspective."

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**15:45-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3**

### **Implementation of the Common provisions for structural, agricultural, social and fisheries funds in practice, with view to their effectiveness**

**The Budgetary Control Committee** will hold a workshop on the implementation of the common provisions for structural, agricultural, social and fisheries funds. Featuring three panels, the workshop will provide MEPs with the perspectives of Member States' managing authorities, beneficiaries and the European Commission. Stakeholders from Belgium, France, Italy, Romania, Spain and UK will take part in the discussion.

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**Tuesday 05/09/2017**

## **THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY**

### **The President's agenda**

NORCIA & SPOLETO (ITALY)

Visit of the European Solidarity Corps' projects

Wednesday 06/09/2017

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08:00 European Policy Center Breakfast Policy (Thon EU Hotel (Salle Belgium), Rue de la Loi, 75, 1040 Brussels)

11:00 Meeting with 11 Latin American Ambassadors (Grand salon protocolaire)

14:30 Meeting with MEP Thomas Händel, Chairman of the EMPL Committee (President's Office)

16:15 Meeting with the President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Syllouris (Grand salon protocolaire)

16:45 Press point with the President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Syllouris (PHS 9 press area)

Thursday 07/09/2017

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### The President's agenda

10:30 Meeting with President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker (President's office) – **PHOTO**

11:00 Conference of Presidents

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**10:00-12:00** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, A3E-2*

### Committee on International Trade

- Committee on International Trade and Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, are organising a workshop on "Russia's and the EU's sanctions: economic and trade effects, compliance and the way forward". The Workshop will take place on 7 September 2017, from 10.00 to 12.00.

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

### Committee on Budgetary Control

**09:00-18:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002*

### Committee on Transport and Tourism

- Discussion with Henrik HOLOLEI, Director General DG MOVE, European Commission
- Discussion with Markku MYLLY, Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Agency

**09:00-18:30** *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

### Committee on Regional Development

- ECA Special Report 2/2017 (partnership agreements) - discussion with Ladislav BALKO, European Court of Auditors
- Smart specialisation and on the current state of implementation of 2014-2020 cohesion policy programmes - discussion with Marc LEMAITRE, European Commission

**09:00-16:00** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G3*

### Committee on Legal Affairs

- Copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes (COD), rapporteur Tiemo WÖLKEN (S&D, DE) - discussion on amendments **(10.30)**

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



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## Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- European Commission Comprehensive Assessment of EU Security Policy and ninth progress report towards an effective and genuine Security Union - joint discussion with Julian KING, Commissioner for the Security Union **(09.15-10.15)**

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

## Committee on Petitions

Friday 08/09/2017

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ROME (ITALY)

Participation in the 15th G7 Speakers' meeting

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

**"Talks with the DG Environment: An update on Doñana"**

Paloma LÓPEZ BERMEJO (GUE/NGL, ES), and Antonio MAÍLLO

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

**Pre-session briefing**

**Saturday 09/09/2017**

## **THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY**

### **The President's agenda**

NAPLES (ITALY)

Official lunch of G7 Speakers' with Mr Sergio Mattarella, President of the Italian Republic

Sunday 10/09/2017

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MÜNSTER (Germany)

Participation in the Conference organized by Community of Sant'Egidio