



## The Week Ahead 24 – 30 November 2014

### Plenary session and committee meetings, Strasbourg

**Pope Francis.** Pope Francis will pay an official visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Tuesday 25 November. The head of the Vatican state and the Roman Catholic Church will be welcomed by Parliament President Schulz at 10.30 and deliver a formal address to MEPs at 11.15.

**Sakharov Prize 2014.** Dr Denis Mukwege, a Congolese gynaecologist who specialises in treating victims of rape and extreme sexual violence, will receive the 2014 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought in a ceremony on Wednesday at noon, followed by a joint press conference with President Schulz at 12.30.

**Growth, jobs and investment package.** Following a presentation by Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, one round of political group speakers will discuss the Commission's €300 bn investment plans. (*Wednesday*)

**Censure vote on Juncker Commission.** A motion of censure tabled by 76 MEPs on the European Commission will be debated on Monday 18.00 in presence of Commission President Juncker and all commissioners, and put to a vote on Thursday.

**EU budget 2015.** Feed-back by EP's budget negotiators on the unfruitful negotiations with EU member states on outstanding bills in 2014 and a new budget for 2015 will be debated on Tuesday afternoon 15.00. On Tuesday morning, MEPs will have to decide whether to fast track its opinion on allowing some member states to defer payments.

**Palestine statehood.** The question of the recognition of Palestine statehood will be debated with EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini on Wednesday afternoon. (*Vote Thursday*).

**UN Climate change conference.** Ahead of the UN conference in December in Lima, MEPs will discuss global measures and funding to keep the world on track for a sub-2°C climate warming scenario and approve their position. (*Wednesday*)

**Nouvel food and plastic bags.** The Health and Environment Committee will vote on the novel food proposal and on an agreement with Council on reducing use of plastic bags. (*Monday*)

**ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly meeting (JPA).** During the weekend, the JPA standing committees of MEPs and their counterparts from African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states will meet to prepare the JPA plenary debates and votes, in Strasbourg on 1 - 3 December, on the Ebola virus outbreak, terrorism in Africa and national reconciliation in post-conflict countries



# Agenda

**Pre-session press briefing.** The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing at 16.30 on Monday. (*EP Press conference room, Strasbourg*)

**Monday 24/11/2014**

## PLENARY SESSION

**17:00 - 23:00** Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business
- Motion of censure on the Commission  
[2014/2197(INC)]
- The EU and the global development framework after 2015  
*Report: Davor Ivo Stier (A8-0037/2014)*  
[2014/2143(INI)]  
**Committee on Development**
- Delays in the start-up of cohesion policy for 2014-2020  
[2014/2946(RSP)]
- Export controls of dual-use items  
[2014/2869(RSP)]
- Commission's impact assessment guidelines  
[2014/2967(RSP)]
- One-minute speeches (Rule 163)

## PRESS CONFERENCES

**16:30-17:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

**Last minute session briefing**

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**19:00-20:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N 1.4*

**Committee on Foreign Affairs**

Jointly with the Committee on Development and the Subcommittee on Human Rights and in association with the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly

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- Discussion with the 2014 Sakharov Prize laureate - Denis MUKWEGE

**19:00-20:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N 1.4*

## **Subcommittee on Human Rights**

**Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Development and in association with the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly**

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**19:00-22:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

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

### **Vote**

- Novel foods - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: James NICHOLSON (ECR, UK)

Tuesday 25/11/2014

## PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:00 Debates

Vote on request for urgent procedure (Rule 154)

- \* • **Union own resources – adjustment of Member States' national contributions**

*Report: Gérard Deprez, Janusz Lewandowski*

[2014/0332(NLE)]

[Committee on Budgets](#)

- **Employment and social aspects of the EU2020 strategy**

[2014/2779(RSP)]

11:15 - 12:00 Formal sitting

- **Address by His Holiness Pope Francis**

12:00 - 14:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- \*\*\* • **Protocol on matters specific to railway rolling stock**

*Report: Heidi Hautala (A8-0030/2014)*

[2013/0184(NLE)]

[Committee on Legal Affairs](#)

- \*\*\* • **Hague Convention of 30 June 2005 on choice of Court agreements**

*Report: Pavel Svoboda (A8-0034/2014)*

[2014/0021(NLE)]

[Committee on Legal Affairs](#)

- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2014/008 FI/STX Rauma**

*Report: Petri Sarvamaa (A8-0043/2014)*

[2014/2137(BUD)]

[Committee on Budgets](#)

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- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2014/005 FR/GAD**

*Report: Anneli Jäätteenmäki (A8-0044/2014)*

[2014/2166(BUD)]

**Committee on Budgets**

- **Opinion from the Court of Justice on the compatibility with the Treaties of the Agreement between the European Union and Canada on the transfer and processing of Passenger Name Record (PNR) data by air carriers to the Canadian Border Services Agency**

[2014/2966(RSP)]

- **The EU and the global development framework after 2015**

*Report: Davor Ivo Stier (A8-0037/2014)*

[2014/2143(INI)]

**Committee on Development**

- **Employment and social aspects of the EU2020 strategy**

[2014/2779(RSP)]

## 15:00 - 23:00 Debates

- **Budget 2015: Result of the Conciliation Committee**

- **Combating violence against women**

[2014/2916(RSP)]

- **Situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration**

[2014/2907(RSP)]

- **Summary expulsions and the proposed legalisation of 'hot returns' in Spain**

[2014/2959(RSP)]

- **EU Strategic framework on health and safety at work 2014-2020**

[2014/2861(RSP)]

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- **Implementation of the Employment Equality Directive**  
[2014/2862(RSP)]
- **Evaluation of the bank stress tests**  
[2014/2977(RSP)]

## Joint debate - European Central Bank

- \* • **The powers of the European Central Bank to impose sanctions**  
*Report: Kay Swinburne (A8-0028/2014)*  
[2014/0807(CNS)]  
[Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs](#)
- \* • **Collection of statistical information by the European Central Bank**  
*Report: Roberto Gualtieri (A8-0027/2014)*  
[2014/0808(CNS)]  
[Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs](#)

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

10:30-18:30

### The President's diary

#### Strasbourg

- 10:30 Official arrival of His Holiness, Pope Francis with raising of the flags and playing of hymns - Louise Weiss building, Parvis
- 10:45 Official welcome of His Holiness, Pope Francis by the Bureau Members and Group Presidents - Louise Weiss building, Protocol Entrance, Espace Mariana de Pineda
- 11:00 Signing of the Golden Book - Louise Weiss building, Protocol Room 00
- 11:15 Formal sitting and address by His Holiness, Pope Francis - Plenary Chamber
- 11:50 Introduction of His Holiness, Pope Francis to the Presidents of the European Institutions - Louise Weiss building, Protocol Room 00
- 17:00 Meeting with His Eminence Reinhard Cardinal Marx - Louise Weiss building, Protocol Room 00
- 17:30 Attending the reception hosted by His Eminence Reinhard Cardinal Marx - Louise Weiss building, 7th Floor, Salon d'honneur

## PRESS CONFERENCES

09:00-09:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

### EPP briefing

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Manfred WEBER (DE), Chair

**09:30-10:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

## **GREENS/EFA briefing**

Rebecca HARMS (DE), and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE) Co-chairs

**10:00-10:20** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

## **S&D briefing**

Gianni PITTELLA (IT), Chair

**14:00-14:20** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

## **ECR briefing**

Syed KAMALL (UK), Chair

**14:30-15:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

## **GUE/NGL briefing**

Gabriele ZIMMER (DE), Chair, Marisa MATIAS (PT), Martina ANDERSON (UK) and Cornelia ERNST (DE)

**15:00-15:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

## **ALDE briefing**

Guy VERHOFSTADT (BE), Chair

**15:30-16:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

## **Reborn City of science: The rebuilding of the Science Centre**

Andrea COZZOLINO (S&D,IT), Patrizia TOIA (S&D,IT), and Silvia COSTA (S&D,IT)

**16:00-16:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

## **Father Gruner: Europa, peace and Lady of Fatima**

Mario BORGHEZIO (NI, IT)

**16:30-17:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

## **Adoption of the transparency package and transparency in TTIP**

Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE) , Chair of the International Trade Committee and Cecilia MALMSTRÖM, European Commissioner for Trade



Wednesday 26/11/2014

## PLENARY SESSION

### 09:00 - 11:50 Debates

- **Commission Jobs, Growth and Investment Package**  
[2014/2975(RSP)]
- **2014 UN Climate Change Conference - COP 20 in Lima, Peru (1-12 December 2014)**  
[2014/2777(RSP)]

### 12:00 - 12:30 Award of the Sakharov Prize

- **Sakharov Prize - 2014**

### 12:30 - 14:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

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[2014/2777(RSP)]

### 15:00 - 23:00 Debates

- **Recognition of Palestine statehood**  
[2014/2964(RSP)]

- **25th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**  
[2014/2919(RSP)]
- **Outcome of the G20 meeting**  
[2014/2968(RSP)]
- **Digital single market**  
[2014/2973(RSP)]
- **Steel sector in the EU: protecting workers and industries**  
[2014/2976(RSP)]

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**12:00-15:30**

### The President's diary

#### Strasbourg

12:00 Presentation of the Sakharov Prize to Denis Mukwege during ceremony in plenary - Plenary Chamber

14:30 LEX signing: Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund Ireland, Greece, Finland and France - Louise Weiss building, Protocol Room H060

## PRESS CONFERENCES

**10:00-10:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

### Putting human rights at the heart of Europe again! A human chain in solidarity with immigrants

Marie-Christine VERGIAT (GUE/NGL, FR), Cornelia ERNST (GUE/NGL, DE), and Malin BJÖRK (GUE/NGL, SV), Barbara SPINELLI (GUE/NGL, IT), Eva JOLY (Greens/EFA), Bernard KLINGELSCHMIDT, spokesperson of the Coordination for another migration policy, and Eva OTTAVY, representative of Frontexit campaign

**10:30-11:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

### European Citizens Initiative One of Us

Miroslav MIKOLASIK (EPP, SK)

**11:00-12:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

### Investing in Europe

Jean-Claude JUNCKER, President of the European Commission, Jyrki KATAINEN, Vice-President of the European Commission for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, and Werner HOYER, President of the EIB

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**12:30-13:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

**Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament, and the 2014 Sakharov Prize Laureate, Mr Denis MUKWEGE**

**14:00-14:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

**European Citizens' Initiative STOP VIVISECTION**

Fabio Massimo CASTALDO (EFDD, IT), Michèle RIVASI (GREENS/EFA,FR), André MENARCHE, Director General of Antidote Europe, Claude REISS, President of Antidote Europe, Gianni TAMINO, President of Equivita Scientific Committee

**15:00-15:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

**Citizens and local administration: targeted victims of the crisis spiral**

Sofia SAKORAFI (GUE/NGL, EL), and Themistoklis BALASOPOULOS, President of the Executive Committee of the Panhellenic Federation of Workers Associations of the Local Government in Greece

**16:00-16:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201*

**Position of Forza Italia Delegation on the key dossiers in plenary**

Elisabetta GARDINI (EPP, IT)

Thursday 27/11/2014

## PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 Debates

- **Child malnutrition in developing countries**  
[2014/2853(RSP)]

**Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law - One hour maximum (Rule 135)**

- **Pakistan: blasphemy laws**  
[2014/2969(RSP)]
- **Serbia: the case of accused war criminal Šešelj**  
[2014/2970(RSP)]
- **Iraq: kidnapping and mistreatment of women**  
[2014/2971(RSP)]

12:00 - 14:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- **Motion of censure on the Commission**  
[2014/2197(INS)]
- **Motions for resolutions concerning debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 135)**
- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. on the provisional system of instalments on contributions to cover the administrative expenditures of the Single Resolution Board during the provisional period**  
[2014/2882(DEA)]
- **Delays in the start-up of cohesion policy for 2014-2020**  
[2014/2946(RSP)]

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- **Commission's impact assessment guidelines**  
[2014/2967(RSP)]
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Saturday 29/11/2014

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

13:45-14:45

### The President's agenda

#### Vienna

13:45 Participating in the panel discussion at the federal party conference of the Social Democratic Party of Austria - Messe Wien, Messeplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria

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