

The Week Ahead 04 – 10 December 2017

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

Cash control. An update of EU rules on checking on cash entering or leaving the EU will be voted on by Civil Liberties and Economic Affairs committees. The aim is to step up detection of money laundering and financing of illegal activities such as terrorism. It would extend the definition of “cash” to include prepaid cards and commodities, such as gold coins and bars. *(Monday)*

Rule of law/Hungary. Civil Liberties Committee MEPs will quiz representatives of the Hungarian government, civil society and others on the situation of the rule of law in the country. The hearing is part of their work, requested by the full House in October, to assess whether Hungary is at risk of a serious breach of EU values. *(Thursday)*

Eurozone/Dijsselbloem. Eurogroup President Jeroen Dijsselbloem will join the Economic and Monetary Committee to discuss the Eurozone countries' budgetary plans for 2018 and the overall budgetary situation in the Eurozone as well as plans to develop the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) further. EU governments should appoint his successor on 4 December. *(Thursday)*

Parliament of Persons with Disabilities. Organisations of people with disabilities from all over Europe will join MEPs, Commissioners and other EU institutions' representatives for the 4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities, to discuss issues such as participation in political and public life. Parliament President Antonio Tajani and European Disability Forum President Yannis Vardakastanis will open the event. *(Wednesday)*

Interreligious dialogue. The role of the EU in the world will be debated with representatives of religious communities. EP President Antonio Tajani, Vice-President Mairead McGuinness and Commission First Vice-President Frans Timmermans will open the debate. The event is part of a regular dialogue between the EU institutions and religious as well as non-confessional organisations. *(Wednesday)*

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for December Strasbourg plenary debates and votes on Parliament's recommendations for the next steps in Brexit negotiations ahead of the EU December summit, the final report of the inquiry committee on money laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion (PANA) and the extension of the “Juncker” fund (EFSI) for investment in growth and jobs. MEPs will also consider whether to veto the Commission's proposal to allow phosphate in kebab.

President's agenda. EP President Antonio Tajani will meet with Albania's Prime Minister Edi Rama, followed by a press point, on Tuesday, and with Prime Minister of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Zoran Zaev on Wednesday. Mr Tajani will pay an official visit to Cyprus on Friday.

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 04/12/2017

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on Foreign Affairs

- Public hearing: Prospects for Libya in the current regional context (*see Public hearings*)
- Exchange of views with Ditmir BUSHATI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-2

Committee on Development

- 2016 discharge: EU general budget - 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs - Rapporteur for the opinion: Doru-Claudian FRUNZULICĂ (S&D, RO) - 2017/2146(DEC) - Discussion
- Mid-term review of the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI) and the European Development Fund (EDF) - Discussion with Stefano MANSERVISI, Director-General of DG DEVCO of the European Commission, in preparation for the 2018 Strategic Dialogue
- Humanitarian conditions in Libya - Discussion with Vincent COCHETEL, UNHCR Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Route

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3

Committee on International Trade

- First discussion on EU –Singapore FTA
- Annual report on the implementation of the Common Commercial Policy (2017/2070(INI)) -Rapporteur: Tokia SAÏFI (EPP, FR) - discussion
- Preparations for the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires - discussion

15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1

Committee on Budgets

Voting time

- EU guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under financing operations supporting investment projects outside the Union (COD) - Rapporteur: Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D, ES) - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations (to be confirmed)
- Guarantee Fund for external actions (COD) - Rapporteur: Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D, ES) - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations (to be confirmed)
- Establishing a centralised system for the identification of Member States holding conviction information on third country nationals and stateless persons (TCN) to supplement and support the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS-TCN system) (COD) - Rapporteur for the opinion: Bernd KÖLMER (ECR, DE) - Consideration and adoption

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- European Solidarity Corps (COD) - Rapporteur for the opinion: Tiemo WÖLKEN (S&D, DE) - Consideration and adoption

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2

Committee on Budgetary Control

- Discharge 2016: EU general budget - Discharge to Other Institutions - Rapporteur: Marco VALLI (EFDD, IT) - Discussion with the Secretary Generals of the following Other Institutions and Bodies, in the presence of the Member of the Court of Auditors responsible, Pietro RUSSO
 1. European Council and the Council
 2. European Data Protection Supervisor
 3. Committee of Regions
 4. European Economic and Social Committee
 5. Court of Justice
 6. Court of Auditors
 7. European Ombudsman
- Trust Funds: How to manage transparency? Exchange of views with Stefano MANSERVISI, Director-General, DG DEVCO and Christian DANIELSSON, Director-General, DG NEAR

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

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

- European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2018 - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Krzysztof HETMAN (EPP, PL)
- European Solidarity Corps - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur for the opinion: Brando BENIFEI (S&D)

Vote

- The implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Romana TOMC (EPP, SL)

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

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Jointly with the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Public

Hearing - The EU Forest Strategy - see *Public hearings*

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Votes

- Enforcement of the Directive 2006/123/EC on services in the internal market, laying down a notification procedure for authorisation schemes and requirements related to services, and amending Directive 2006/123/EC and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Sergio GUTIÉRREZ PRIETO (S&D)

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- Addressing geo-blocking and other forms of discrimination based on customers' nationality, place of residence or place of establishment within the internal market - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Róza Gräfin von THUN UND HOHENSTEIN (EPP, PL)
- Proportionality test before adoption of new regulation of professions - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Andreas SCHWAB (EPP, DE)
- Implementation of Directive 2005/36/EC as regards regulation and the need for reform in professional services - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Nicola DANTI (S&D, IT)

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

Committee on Transport and Tourism

- Monitoring and reporting of CO2 emissions from and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles (COD) - vote on a draft opinion by Nicola Caputo (S&D, IT)

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

Committee on Culture and Education

- The next MFF: Preparing the Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020 (INI) - vote on a draft opinion by Helga Trüpel (Greens/EFA, DE)

15:00-20:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- Exchange of views with Niels THYGESEN, Chair of the European Fiscal Board (15.00-16.15)

Votes (16.45-17.00)

- Commission proposal for a Council Decision on the appointment of the Chair of the Board of the Single Resolution Board - Vote on a report
- Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments with regard to regulatory technical standards on the trading obligation for certain derivatives (DEA) - Vote on a Recommendation for "early non-objection"

End of votes

Joint meeting with the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (18.30-20.00)

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675, as regards adding Ethiopia to the list of high-risk third countries in the table in point I of the Annex (DEA) - Discussion with Věra JOUROVÁ, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality (18.30-19.15)

Votes (19.30-20.00)

- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675, as regards adding Ethiopia to the list of high-risk third countries in the table in point I of the Annex (DEA) - Vote on a motion for a resolution (to be confirmed)
- Controls of cash entering or leaving the Union (COD) - Vote on a report by Mady DELVAUX (S&D, LU) and Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES)

End of votes

18:30-20:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Joint meeting with the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee

- Adding Ethiopia to the list of high-risk third countries in the table in point I of the Annex (DEA) - discussion with Věra JOUROVÁ, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality (**18.30-19.15**)

VOTES (19.30-20.00)

- Adding Ethiopia to the list of high-risk third countries in the table in point I of the Annex (DEA)- vote on motion for a resolution (*to be confirmed*)
- Controls of cash entering or leaving the Union (COD), rapporteurs Mady DELVAUX (S&D, LU) and Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) - vote on draft report

16:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B1*

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

- Women, gender equality and climate justice (INI), rapporteur Linnéa ENGSTRÖM (Greens/EFA, SE) - vote on draft report (**17.00**)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15:00-16:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

Prospects for Libya in the current regional context

MEPs on the Foreign Affairs committee will hold a hearing on the "[Prospects for Libya in the current regional context](#)". It will assess the current political and security situation in Libya, stabilisation efforts as well as EU role, ahead of the two-years deadline of the Libyan Political Agreement.

The debate with Libyan Mission to the EU and experts will feed into the recommendation on Libya that the European Parliament is due to adopt in the coming months.

16:30-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2*

The EU Forest Strategy

Ways to improve management of EU forests, to better to make them better contribute to climate action and to protect their biodiversity, will be debated by MEPs and experts at the joint hearing of Parliament's Agriculture, Environment and Industry committees. MEPs will also discuss measures to boost innovation and competitiveness of forest-based sectors and thus ensure their sustainable growth.

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Tuesday 05/12/2017

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

14:55 Official welcome Prime Minister of Albania, Mr. Edi Rama (Protocol entrance)

15:00 Meeting with Prime Minister of Albania, Mr. Edi Rama (Grand salon protocolaire)

15:30 Press point with Prime Minister of Albania, Mr. Edi Rama (backdrop area PHS 9)

17:00 Meeting with MEP Sergei Stanishev (President's office)

PRESS CONFERENCES

12:30-13:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

“Linares: The city with the highest unemployment rate in Spain”

Paloma LÓPEZ BERMEJO (GUE/NGL, ES), and Francisco DAMAS

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

“The Spanish Sun Tax and the hunger strike of the actor Cesar Vea”

Xabier BENITO ZILUAGA (GUE/NGL, ES), Cesar VEA, and Piet HOLTROP

Wednesday 06/12/2017

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

10:00 4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities (Hemicycle)

11:00 Meeting with Prime Minister of Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Zoran Zaev (Grand salon protocolaire)

11:45 Press Conference on 4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities (press conference room)

15:00 Interreligious Dialogue: "The External Policies of the EU" (ASP 5G3)

16:00 Conference of presidents

Thursday 07/12/2017

PRESS CONFERENCES

09:00-09:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

“Glyphosate”

Philippe LAMBERTS (BE), Co-Chair Greens/EFA, and Olivier DE SCHUTTER

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

”LIBE Hearing on the Situation in Hungary”

Kinga GÁL (EPP, HU), Vice-Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Péter SZIJJÁRTÓ, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, and Tamás MENCZER

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002*

Subcommittee on Human Rights

- Discussion on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime
- Discussion on the rule of law and Human Rights in Turkey" **14.00-15.00 in room ASP 3G3**

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E-2*

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs

In association with the Delegation for relations with Japan, the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, the Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula:

- Public hearing on North Korea (**10.00 – 11.30**)

15:00-17:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E-2*

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2016 discharge: EU general budget - Commission (DEC) - Rapporteur:Joachim ZELLER (EPP, DE) - Exchange of views with the Secretary-General of the European Commission, Alexander ITALIANER, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Pietro RUJSSO

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3*

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- Economic Dialogue and discussion with Jeroen DIJSSELBLOEM, President of the Eurogroup (**09.00-10.30**)

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

Committee on Regional Development

- Discussion with Corina CREȚU, Commissioner for Regional Policy

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

Committee on Legal Affairs

- **Joint meeting with the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (09.00-09.45)** - see draft agenda

VOTE (09.45-10.00)

- Conclusion of the Marrakesh Treaty to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled (NLE), rapporteur Max ANDERSSON (Greens/EFA, SE) - vote on draft recommendation

end of votes

- Workshop on the copyright directive: strengthening the position of press publishers and authors and performers **(15.00-16.30)**

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- Hearing on the situation in Hungary **(09.00-11.00)** - see *Public Hearings*
- European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (COD), rapporteur Monica MACOVEI (ECR, RO) - vote on draft report and vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations and on the composition of the negotiating team **(11.00-11.20)**

09:00-09:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B1

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Joint meeting with the Legal Affairs Committee (09.00-09.45) - see draft agenda

14:00-16:00 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

- Hearing on "Genetic diversity, conservation and crops wild relatives" **(14.00-15.30)** - see *Public Hearings*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

09:00-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Situation in Hungary

Organised by the **Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee**, this hearing is part of the preparatory work in the framework of the specific report to be drafted by the Committee under Rule 83, in accordance with Rules 45 and 52, of the Rules of Procedure on the situation in Hungary (as instructed by the Plenary in its

[resolution of 17 May 2017](#).

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10:00-11:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, A5E2

North Korea

On 7 December 2017, AFET/SEDE will hold an extraordinary joint hearing on North Korea to discuss the continuing deterioration of the security situation on the Korean Peninsula. The aim of the hearing is to assess the threat posed by the DPRK's nuclear and ballistic missile build-up and possible consequences for the global non-proliferation regime. Members will also analyse different options for the EU and international community to prevent further escalation of the crisis.

14:00-15:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Genetic diversity, conservation and crops wild relatives

Latest research on crop wild relatives, i.e. naturally growing relatives of cultivated crops, their conservation in both secure gene banks and their natural habitats and the role genetic diversity plays in ensuring food security will be debated by Members and experts during a public hearing organised by the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. Members will also look at how the current EU Biodiversity Strategy is helping to stop global biodiversity loss.

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Friday 08/12/2017

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Official visit to Cyprus

PRESS CONFERENCES

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

Pre-session briefing

15:00-16:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

“#Brexit Steering Group on the state of play of negotiations with the UK”

Guy VERHOFSTADT (ALDE, BE,), Elmar BROK (EPP, DE), Gabriele ZIMMER (GUE/NGL, DE), and Roberto GUALTIERI (S&D, IT)