

## The Week Ahead 08 – 14 January 2018

# Agenda

### Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

**Terrorist financing.** New rules to better equip EU countries to freeze and confiscate criminal assets across the EU will be voted on by the Civil Liberties Committee. Part of a package aimed at strengthening the fight against financing terrorism and organised crime, the draft legislation would also allow national authorities to temporarily freeze assets that are at risk of suddenly being moved, if no action is taken. (*Thursday*)

**Endocrine disruptors.** A proposal by the European Commission setting new limits for the use of the endocrine disruptor *bisphenol A* (BPA) in varnishes and coatings that come into contact with food will be up for a vote in the Environment and Public Health Committee. In 2016, Parliament asked for a ban on BPA in all materials which come into contact with food. (*Thursday*)

**Plenary preparations.** Political groups will prepare for January's Strasbourg plenary debates on the work priorities of the incoming Bulgarian Council Presidency as well as the follow-up to EU leaders' decisions agreed at the December Summit, particularly on Brexit negotiations, common defence, the ongoing reform of the EU asylum system and the status of Jerusalem. MEPs will also debate and vote on the new Clean Energy package, which includes measures to step up energy efficiency and use of renewable sources.

**President's agenda.** EP President Antonio Tajani will deliver the opening speech at the event "Baltic States' call for freedom heard: 35 years since the first Resolution of the European Parliament supporting independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania" on Wednesday. On Thursday, the President will attend the New Year's Reception at the Royal Palace in Brussels and the official opening of the Bulgarian EU Presidency in Sofia.

**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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## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### President's agenda

Wednesday 10/01/2018

17:05 Opening speech "Baltic States' call for freedom heard: 35 years since the first Resolution of the European Parliament supporting independence of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania" (Library Hall of the European Parliament - ASP, 5th floor)

### President's agenda

Thursday 11/01/2018

08:30 Conference of Presidents (PHS06B011)

11:00 New Year's Reception at the Royal Palace

19:00 Official opening of the Bulgarian EU Presidency in Sofia

## PRESS CONFERENCES

### “Pulse fishing: a European exception?”

**Wednesday 10/01/2018 09:00-09:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050**

Philippe LAMBERTS (Greens/EFA, BE), Co-President, Yannick JADOT (Greens/EFA, FR), Marco AFFRONTE (Greens/EFA, IT), Julie GIRLING (ECR, UK)

### “Kenyan elections 2017”

**Wednesday 10/01/2018 10:45-11:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050**

Marietje SCHAAKE (ALDE, NL)

### Pre-session briefing

**Friday 12/01/2018 11:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50**

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

### Committee on Budgetary Control

Thursday 11/01/2018 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B-001*

Appointment of two Members of the European Court of Auditors

- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - IE nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Indrek TARAND (Greens/EFA, EE) - Hearing of Tony MURPHY - candidate nominated by Ireland (new mandate)
- Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - SE nominee (NLE) - Rapporteur: Indrek TARAND (Greens/EFA, EE) - Hearing of Eva LINDSTRÖM - candidate nominated by Sweden (new mandate)

### Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Thursday 11/01/2018 14:00-15:00 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2*

#### Votes

- European Solidarity Corps - Rapporteur for the opinion: Brando BENIFEI (S&D, IT)

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

Thursday 11/01/2018 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

- Objection pursuant to Rule 106 : The use of bisphenol A in varnishes and coatings intended to come into contact with food - Consideration of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA, DE), Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI), Frédérique RIES (ALDE, BE)

#### Votes

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- Early non-objection pursuant to Rule 106: Scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community. EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) Directive - Adoption of motion for a resolution - Rapporteur: Julie GIRLING (ECR, UK)
- Exchange of views with Mr Christos STYLIANIDES, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, on Civil Protection Mechanism
- Exchange of views with the Commission on the Commission report on the state of paediatric medicines in the EU - 10 years of the EU Paediatric Regulation

### Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Thursday 11/01/2018 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2*

- Establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Françoise GROSSETÊTE (EPP, FR)

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- Common rules for the internal market in natural gas - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Jerzy BUZEK (EPP, PL)

## Votes

- Accelerating Clean Energy Innovation - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Jerzy BUZEK (EPP, PL)

## Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 11/01/2018 08:30-09:00 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

## Vote

Mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders: adoption of draft report and vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations and on the composition of the negotiating team - rapporteur: Nathalie Griesbeck (ALDE)