

# The Week Ahead 15 – 21 January 2018

## Agenda

### Plenary session in Strasbourg

**Future of Europe debate with Irish Taoiseach Varadkar.** The Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland Leo Varadkar will debate the future of Europe with MEPs on Wednesday morning. This is to be the first in a series of debates between EU government leaders and MEPs reflecting on the future of the European Union. A press point by EP President Antonio Tajani and the Taoiseach is scheduled for 12.30.

**EU summit and Brexit.** MEPs will debate the outcome of the 14-15 December meeting of EU leaders with European Council President Donald Tusk on Tuesday morning and will share their positions on the Brexit negotiations, migration, defence cooperation and eurozone reform.

**Outgoing/incoming EU presidency.** Bulgaria's Prime Minister Boyko Borissov will present the incoming EU Council Presidency priorities to MEPs on Wednesday morning. Those include security and stability, the digital economy and a European perspective and the connectivity of the Western Balkans. A press conference by EP President Tajani and Prime Minister Borissov is scheduled for 12.45. The day before, on Tuesday morning, MEPs will assess the progress made by the outgoing Estonian presidency in the past six months.

**Cleaner energy.** Energy consumption will have to be cut by 40% from 2005 levels by 2030 under draft laws on energy efficiency, renewables and the governance of the Energy Union, to be debated on Monday. The share from renewable, cleaner sources would need to go up from 27% to 35%. A vote on whether or not to start negotiations with ministers will follow on Wednesday.

**Russia's propaganda in the EU.** The influence of Russian propaganda on EU countries and its alleged attempts to influence elections in some EU countries through misinformation will be debated by MEPs in a topical debate on Wednesday afternoon.

**EU export controls.** In order to prevent authoritarian regimes from spying on their own citizens, an extension of EU export controls on cyber-surveillance tools, such as devices to intercept mobile phones, hack into computers, circumvent passwords or identify internet users, possibly used for human rights violations, is up for a debate on Tuesday and a vote on Wednesday.

**Overhauling fisheries technical measures.** Common EU rules on how, where and when one can fish in the EU will be put to the vote on Tuesday. The new law would provide for common measures on fishing gear and methods and allowed species for all EU waters. It would also add some bite to Commission proposals to allow innovative methods, such as electric trawl pulse fishing (used to drive fish up out of the seabed and into the net), to be used across the EU.

**President's Diary.** EP President Tajani will have bilateral meetings with the Estonian Prime Minister Juri Ratas on Tuesday morning, with Bulgaria's Prime Minister Boyko Borissov and the Irish Taoiseach Leo Varadkar on Wednesday.



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

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## PLENARY SESSION

Monday 15 January 2018

17:00 - 23:00 Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business

### Joint debate - Clean energy

- \*\*\*| • Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources  
*Report: José Blanco López (A8-0392/2017)*  
[2016/0382(COD)]  
[Committee on Industry, Research and Energy](#)
- \*\*\*| • Energy efficiency  
*Report: Miroslav Poche (A8-0391/2017)*  
[2016/0376(COD)]  
[Committee on Industry, Research and Energy](#)
- \*\*\*| • Governance of the Energy Union  
*Report: Claude Turmes, Michèle Rivasi (A8-0402/2017)*  
[2016/0375(COD)]  
[Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety,](#)  
[Committee on Industry, Research and Energy](#)
- \*\*\*| • Conservation of fishery resources and protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures  
*Report: Gabriel Mato (A8-0381/2017)*  
[2016/0074(COD)]  
[Committee on Fisheries](#)
- \*\*\*| • Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation  
*Report: Linnéa Engström (A8-0377/2017)*  
[2017/0056(COD)]  
[Committee on Fisheries](#)

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- **Implementation of EU macro-regional strategies**

*Report: Andrea Cozzolino (A8-0389/2017)*

[2017/2040(INI)]

**Committee on Regional Development**

- **Implementation of Regulation (EU) 2015/1839 on specific measures for Greece**

*Report: (O-000100/2017)*

[2018/2501(RSP)]

## Short presentations of the following reports:

- **International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals**

*Report: José Inácio Faria (A8-0399/2017)*

[2017/2055(INI)]

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

- **Women, gender equality and climate justice**

*Report: Linnéa Engström (A8-0403/2017)*

[2017/2086(INI)]

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

- **One-minute speeches (Rule 163)**

**Tuesday 16 January 2018**

## 09:00 - 11:50 Debates

- **Review of the Estonian Presidency**

[2017/2909(RSP)]

- **Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 14 and 15 December 2017**

[2017/2908(RSP)]

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

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## 15:00 - 23:00 Debates

- **EU support to the Colombian peace process**  
[2017/3021(RSP)]
  
- **Situation in Iran**  
[2018/2510(RSP)]
  
- **Situation in Kenya**  
[2018/2511(RSP)]

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- \*\*\*] • **Control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance and transit of dual-use items**  
*Report: Klaus Buchner (A8-0390/2017)*  
[2016/0295(COD)]  
[Committee on International Trade](#)
- **Trade and sustainable development chapters in EU trade agreements**  
*Report: (O-000098/2017)*  
[2017/2988(RSP)]

**Wednesday 17 January 2018**

## 09:00 - 10:30 KEY DEBATE

- **Presentation of the programme of activities of the Bulgarian Presidency**  
[2017/2910(RSP)]

## 10:30 - 12:20 KEY DEBATE

- **Debate with the Taoiseach of Ireland Leo Varadkar on the Future of Europe**  
[2017/3023(RSP)]

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- \* • **Nomination of a Member of the Court of Auditors - Eva Lindström**  
*Report: Indrek Tarand (A8-0003/2018)*  
[2017/0819(NLE)]  
[Committee on Budgetary Control](#)
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*Report: Indrek Tarand (A8-0002/2018)*

[2017/0820(NLE)]

## Committee on Budgetary Control

- \*\*\*] • **Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources**

*Report: José Blanco López (A8-0392/2017)*

[2016/0382(COD)]

## Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

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

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- **Russia - the influence of propaganda on EU countries**

[2018/2507(RSP)]

- **Implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States**

*Report: Romana Tomc (A8-0406/2017)*

[2017/2039(INI)]

## Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

- **Decision on the Strategy on Plastics**

[2018/2508(RSP)]

- \* • **Jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of decisions in matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility, and international child abduction**

*Report: Tadeusz Zwiefka (A8-0388/2017)*

[2016/0190(CNS)]

## Committee on Legal Affairs

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  - **Marrakesh Treaty: facilitating the access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled**  
*Report: Max Andersson (A8-0400/2017)*  
[2014/0297(NLE)]  
**Committee on Legal Affairs**
  - **Fight against trafficking of women and girls for sexual and labour exploitation in the EU**  
*Report: (O-000094/2017)*  
[2017/3008(RSP)]
  - **European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018**  
[2018/2509(RSP)]

**Thursday 18 January 2018**

## 09:00 - 11:50 Debates

- **Implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive and the need for reform in professional services**  
*Report: Nicola Danti (A8-0401/2017)*  
[2017/2073(INI)]  
**Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection**

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

- **Nigeria**  
[2018/2513(RSP)]
- **The cases of human rights activists Wu Gan, Xie Yang, Lee Ming-cheh, Tashi Wangchuk and the Tibetan monk Choekyi**  
[2018/2514(RSP)]
- **Democratic Republic of Congo**  
[2018/2515(RSP)]

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## 15:00 - 16:00 Major interpellations

### Major interpellations (Rule 130b)

- **O-000077/2017**

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's agenda

Monday 15/01/2018

#### Strasbourg

15:45 Meeting with the Vice President of the European Parliament, Ms. Livia JÁRÓKA (President's office)

17:00 Chairing the Plenary session (Hemicycle)

18:30 Bureau (LOW R.1)

### The President's agenda

Tuesday 16/01/2018

#### Strasbourg

08:40 Official welcome with Estonian Prime Minister, Mr. Juri Ratas (Protocol entrance)

08:45 Short bilateral meeting with Estonian Prime Minister, Mr. Juri Ratas (Protocol room)

09:00 Debate on the conclusion of the Estonian Presidency (Hemicycle)

10:00 Opening debate on the conclusions of the European Council (Hemicycle)

11:40 Closing debate on the conclusions of the European Council (Hemicycle)

14:00 Meeting with French Minister of European Affairs, Ms. Nathalie Loiseau (President's office)

15:00 Meeting with Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger, responsible for Budget and Human Resources (President's office)

17:00 Meeting with Commissioner Julian King, responsible for Security Union (President's office)

### The President's agenda

Wednesday 17/01/2018

#### Strasbourg

08:25 Official welcome with Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr. Boyko Borissov (Protocol entrance)

08:30 Bilateral meeting with Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr. Boyko Borissov (Protocol room)

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- 09:00 Opening debate on the Bulgarian Presidency (Hemicycle)
- 10:10 Official welcome with Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. Leo Varadkar (Protocol entrance)
- 10:15 Bilateral meeting with Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. Leo Varadkar (Protocol room)
- 10:30 Debate with Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. Leo Varadkar on the Future of Europe (Hemicycle)
- 12:30 Press point with Prime Minister of Ireland, Mr. Leo Varadkar (Protocol entrance area -1)
- 12:45 Press conference with Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr. Boyko Borissov (Press conference room)
- 13:15 Official lunch in honour of the Bulgarian Presidency (Salon d'honneur)
- 15:30 Meeting with MEP Mr. Alojz PETERLE (President's office)

## The President's agenda

Thursday 18/01/2018

### Strasbourg

- 10:00 Conference of Presidents (LOW R1.1)

## PRESS CONFERENCES

### Last minute session briefing

**Monday 15/01/2018 16:30-17:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

### “Against fiscal compact”

**Tuesday 16/01/2018 09:30-10:00** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, N-1.2*

Eleonora FORENZA (GUE/NGL, IT), and Viola CAROFALO

### S&D Briefing

**Tuesday 16/01/2018 10:10-10:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Maria João RODRIGUES (PT), and Kathleen VAN BREMPT (BE), Co-Presidents

### Greens/EFA Briefing

**Tuesday 16/01/2018 10:30-10:50** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Ska KELLER (DE), and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE) Co-Chairs

### EPP Briefing

**Tuesday 16/01/2018 11:10-11:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Manfred WEBER (DE), Chair

### GUE/NGL Briefing

**Tuesday 16/01/2018 11:30-11:50** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Gabriele ZIMMER (DE), Chair, and Anne-Marie MINEUR (GUE/NGL, NL)

### “Technical Measures / pulse fishing (Mato report)”

**Tuesday 16/01/2018 14:30-15:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Peter van DALEN (ECR, NL), Agnes JONGERIUS (S&D, NL), Gerben-Jan GERBRANDY (ALDE, NL), Annie SCHREIJER-PIERIK (EPP, NL), and Jan HUITEMA (ALDE, NL)

### “Read-out of the College meeting”

**Tuesday 16/01/2018 15:30-16:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-president of the European Commission and Jyrki KATAINEN, Vice-President of the European Commission

### "The 25 anniversary of the Single Market"

**Tuesday 16/01/2018 16:00-16:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Anneleen VAN BOSSUYT (ECR, BE), Chair of the EP Internal Market Committee, and Elżbieta BIENKOWSKA, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

### “Colombia peace process”

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**Tuesday 16/01/2018 16:30-17:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2**

Ramón JÁUREGUI ATONDO (S&D, ES), Chair of the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, Tania GONZÁLEZ PEÑAS (GUE/NGL, ES), and Ernest URTASUN (Greens/EFA, ES)

**Press point by Antonio TAJANI, EP President, and Leo VARADKAR, Taoiseach of Ireland**

**Wednesday 17/01/2018 12:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss**

**“The priorities of the programme of activities of the Bulgarian Presidency”**

**Wednesday 17/01/2018 12:45-13:45 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2**

Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament, and Boïko BORISSOV, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

**“Clean Energy Package“**

**Wednesday 17/01/2018 14:30-15:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2**

José BLANCO LÓPEZ (S&D, ES), Claude TURMES (Greens/EFA, LU), Michèle RIVASI (Greens/EFA, FR), and Miroslav POCHE (S&D, CS), rapporteurs

**“Preventing authoritarian regimes from spying on their own citizens”**

**Wednesday 17/01/2018 15:00-15:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2**

Klaus BUCHNER (Greens/EFA, DE), rapporteur, and Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE)

**“Greetings to the press”**

**Wednesday 17/01/2018 15:30-16:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2**

Marcel de GRAAFF (ENF, NL), and Nicolas BAY (ENF, FR)

**“Towards a Clean Energy in EU”**

**Wednesday 17/01/2018 16:00-16:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2**

Dario TAMBURRANO (EFDD, IT), and Eleonora EVI (EFDD, IT)

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

### Committee on Legal Affairs

**Monday 15/01/2018 19:00-19:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

- Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast) (COD), rapporteur Axel VOSS (EPP, DE) - vote on draft opinion in letter form

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

**Monday 15/01/2018 19:00-21:30** *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200*

- Interoperability package - discussion with Julian KING, Commissioner for the Security Union (**19.00-20.30**)

#### ***Joint debate (20.30-21.30)***

- Situation of **non-reciprocity with certain third countries** in the area of visa policy and assessment of the effectiveness of the reciprocity mechanism provided for in Article 1(4) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 539/2001 and **Visa Suspension Mechanism - First Report** - discussion with Matthias OEL, Director, DG HOME, European Commission