



The Week Ahead 16 - 22 January 2012

Agenda

Plenary Session - Strasbourg

Electing a new EP President. Parliament's first act in 2012 will be to elect its new President, 14 Vice-Presidents and five Quaestors. The three candidates declared so far to succeed Jerzy Buzek are Martin Schulz (S&D, DE), Diana Wallis (ALDE, UK) and Nirj Deva (ECR, UK). After being elected on Tuesday, the new President will hold a press conference (*Tuesday, Wednesday*).

Danish Presidency. Denmark's "Europe at work" programme and priorities for its six-month Presidency of the Council will be presented by Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt (*Wednesday*). Economic and financial issues, and notably the Eurozone debt crisis and Euro pact negotiations, top the agenda. The Presidents of the Parliament, the Commission and the Council will give a joint press conference after the debate.

Fiscal stability union. Parliament will set out its demands for the new international agreement on a fiscal stability union (*vote Wednesday*). On Monday, the Economic and Monetary Affairs and Constitutional Affairs committees meet jointly to discuss the latest draft agreement with MEPs on the drafting group.

Hungary. Political developments in Hungary will be debated with Commission President Barroso. MEPs will comment on Hungary's controversial new constitution (in force since 1 January 2012), the laws implementing it and other measures taken by Viktor Orbán's government (*Wednesday*).

Stop wasting e-waste. MEPs will vote on legislation, already negotiated with Member States, to improve collection and recycling of electronic and electrical waste and cut red tape for producers (*debate Wednesday, vote Thursday*).

Food wastage. Up to 50% of food is wasted in EU households, and at least half of this wastage is avoidable, says a draft resolution calling for measures to halve food wastage in Europe (*vote Thursday*).

Mario Draghi. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will meet Mario Draghi in his capacity as Chair of the European Systemic Risk Board, which monitors the build up of potential economic imbalances. The focus will be on competitiveness disparities among the Eurozone economies (*Monday*).

Pre-session press briefing. The last-minute press briefing by the EP Press Service and political group spokespeople is on Monday at 16.30 (*Press Conference room Strasbourg*).

PLENARY SESSION

Plenary agenda

Monday 16/01/2012 18:00-19:00 *Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber*

18.00 - 19.00

Announcement of the candidates for election to the office of President

Tuesday 17/01/2012 09:00-22:00 *Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber*

9.00 - 11.00

- Election of the President of the Parliament - First ballot

11.00 - 12.00

- Election of the President of the Parliament - Possibly, second ballot

13.00 - 14.00

- Election of the President of the Parliament - Possibly, third ballot

15.30 - 16.30

- Election of the President of the Parliament - Possibly, fourth and last ballot

19.30 - 20.30

- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Parliament - First ballot

21.00 - 22.00

- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Parliament - Possibly, second ballot

Wednesday 18/01/2012 09:00-20:00 *Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber*

9.00 - 10.00

- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Parliament - Possibly, third and last ballot
or
- Election of the Quaestors of the Parliament - First ballot

10.00 - 12.30

- Order of business
- *Vote*
 - Numerical strength of the standing committees - Proposal for a decision
- *KEY DEBATE*
 - Danish Presidency Programme - Council and Commission statements
- *End of Key Debate*

12.35 - 12.55

- *Votes*
 - Conclusions of the European Council meeting on a draft international agreement on a Fiscal Stability Union (8-9 December 2011) - Motions for resolutions

13.00- 13.30

- Election of the Quaestors of the Parliament - First of second ballot

15.00 - 19.00

- Election of the Quaestors of the Parliament - Possibly, second or third and last ballot
- Recent political developments in Hungary - Commission and Council statement followed by debate
- Follow-up to the Durban climate change conference - Commission statement followed by debate

***II - Electrical and electronic equipment waste - Debate on report by Karl-Heinz FLORENZ (EPP, DE)

***II - Placing on the market and use of biocidal products - Debate on report by Christa KLAß (EPP, DE)

19.00 - 20.00

- Appointments to the committees - Announcement of the proposal for a decision by the Conference of Presidents

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- Election of the Quaestors of the Parliament - Possibly, third and last ballot

Thursday 19/01/2012 09:00-14:00 Strasbourg, Plenary Chamber

9.00 - 11.50

- *Food supply chain - Joint debate*
 - Farm input supply chain - Report by José BOVÉ (Greens/EFA, FR)
 - Imbalances in the food supply chain - Oral questions to the Commission
- *End of Joint debate*
- Short presentations of the following reports:
 - Space strategy for the European Union - Report by Aldo PATRICIELLO (EPP, IT)
 - Avoiding food wastage - Report by Salvatore CARONNA (S&D, IT)

12.00 - 14.00

- *Votes- followed by explanations of votes*
- ***I - Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas - Report by Louis MICHEL (ALDE, BE)
- *** - EU-Georgia Agreement on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs - Report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- *** - EU accession to Regulation No 29 of the UN Economic Commission for Europe - Report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- *** - Pedestrian safety and light emitting diodes (LEDs) - Report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- *** - Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia - Report by Brian SIMPSON (S&D, UK)
- *** - Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organisation - Report by Brian SIMPSON (S&D, UK)
- Farm input supply chain - Report by José BOVÉ (Greens/EFA, FR)
- Avoiding food wastage - Report by Salvatore CARONNA (S&D, IT)
- Proposals for appointments to committees
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PRESS CONFERENCES

Last minute session briefing

Monday 16/01/2012 16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

The newly elected President of the EP

Tuesday 17/01/2012 12:30-13:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Martin SCHULZ, newly elected President of the European Parliament

Briefing EPP

Tuesday 17/01/2012 13:00-13:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Joseph DAUL (FR), President

Briefing GREENS/EFA

Tuesday 17/01/2012 13:30-14:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Daniel COHN-BENDIT (FR) and Rebecca HARMS (DE), Co-Presidents

Briefing ALDE

Tuesday 17/01/2012 14:00-14:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Guy VERHOFSTADT (BE), President

Briefing GUE/NGL

Tuesday 17/01/2012 14:30-15:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Lothar BISKY (DE), President, Jürgen KLUTE (DE), Marie Christine VERGIAT (FR), Søren Bo SØNDERGAARD (DK) and Joao FERREIRA (PT)

EFA Group welcomes new MEP - priorities for the second half of this legislature

Tuesday 17/01/2012 15:00-15:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Jill EVANS (GREENS/EFA, UK) and Ana MIRANDA (GREENS/EFA, ES)

The wall of silence: a deadly refrigerant gas in air conditioners in 2012?

Tuesday 17/01/2012 16:00-16:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

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Michèle RIVASI (GREENS/EFA, FR), Andreas KORNATH, Head of the Chemistry Department, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (Munich) and Prof. Alex LECHLEUTHNER, Head of the German organization for Firemen Safety

Green Paper public consultation on corporate restructuring and anticipation of change

Tuesday 17/01/2012 16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

László ANDOR, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

MEPS Friends of GMES (Global Monitoring for Environment and Security

Tuesday 17/01/2012 17:00-17:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Vittorio PRODI (S&D, IT), Norbert GLANTE (S&D, IT), Jo LEINEN (S&D, DE), Vladimir REMEK (GUE/NGL, CZ) and Christine DE VEYRAC (EPP, FR)

The new Treaty and the discipline of banks recapitalization

Wednesday 18/01/2012 11:00-11:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Mario MAURO (EPP, IT) and Alfredo PALLONE (EPP, IT)

José Manuel GARCIA-MARGALLO, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, and Iñigo MENDEZ DE VIGO, Spanish Secretary of State for European Affairs.

Wednesday 18/01/2012 11:30-12:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament, Helle THORNING-SCHMIDT, President of the Council and José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission

Wednesday 18/01/2012 13:00-14:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Biocides Regulation

Wednesday 18/01/2012 14:00-14:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Christa KLAß (EPP, DE), Rapporteur

Electrical and electronic equipment waste "(WEEE) directive (e-waste)

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Karl-Heinz FLORENZ (EPP, DE), Rapporteur

Reducing Food wastage in the EU

Wednesday 18/01/2012 15:00-15:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Salvatore CARONNA (S&D, IT), Rapporteur and Paolo DE CASTRO (S&D, IT)

Viktor ORBÁN , Hungarian Prime Minister, Péter SZIJJÁRTÓ, József SZÁJER and György SCHÔPFLIN

Wednesday 18/01/2012 16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Sustainability of natural resources

Thursday 19/01/2012 11:15-11:45 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building, Room N-1/201*

Paul RÜBIG (EPP, AT) and Steve TOLAN, winner of the sustainable energy prize.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

Monday 16/01/2012 19:00-20:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss building (LOW), room N1.3*

- Public Hearing with Mario Draghi, Chairman of the European Systemic Risk Board (19:00-20:00)
- Quality management for European Statistics (INI) - Report by Edward SCICLUNA (S&D, MT) (20:00-20:30)

Monday 16/01/2012 20:45-22:45 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill building (WIC), room 200*

Joint meeting with the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)

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