



## The Week Ahead 7-13 February 2011

# Agenda

### Committee meetings and political groups week – Brussels

**Turkey and Montenegro.** The Foreign Affairs Committee adopts its regular report on Turkey's progress towards EU integration, as well as a similar assessment of developments in Montenegro (*Thursday*).

**Summit debate.** European Council President Herman Van Rompuy will debate the conclusions of the EU summit at a special meeting open to all MEPs (*Tuesday*).

**Trichet/Systemic Risk.** ECB President Jean-Claude Trichet will meet EP President Jerzy Buzek and then the political group leaders, as well as having a discussion with the Economics Committee in his capacity as chair of the new European Systemic Risk Board (*Monday*).

**Prince of Wales/Low Carbon Prosperity Summit.** Britain's Prince Charles will meet Mr Buzek, Mr Van Rompuy and Commission President José Manuel Barroso, before joining them, and MEPs, business leaders and NGO representatives, for a conference on achieving economic progress while tackling climate change (*Wednesday*).

**Korea/Free Trade.** The International Trade Committee is now due to vote this week on the EU's Free Trade Agreement with South Korea. An earlier committee vote has already backed the related Safeguard Clause (*Monday*).

**President's diary.** Mr Buzek will meet Swiss President Micheline Calmy-Rey (*Tuesday*), former Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov (*Wednesday*) and Moldovan Prime Minister Vlad Filat (*Thursday*).

**Preparing for the plenary.** Parliament's political groups will devote most of the week to preparations for the 14-17 February plenary session in Strasbourg. The agenda includes legislative/binding votes on emission standards for vans, rights of bus and coach passengers, the Korea Free Trade Agreement and plans for some EU countries to cooperate on a European patent. Other debates deal with Croatia's EU membership prospects, Hungary's media law and the implementation of the services directive.

**Pre-session press briefing.** The EP Press Service and the spokespeople of the main political groups on hand to comment on the session agenda at the regular briefing (*Friday 11am, Anna Politkovskaya room PHS 0A050*).

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### Monday 07/02/2011 13:30-17:00 *Brussels*

- 13:30 Meeting with Jean-Claude TRICHET, President of the European Central Bank
- 16:15 Extraordinary Conference of Presidents with Jean-Claude TRICHET, President of the European Central Bank

### Tuesday 08/02/2011 11:40-21:00 *Brussels*

11:40 Meeting with Micheline Anne-Marie CALMY-REY, President of the Swiss Federation, followed by a press point (President's Office)

13:30 Extraordinary meetings of the Conference of Presidents with Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council

15:00 Speech at the opening of the exhibition "Eye on 2011 Sudan: South Sudan after the referendum - implications for the region" (JAN Building, 6th Floor Q1)

20:00 Speech at the European Evening - Galeries Royales Saint Hubert

### Wednesday 09/02/2011 08:00-19:30 *Brussels*

08:00 Meeting with Štefan FÜLE, Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Commissioner

9:45 Meeting with Mikhail KASYANOV, former Prime Minister of Russia - President's Office

12:00 Photo opportunity with the Full Delegation of the Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group on Climate Change (ground floor PHS Building)

12:10 Meeting with Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council - President's Office

13:00 Informal meeting with Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, together with Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council and José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission (President's Office)

13:15 Opening Speech at the Low Carbon Prosperity Summit followed by speeches by Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council and José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission (ASP Building, 3rd Floor, Room C50)

19:00 Meeting with representatives of civil society and NGOs from Egypt and Tunisia (President's Office)

### Thursday 10/02/2011 08:00-11:30 *Bruxelles*

08:00 Meeting with Vlad FILAT, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, followed by a press point (President's Office)

10:30 Conference of Presidents with José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission

## CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS

### **Conference of Presidents meeting with Jean-Claude Trichet**

**Monday 07/02/2011 16:15-18:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak building, room 6B01**

The leaders of the political groups will have a discussion with Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the European Central Bank and chair of the European Systemic Risk Board

### **Open Conference of Presidents meeting with Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council**

**Tuesday 08/02/2011 13:30-15:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak building, room 3C50**

The leaders of the political groups hold a meeting open to all MEPs for a debate with European Council President Herman Van Rompuy on the outcome of Friday's EU summit. This meeting is also open to the media and will be shown live on EbS+, EP Live and EuroparlTV.

### **Conference of Presidents meeting with José-Manuel Barroso**

**Thursday 10/02/2011 10:30-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak building, room 6B01**

The President of the European Commission will join the regular meeting of the Conference of Presidents for a discussion with the political group leaders

## PRESS CONFERENCES

### **Outcome of the EP ad-hoc delegation to Tunisia**

**Tuesday 08/02/2011 10:00-11:00** *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room A050-Anna Politkovskaya*

Jerzy BUZEK, President of the European Parliament, José Ignacio SALAFRANCA SÁNCHEZ-NEYRA (EPP, ES), Pier Antonio PANZERI (S-D, IT), and Heidi HAUTALA (Greens/EFA, FI)

### **Political developments in the Basque Peace Process**

**Tuesday 08/02/2011 14:30-15:00** *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room A050-Anna Politkovskaya*

François ALFONSI (Greens/EFA, FR)

### **Current political and humanitarian situation in Kazakhstan concerning uncertain President situation**

**Tuesday 08/02/2011 18:00-18:30** *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room A050-Anna Politkovskaya*

Andrzej GRZYB, (EPP, PL), Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights

### **Brussels-Strasbourg Seat Study Results**

**Thursday 10/02/2011 10:00-10:30** *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room A050-Anna Politkovskaya*

Edward McMILLAN-SCOTT (ALDE, UK), Vice-President of European Parliament

### **The EU fight against mafia: environmental fraud and social re-use of assets confiscated from the mafia**

**Thursday 10/02/2011 13:00-13:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building, Room 3G3*

Claude MORAES (S-D, UK), Rosario CROSETTA (S-D, IT), Rita BORSELINO (S-D, IT), Giancarlo CASELLI, Italian public prosecutor, Don Luigi CIOTTI -President of LIBERA, Calogero PARISI, Sebastiano VERNERI, Vice-President of Legambiente

### **Inauguration of, Friends of Macedonia, the informal group in the EP**

**Thursday 10/02/2011 14:00-14:30** *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room A050-Anna Politkovskaya*

Martin KASTLER (EPP, DE) and Antonio MILOŠOSKI, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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## **Pre-session briefing**

**Friday 11/02/2011 11:00-11:30** *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building, Room A050- Anna Politkovskaya*

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

### Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

Thursday 10/02/2011 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, PHS 3C50*

- Relations of the European Union with the Gulf Cooperation Council (INI) - Report by Dominique BAUDIS (EPP, FR)
- European integration process of Montenegro - Resolution by Charles TANNOCK (ECR, UK)
- Turkey's progress report 2010 - Resolution by Ria OOMEN-RUIJTEN (EPP, NL)

### Committee on Development (DEVE)

Monday 07/02/2011 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, ASP 1G2*

- **Joint meeting with AFET** - Elections in the South of Sudan - Report of the European Parliament delegation to observe the elections(15.15-16.00)

### Committee on International Trade (INTA)

Monday 07/02/2011 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, ASP 3G2*

- Developments regarding the KOR-US and KOR-EU FTAs and Korean CO2 Legislation - Discussion with the Commission
- EBO Network Resource Centre Proposal - Discussion with the Commission
- Free Trade Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Korea (NLE) - Vote on report by Robert STURDY (ECR, UK) (17.00)
- Scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011 (COD) - Report by Helmut SCHOLZ (GUE/NGL, DE)

### Committee on Budgets (BUDG)

Monday 07/02/2011 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, JAN 6Q2*

Transfer requests (possibly) - vote on reports by Sidonia JĘDRZEJEWSKA (EPP, PL) and Helga TRÜPEL (Greens/EFA, DE)  
Building policy, EEAS building - vote on report by Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE)

### Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT)

Thursday 10/02/2011 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, PHS 1A002*

### Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

Monday 07/02/2011 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, ASP 3G3*

- Public Hearing with Jean-Claude Trichet, Chairman of the European Systemic Risk Board

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## Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

Thursday 10/02/2011 09:00-12:30 *Brussels ASP 5G3*

- Establishing the European Network and Information Security Agency as regards its duration, amendment of Regulation (EC) (COD) - Vote on report by Giles CHICHESTER (ECR,UK) (10.00)
- Mini-Hearing on "Innovation Union: Transforming Europe for a post-crisis world" (10.30-12.30)

## Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)

Thursday 10/02/2011 15:00-18:30 *Brussels ASP 3C050*

- Consumer Market Scoreboard. The latest edition of the yearly scoreboard on consumers experiences of the internal market will be presented to MEPs by Commission representative (15.00)

## Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)

Monday 07/02/2011 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, JAN 4Q1*

- Antibiotic resistance - Adoption of an oral question

## Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)

Monday 07/02/2011 16:00-18:30 *Brussels, PHS 1A2*

- Stability mechanism for Member States whose currency is the euro - amendment of Article 136 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (NLE) - continuation of discussion on report by Elmar BROK (EPP, DE) and Roberto GUALTIERI (S&D, IT)

## Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis (CRIS)

Thursday 10/02/2011 15:00-17:00 *Brussels, PHS 1A002*

- "Increasing the competitiveness and sustainability of the EU; implementing the EU 2020 strategy by fostering innovation, long-term investment for jobs and growth" - Presentation of briefing paper by Commission representative and debate

## Special committee on the policy challenges and budgetary resources for a sustainable European Union after 2013 (SURE)

Thursday 10/02/2011 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, JAN 4Q2*

Discussions on policy challenges and budgetary resources post-2013 with commissioners for regional policy, Johannes HAHN, and for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, László ANDOR

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## Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)

Monday 07/02/2011 15:00-20:00 *Brussels ASP 1G3*

- "The European Union and the review of the Human Rights Council" - Presentation of a study
- Gaza conflict and UNHRC report on the Gaza flotilla incident - Follow up to Goldstone report
- **Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union (DMAG)** - Ad hoc delegation to Tunisia on 3-6 February 2011 - Report back from the delegation **(18.00)**



## DELEGATIONS

### The democratic awakening of Arab societies - lessons for the EU

**Tuesday 08/02/2011 09:00-11:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building, room 5G3**

Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries - Discussion with Hugues MINGARELLI, Managing Director Middle East and Southern Neighbourhood, EEAS, Moataz EL FEGIERY, Member of the Executive Committee of the EMHRN and of the board the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies

### EP delegation to Chad to observe elections

**Friday 11/02/2011 09:00-19:00 CHAD**

**Saturday 12/02/2011 09:00-19:00 CHAD**

**Sunday 13/02/2011 09:00-19:00 CHAD**

A delegation of MEPs, led by Maria Muniz De URQUIZA (S&D, ES), will observe the parliamentary elections in Chad to be held on 13 February.

The delegation is composed of: Mariya NEDELICHEVA, (EPP, BG), Jarosław WAŁĘSA (EPP, PL), Joachim ZELLER (EPP, DE), John ATTARD-MONTALTO (S&D, MT), Juan Fernando LOPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) and Béla KOVÁCS (NI, HU).

Before observing the elections themselves, the EP delegation will meet candidates or their representatives, the Office of the Monitoring Committee, the Independent National Electoral Commission and the representatives of civil society and local media.

The chief observer of the wider EU election observation mission is MEP Louis MICHEL (ALDE, BE).

A joint press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, 15 February, when a preliminary joint declaration on the evaluation of the election process will be presented.

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### **Innovation Union - Transforming Europe for a post-crisis world**

**Thursday 10/02/2011 10:30-12:30 Brussels ASP 5G3**

The hearing is part of the work programme related to the flagship initiative of the Europe 2020 Strategy, which is a step towards integrated European Innovation Policy. It should stimulate innovation through the completion of the single market with strong industrial and trade policies, thus boosting EU competitiveness and enhancing its economic position while also seeking solutions to societal challenges of 21st century. Herbert REUL (EPP, DE), Chairman of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee, and Judith A. MERKIES (S&D, NL), rapporteur on the Innovation Union strategic report, will open the discussion with European and American experts from industry and academia.

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## OTHER EVENTS

### Workshop on specific aspects of the CAP reform

**Monday 07/02/2011 16:30-18:30 Brussels, JAN 4Q1**

To contribute to the drafting of EP's position on the reform of the CAP (rapporteur Albert DESS, EPP, DE), the **Agriculture and Rural Development Committee** is organising a workshop with experts on specific aspects of the proposed reform, namely direct payments, rural development and market management measures.

### Low Carbon Prosperity Summit

**Wednesday 09/02/2011 13:15-16:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, room 3C50**

The Prince of Wales – Britain's Prince Charles – will join EP President Jerzy Buzek, European Council President Herman Van Rompuy and European Commission President José Manuel Barroso for a conference with MEPs, business leaders, academics and NGOs on ways to combine a prosperous economy with action on climate change.

MEPs from the Environment, Industry, Internal Market and Transport Committees, among others, are taking part in the event.

The Low Carbon Prosperity Summit will be shown live on EbS+ and webstreamed on EP Live and EuroParlTV.

**See the link below for the full programme**

*Before the conference itself, the Prince of Wales will have a private informal meeting with Presidents Buzek, Barroso and Van Rompuy at the President's Office. A restricted pool arrangement is in place for audiovisual coverage of arrivals and greetings at this informal meeting.*

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