Agenda

The Week Ahead 12-18 March 2012

Plenary Session - Strasbourg

Cross-border inheritances. Avoiding legal disputes and lengthy procedures to settle inheritances where the laws of more than one EU country may apply is the aim of draft legislation to be put to the vote *(debate Monday, vote Tuesday).*

Ending the beef trade war. EU concessions to help put an end to the 20-year hormone beef trade war with the USA and Canada will be put to a vote. The deal allows the EU to keep its ban on hormone-treated beef imports in return for importing more high-quality beef *(debate Tuesday, vote Wednesday).*

Quotas for women. Parliament will vote on proposals to reduce the gender pay gap and use quotas to boost the number of women on company boards and in political bodies *(debate Monday, vote Tuesday).*

Russian elections. MEPs will discuss the elections which brought Vladimir Putin back as Russian President. Recent events in Kazakhstan and Nigeria will also be in the spotlight, ahead of Parliament adopting separate resolutions on all three topics *(debates Wednesday, votes Thursday).*

Dutch discriminatory web site. European citizens' basic rights such as free movement and non-discrimination will be under the spotlight in a debate sparked by the launch of a web site inviting Dutch citizens to post complaints about central and Eastern Europeans in The Netherlands. A resolution will also be put to the vote *(debate Tuesday, vote Thursday).*

Enlargement. MEPs will debate and vote on the progress of Iceland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina towards joining the EU *(Wednesday).*

Presidents' Diary. President Schulz will meet UN General Assembly President Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser on Monday. On Wednesday, he will meet Kosovo Assembly Chairman Jakup Krasniqi. While in Paris for a meeting of the association of the Senates of Europe, the President will visit the Shoah Memorial on Friday.

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

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PLENARY SESSION

Plenary agenda

Monday 12/03/2012 17:00-23:00 *Strasbourg, Hemicycle*

17.00 - 23.00

- Resumption of session and order of business
- Statement by the President of Parliament - One year after Fukushima - lessons learned, followed by debate
- *Gender equality - Joint debate*
  - Equality between women and men in the European Union - 2011 - Report by Sophia IN 'T VELD (ALDE, NL)
  - Women in political decision-making - Report by Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI)
- *End of Joint debate*

***I - Jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and authentic instruments in matters of succession and the creation of a European Certificate of Succession - Debate on report by Kurt LECHNER (EPP, DE)

- Judicial training - Oral question to the Commission with debate
- One-minute speeches (Rule 150)
- Short presentations of the following reports:
  - Statute for a European cooperative society with regard to the involvement of employees - Report by Sven GIEGOLD (Greens/EFA, DE)
  - Bologna process - Report by Luigi BERLINGUER (S&D, IT)

Tuesday 13/03/2012 09:00-23:00 *Strasbourg, Hemicycle*

09.00 - 12.20

- Conclusions of the European Council meeting (1-2 March 2012) - European Council and Commission statements followed by debate
- European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) crisis derogation - Oral question to the Council with debate

12.30 - 14.00

- *VOTES- followed by explanations of votes*

*** - Agreement between the EU, Iceland and Norway on the application of certain provisions of the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters - Report by Claude MORAES (S&D, UK)

***I - Jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and authentic instruments in matters of succession and the creation of a European Certificate of Succession - Report by Kurt LECHNER (EPP, DE)

***I - Common commercial policy - Report by Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL (EPP, DE)

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- Women in political decision-making - Report by Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI)
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- Bologna process - Report by Luigi BERLINGUER (S&D, IT)
- European statistics - Report by Edward SCICLUNA (S&D, MT)

15.00 - 16.00

- Discriminatory Internet sites and government reactions - Council and Commission statements followed by debate

16.00 - 17.30

- Question Time (Commission) - Role of the EU in stimulating the competitiveness of the economies of the 27 Member States

17.30 - 20.00

- General guidelines for the 2013 budget: Section III - Commission - Debate on report by Giovanni LA VIA (EPP, IT)
- *Cocoa sector - Joint debate*

*** - International Cocoa Agreement 2010 - Report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- Child labour in cocoa sector - Commission statement

- *End of Joint debate*
- Addressing the EU diabetes epidemic - Council and Commission statements followed by debate

21.00 - 23.00

***I - European Fisheries Fund - Debate on report by João FERREIRA (GUE/NGL, PT)

***I - Autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef - Debate on report by Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL (EPP, DE)

Wednesday 14/03/2012 09:00-21:00 *Strasbourg, Hemicycle*

09.00 - 11.50

KEY DEBATES

- Enlargement report for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Council and Commission statements followed by debate
- Enlargement report for Iceland - Council and Commission statements followed by debate
- Enlargement report for Bosnia and Herzegovina - Council and Commission statements followed by debate

End of Key debates

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***I - Autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef - Report by Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL (EPP, DE)
- General guidelines for the 2013 budget: Section III - Commission - Report by Giovanni LA VIA (EPP, IT)
- Mandate of the special committee on organised crime, corruption and money laundering
- Child labour in cocoa sector - Motion for resolutions

*** - International Cocoa Agreement 2010 - Report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- Addressing the EU diabetes epidemic - Motion for resolutions
- Enlargement report for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Motion for resolutions
- Enlargement report for Iceland - Motion for resolutions
- Enlargement report for Bosnia and Herzegovina - Motion for resolutions

15.00 - 21.00

- Outcome of the presidential elections in Russia - Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy followed by debate
- Kazakhstan - Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy followed by debate
- Situation in Nigeria - Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy followed by debate
- Maritime piracy - Commission statement followed by debate

Thursday 15/03/2012 09:00-17:00 *Strasbourg, Hemicycle*

09.00 - 11.50

- Competitive low carbon economy in 2050 - Debate on report by Chris DAVIES (ALDE, UK)
- 6th World Water Forum - Oral question to the Commission with debate
- Schmallenberg outbreak - Oral Questions to the Commission with debate

12.00 -14.00

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- Texts on which debate is closed

15.00 - 16.00

- *Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law - One hour maximum (Rule 122)*
  - Human trafficking in Sinai, in particular the case of Solomon W
  - Palestine: raids by Israeli forces on Palestinian TV stations
  - Human rights violations in Bahrain

16.00 - 17.00

Votes (at the end of the preceding debates)

- Motions for resolutions concerning debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 122)

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

President's Diary

Monday 12/03/2012 20:30-21:30 *Strasbourg*

- 20:30 Meeting with Nassir ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER, President of the General Assembly of the UN - President's Office, Louise Weiss (LOW) building (15th floor)

Tuesday 13/03/2012 12:30-13:30 *Strasbourg*

- 12:30 Meeting with Philipp RÖSLER, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology of Germany

Wednesday 14/03/2012 08:00-18:30 *Strasbourg*

- 08:00 Meeting with Commissioner Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for Regional Policy - President's Office, Louise Weiss (LOW) building, (15th floor)
- 11:30 Meeting with Jakup KRASNIGI, Chairman of the Assembly of Kosovo - President's Office, Louise Weiss (LOW) building, (15th floor)
- 14:45 Lex Signing - among others Regulation on Short Selling and certain aspects of Credit Default Swaps - Protocol Room, Louise Weiss (LOW) building
- 15:15 Meeting with Maria DAMANIKI, Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries - President's Office, Louise Weiss (LOW) building, (15th floor)
- 16:00 Meeting with Dovid KATZ: Handing over of the Declaration on the Final Solution of the Wannsee Conference - President's Office, Louise Weiss (LOW) building (15th floor)
- 17:30 Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean - Salvador De Madariaga (SDM) building, Room S1

Thursday 15/03/2012 08:00-19:30 *Strasbourg and Paris*

- 08:00 Meeting with José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission
- 18:30 Speech at the Conference on the Future of Europe - Maison de l'Europe

Friday 16/03/2012 09:00-18:00 *Paris*

- 09:00 14th meeting of the association of the Senates of Europe
- 11:00 Meeting with Jean-Pierre BEL, President of the French Senate
- 15:00 Visit to the Shoah Memorial in Paris
- 17:00 Meeting with Bertrand DELANOË, Mayor of Paris - Hôtel de Ville

Saturday 17/03/2012 09:30-12:30 *Paris*

- Speech at the conference "Renaissance for Europe: the Common Progressive Vision" organised by FEPS (Foundation for European Progressive Studies)

PRESS CONFERENCES

Last minute session briefing

Monday 12/03/2012 16:30-17:00 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Nassir Abdulaziz AL-NASSER , President of the UN General Assembly

Monday 12/03/2012 18:00-18:30 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Elmar BROK (EPP, DE), Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Nassir Abdulaziz AL-NASSER , President of the UN General Assembly , Ambassador Tariq AL-ANSARI, deputy head of private office, and Samah ATOUT , political assistant

Briefing S&D

Tuesday 13/03/2012 09:45-10:15 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Hannes SWOBODA (AT), President

Briefing GREENS/EFA

Tuesday 13/03/2012 10:20-10:40 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

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

Briefing ALDE

Tuesday 13/03/2012 10:40-11:00 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Guy VERHOFSTADT (BE), President, Kristiina OJULAND (EE), Mikhail KASYANOV (PARNAS), and Garry KASPAROV (United Civic Front)

Briefing EPP

Tuesday 13/03/2012 11:00-11:30 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Joseph DAUL (FR), President

European day of "Gelato Artigianale"

Tuesday 13/03/2012 11:30-12:00 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Sergio Paolo Francesco SILVESTRIS (EPP, IT),Oscar DE BONA and Ferdinando BUONOCORE

Succession and the European Certificate of Succession

Tuesday 13/03/2012 14:00-14:30 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Kurt LECHNER (EPP, DE)

MEP's support for the Declaration of the "International Conference for promoting the resolution of the conflict in the Basque Country"

Wednesday 14/03/2012 10:00-10:30 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Catherine GREZE (GREENS/EFA, FR), Raül ROMEVA I RUEDA (Greens/EFA,, ES), François ALFONSI (Greens/EFA, FR), Izaskun BILBAO BARANDICA (ALDE, ES), Ana MIRANDA (Greens/EFA, ES)

Economic Union, Budget Union, European Union - Blueprint for the Overhaul of Europe

Wednesday 14/03/2012 10:30-11:00 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Frank ENGEL (EPP, LU) and Othmar KARAS (EPP, AT)

Passenger Name Records: Why the EU-US agreement is not legally sound

Wednesday 14/03/2012 11:30-12:00 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Jan Philipp ALBRECHT (GREENS/EFA, DE), and Franziska BÖHM

Pluralism, democracy and terrorism in Italy

Wednesday 14/03/2012 14:00-14:30 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Mario MAURO (EPP, IT), David-Maria SASSOLI (S&D, IT) and Giancarlo CASELLI

2013 Budget guidelines

Wednesday 14/03/2012 15:00-15:30 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Giovanni LA VIA (EPP, IT) rapporteur, Alain LAMASSOURE, Chairman of the Committee on Budgets and Janusz LEWANDOWSKI, European Commissioner responsible for Financial Programming and Budget

Challenges in Enlargement - Candidates left on the shelf?

Wednesday 14/03/2012 15:30-16:00 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Richard HOWITT (S&D, UK), Doris PACK (EPP, DE) and Cristian Dan PREDA (EPP, RO)

Chess in schools program

Wednesday 14/03/2012 16:00-16:30 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Slavi BINEV (NI, BG) and Garry KASPAROV

The oil exploration and the reasons for the territory

Wednesday 14/03/2012 16:30-17:00 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Gianni PITTELLA (S&D, IT), Roberta ANGELLILLI (EPP, IT), Sergio Paolo Francesco SILVESTRIS (EPP, IT) and Emilio ROMANI

The new STOA chaimanship

Thursday 15/03/2012 11:15-11:45 ***Strasbourg, Louis Weiss building (LOW) - room N-1/201***

Paul RÜBIG (EPP, AT), STOA Chair and António CORREIA DE CAMPOS (S&D, PT), STOA Vice-chair

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

Monday 12/03/2012 18:30-21:00 ***Strasbourg, Louise Weiss (LOW) building, room N1.4***

Jointly with the Committee on Development and in association with the Sub-committees on Security & Defence and Human Rights

- Discussion with Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the 66th UN General Assembly

Votes (20.00-21.00)

- European Endowment for Democracy (EED) (INI) - vote on a resolution by Alexander Graf Lambsdorff (ALDE, DE)

Committee on Development (DEVE)

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Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

Monday 12/03/2012 19:00-20:30 ***Strasbourg, Winston Churchill (WIC) building, room 200***

- Access to basic banking services (INI) - Discussion on a resolution by Jürgen KLUTE (GUE/NGL) **(19.35)**