



The Week Ahead 14 – 20 July 2014

Plenary session, Strasbourg

Election of the Commission President. Parliament will vote by secret ballot on the appointment of Jean-Claude Juncker as European Commission President on Tuesday at 12.30. In the morning, there will be a pre-election debate with a statement by Juncker at 10.00, followed by contributions by the leaders of the political groups. A majority of at least 376 MEPs is required to elect the Commission President.

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). MEPs will quiz Commissioner Karel De Gucht on progress in Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) talks with the USA. MEPs are set to ask how the Commission is meeting the conditions set by Parliament when it approved the opening of the TTIP talks over a year ago. *(Tuesday)*

Youth unemployment. Following a debate with Commissioner László Andor, MEPs will vote on the new Parliament's first recommendations on how to tackle youth unemployment in the EU. *(Wednesday)*

Maternity leave. MEPs will question Commission plans to withdraw a draft EU directive on maternity leave, after four years' deadlock in the Council. MEPs amended the first draft in October 2010 to extend maternity leave from 14 to 20 weeks on full pay and introduce two weeks' paternity leave. *(Tuesday)*

Iraq, Ukraine, Israel/Palestine. MEPs will discuss and vote resolutions on the violent insurgency of Sunni rebels in Iraq and the escalation of violence between pro-Russian militants and Ukraine government forces in the east of Ukraine. The plenary will also debate current escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine in the Gaza Strip. *(Debates on Tuesday, Wednesday, votes on Thursday)*

Lithuania to join the euro. Lithuania's bid to join the Eurozone next year will be put to a vote. Parliament's draft resolution, which first needs to be approved by the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee on Monday, "endorses the adoption of the euro by Lithuania on 1 January 2015". *(Wednesday)*

Four Commissioners to be replaced. The plenary will vote on Wednesday morning at 09.00 on the appointments of four fresh Commissioners to replace those who left to become MEPs, following committee hearings on Monday. *(Wednesday)*

Draghi. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will hold the first Monetary Dialogue of 8th parliamentary legislature with European Central Bank President Mario Draghi. They are expected to discuss Eurozone developments and ECB monetary policy. *(Monday)*

The President's agenda. President Schulz will hold a press conference with the newly elected Commission President at 13:30 and meet UK Minister of State for Europe, David Lidington, on Tuesday in Strasbourg. He will address government leaders, on behalf of the European Parliament, at the European Council on Wednesday in Brussels. He will also meet Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades on Thursday, in Brussels.



PLENARY SESSION

Monday 14 July 2014

17:00 - 19:00 Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business
- One-minute speeches (Rule 163)

Tuesday 15 July 2014

10:00 - 12:30 KEY DEBATE

- Statement by the candidate for President of the Commission

12:30 Elections

- Election of the President of the Commission

15:00 - 21:00 Debates

- **Situation in Ukraine**
[2014/2717(RSP)]
- **Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)**
[2014/2714(RSP)]
- **Withdrawal of the maternity leave directive**
[2014/2715(RSP)]
- * • **Adoption by Lithuania of the euro on 1 January 2015**
Report(s): Werner Langen
[2014/0170(NLE)]
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Wednesday 16 July 2014

Agenda

09:00 - 09:15 VOTES

- **Appointments of 4 members of the European Commission - Jyrki KATAINEN (FI), Jacek DOMINIK (PL), Ferdinando NELLI FEROCI (IT), Martine REICHERTS (LU)**

09:15 - 11:50 Debates

- **Youth employment**
[2014/2713(RSP)]

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

- * • **Adoption by Lithuania of the euro on 1 January 2015**
Report(s): Werner Langen
[2014/0170(NLE)]
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- **Numerical strength of interparliamentary delegations**
[2014/2704(RSO)]

15:00 - 21:00 Debates

- **Payment situation in the EU budget given the unprecedented level of outstanding EU commitments**
[2014/2725(RSP)]
- **Situation in Iraq**
[2014/2716(RSP)]
- **Escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine**
[2014/2723(RSP)]
- **Crime of aggression**
[2014/2724(RSP)]

Thursday 17 July 2014

10:00 - 11:00 Debates

Agenda

Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law - One hour maximum (Rule 135)

- **Sudan, the case of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim**
[2014/2727(RSP)]
- **Freedom of expression and assembly in Egypt**
[2014/2728(RSP)]
- **Nigeria, recent attacks by Boko Haram**
[2014/2729(RSP)]

11:00 - 13:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- **Motions for resolutions concerning debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 135)**
- **Appointments to interparliamentary delegations**
[2014/2705(RSO)]
- **Situation in Ukraine**
[2014/2717(RSP)]
- **Youth employment**
[2014/2713(RSP)]
- **Situation in Iraq**
[2014/2716(RSP)]
- **Crime of aggression**
[2014/2724(RSP)]

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Tuesday 15/07/2014 10:00-16:15

Strasbourg

- 10:00 Chairing the plenary debate and vote on the President of the European Commission - Louis Weiss building, Plenary Chamber
- 12:30 Press Conference - Louis Weiss building, Press conference room N-1/201
- 14:30 Meeting with David LIDINGTON, UK Minister of State for Europe - Louis Weiss building, President's office
- 15:15 LEX signing - Louise Weiss Building - Protocol Room H 060

The president's diary

Wednesday 16/07/2014 18:00-19:00

Brussels

- 18:00 European Council Meeting - Justice Lipsius building

The President's diary

Thursday 17/07/2014 10:40-12:00

Brussels

- 10:40 Welcoming Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus - Paul-Henri Spaak building, ground floor
- 10:45 Meeting with Nicos Anastasiades, President of Cyprus - Paul-Henri Spaak building, 9th Floor, Grand salon protocolaire

PRESS CONFERENCES

Last minute session briefing

Monday 14/07/2014 16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

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Democratic failure concerning election of Committee Chairs

Tuesday 15/07/2014 11:30-12:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Nigel FARAGE (EFDD,UK), and David BORRELLI (EFDD,IT)

Presentation of the survival kit in the European Parliament

Tuesday 15/07/2014 12:00-12:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Alessandra MUSSOLINI (EPP, IT)

GUE/NGL briefing

Tuesday 15/07/2014 14:30-15:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Gaby ZIMMER (DE), President, Martina ANDERSON (UK), and Helmut SCHOLZ (DE)

Greens/EFA briefing

Tuesday 15/07/2014 15:00-15:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Rebecca HARMS (DE), and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE), Co-Presidents

S&D briefing

Tuesday 15/07/2014 15:30-16:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Gianni PITTELA (IT), President

Position of the Forza Italia Delegation on the key dossiers in plenary

Tuesday 15/07/2014 16:00-16:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Elisabetta GARDINI (EPP, IT)

Rule of Law and Human Rights in the EU member states

Wednesday 16/07/2014 11:30-12:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Georgios EPITIDEIOS (NI,EL)

Situation in Sudan, with a delegation of the Sudan revolutionary Front

Wednesday 16/07/2014 18:00-18:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Marie Christine VERGIAT (GUE/NGL, FR)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Budgets Committee

Monday 14/07/2014 18:30-19:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

Hearing of Jacek DOMINIK (PL), Commissioner designate for Budget (18.30-19.30) - see *Public Hearings*

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 14/07/2014 19:00-22:30 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 100*

- Election of the 3rd and 4th Vice-Chairs

Vote

- Adoption by Lithuania of the euro on 1 January 2015 (NLE) - Vote on a draft report by Werner Langen (EPP, DE)

End of vote

- Monetary Dialogue with Mario DRAGHI, President of the European Central Bank (19.30-21.30)
- Hearing of Jyrki KATAINEN (FI) commissioner-designate for Economic and Monetary Affairs. (21.30-22.30) *See Public hearing*

Committee on Legal Affairs

Monday 14/07/2014 19:00-20:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, S1.5*

Hearing of Martine REICHERTS, Commissioner-designate for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship (19.00-20.30) - see *Public Hearings*

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Monday 14/07/2014 19:00-20:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, S1.5*

Hearing of Martine REICHERTS, Commissioner-designate for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship (19.00-20.30) - see *Public Hearings*

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Monday 14/07/2014 19:00-20:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, S1.5*

Hearing of Martine REICHERTS, Commissioner-designate for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship (19.00-20.30) - see *Public Hearings*

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Monday 14/07/2014 19:15-21:15 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200*

- Discussion with David O'SULLIVAN, newly appointed Head of the EU Delegation in Washington (in compliance with the Declaration on Political Accountability of the HR/VP) - *in camera*
- Discussion with Jari VILEN, newly appointed Head of the EU Delegation to the Council of Europe (in compliance with the Declaration on Political Accountability of the HR/VP) - *in camera* (20.15 - 21.15)

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Monday 14/07/2014 20:30-21:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N.1.3*

Agenda

- Hearing of Ferdinando NELLI FEROCI, Commissioner-designate for Industry and Entrepreneurship (20.30-21.30) *See Public Hearings*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Budgets Committee

Monday 14/07/2014 18:30-19:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

The Budgets Committee will hold a hearing with Jacek DOMINIK (PL). Mr DOMINIK has been designated for the portfolio of Budgets.

Following the discussion, the Parliament will vote on DOMINIK's appointment as Commissioner.

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Hearing of Commissioner-designate for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, Martine Reicherts

Monday 14/07/2014 19:00-20:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, S1.5*

Following the election to the European Parliament of former commissioner Viviane REDING, the committees on **Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs** (LIBE), **Legal Affairs** (JURI) and **Women's Rights and Gender Equality** (FEMM) will hold a hearing with Ms Martine REICHERTS on Monday at 19.00, in Strasbourg.

Ms REICHERTS, from Luxembourg, has been designated for the portfolio of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. Her mandate is expected to last until the end of October, when a new Commission is to be set up. Following the hearing, the European Parliament will vote on Ms Reicherts' appointment as Commissioner on Wednesday at 9.00.

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Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Monday 14/07/2014 20:30-21:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

Agenda

Following the election to the European Parliament of former commissioner Antonio TAJANI, **the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy** will hold a hearing with Ferdinando NELLI FEROCI.

NELLI FEROCI has been designated for the portfolio of Industry and Entrepreneurship. His mandate is expected to last until the end of October, when a new Commission is to be set up.

Following the discussion, the Parliament will vote on NELLI FERROCI's appointment as Commissioner.

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Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 14/07/2014 21:30-22:30 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 100*

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs will hold a hearing with Jyrki KATAINEN in Strasbourg. Katainen has been designated for the portfolio of Economic and Monetary Affairs. His mandate is expected to last until the end of October, when a new Commission is to be set up. Following the exchange of views, the European Parliament will vote on Mr Katainen's appointment as Commissioner during its plenary sitting.

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