

The Week Ahead 29 August – 04 September 2016

Committee meetings, Brussels

Turkey. Parliament President Martin Schulz will pay a visit to Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Ankara (*Thursday*), following meetings a week earlier by Foreign Affairs chairman Elmar Brok and Turkey rapporteur Kati Piri with Prime Minister Binali Yildirim and other members of government. The Foreign Affairs Committee will discuss the rule of law and human rights situation in Turkey following the failed coup attempt. MEPs are also set to discuss the country's recent rapprochement to Russia and its military presence in Syria. (*Tuesday*)

CETA. MEPs will debate whether or not to approve the newly negotiated CETA, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada. Under pressure from Parliament, the European Commission and Canada reopened negotiations on the controversial Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) clause and replaced it with a new Investment Court system. CETA cannot enter into force without European Parliament approval. MEPs will also assess the European Commission's recent decision to have national parliaments ratify the deal as well. (*Wednesday*)

Car emissions. Parliament's Inquiry Committee on Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector (EMIS) will hear Günter Verheugen, former Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry. Members will also hear automotive supplier Faurecia, a market leader in catalytic converters and other emission reduction systems for cars and vans. (*Tuesday*)

Migration. Civil Liberties MEPs will debate new legislative proposals to complete the reform of the Common European Asylum System, including harmonised procedures for international protection, protection standards and rights and reception conditions. The legislative package was presented by the Commission on 13 July. (*Wednesday*)

PRIIIPs. MEPs on the Economic and Monetary Affairs committee may vote to formally object to a delegated act by the Commission providing for more information to clients of so-called Packaged retail and insurance-based investment products, such as certain investment funds, insurance products or derivative instruments. (*Thursday*)

2017 EU budget. A number of Parliament's committees will start voting their amendments to the 2017 EU budget, feeding into the position the Budgets Committee will lay down next month. The draft 2017 budget as proposed by the Commission makes provisions to address the refugee crisis as well as slow economic growth in the EU. MEPs want the 2017 budget to incorporate already the changes which may come out of the parallel mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework, the EU's long-term budget. The current framework ends in 2020. (*Wednesday*)

President's agenda. EP President Martin Schulz will meet with a Portuguese NGO helping homeless people on Wednesday, before travelling to Ankara to meet with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Thursday.



Agenda

Press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on the week's activities at 11.00 on Monday, in the “Anna Politkovskaya” EP press conference room, Brussels. Ask #EPpressbriefing @EuroParlPress questions on committees' work.

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Wednesday 31/08/2016

Brussels

14:00 Meeting with representatives of CAIS, Portuguese NGO

The President's diary

Thursday 01/09/2016

Ankara

17:00 Meeting with Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkey - Presidential Palace

PRESS CONFERENCES

Briefing on parliamentary agenda

Monday 29/08/2016 11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

"Apple in Ireland"

Tuesday 30/08/2016 15:00-15:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Matt CARTHY (GUE/NGL, IE)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Budgets

Wednesday 31/08/2016 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Wednesday 31/08/2016 09:30-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

- Discussion on Macroeconomic, financial and monetary impact of economic developments in China **(11.00-12.30)**
- Discussion: Towards a definitive VAT system and fighting VAT fraud **(15.00-16.45)**

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Thursday 01/09/2016 10:00-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Votes (11.30-12.00)

- Commission Delegated Act on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs) - vote on a resolution
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections (BUD) - Vote on a draft opinion and budgetary amendments. Report by Markus FERBER (EPP, DE)

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Wednesday 31/08/2016 09:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

- Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme - Discussion with Ján RICHTER (Slovakian Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family) **(15.00-16.30)**

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Thursday 01/09/2016 09:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

- Hearing on Employee financial participation in the age of digitalisation **(09.00-10.45)** - see *Public Hearings*
- Approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States as regards the accessibility requirements for products and services (COD) - Discussion with the Commission on report by Ádám KÓSA (EPP, HU) **(10.45-11.45)**

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Wednesday 31/08/2016 17:30-19:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 4Q2

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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Thursday 01/09/2016 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 2Q2*

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Thursday 01/09/2016 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2*

- Technical requirements for inland waterway vessels (repealing Directive 2006/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) (COD) - vote on draft recommendation for second reading, rapporteur Ivo Belet (EPP, BE)

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Tuesday 30/08/2016 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2*

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections - vote on a draft opinion, rapporteur for the opinion Peter Jahr (EPP, DE)

Committee on Fisheries

Wednesday 31/08/2016 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001*

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections - vote on a draft opinion, rapporteur for the opinion Nils Torvalds (ALDE, FI)

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Wednesday 31/08/2016 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2*

- Reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders (COD), rapporteur Monica MACOVEI (ECR, RO) - presentation of the state of play of trilogue negotiations

VOTES 15.15-16.30

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections (BUD), rapporteur Monica MACOVEI (ECR, RO) - adoption of draft opinion and adoption of budgetary amendments

end of votes

- List of the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (review of the suspension mechanism), (COD), rapporteur Agustín DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA (PPE, ES) (17.00-17.30)

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Thursday 01/09/2016 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3*

VOTES (09.00-09.45)

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 - all sections (BUD), rapporteur Viorica DĂNCILĂ (S&D, RO) - adoption of draft opinion and of budget amendments

end of votes

- Council Presidency - presentation of the Council Presidency's programme by Ján RICHTER, Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic (09.45-11.00)

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Committee of Inquiry into Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector

Tuesday 30/08/2016 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

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- Hearing of Peter LAKIN, Vice President, Sales, Programs and Marketing, Faurecia Emissions Control Technologies, Faurecia Group - see *Public Hearings*
- Hearing of Günter VERHEUGEN, Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry from 2004 to 2010 - see *Public Hearings*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Employee financial participation in the age of digitalisation

Thursday 01/09/2016

The main objective of this hearing will be to get a better understanding of the impact of digitalisation, such as the use of artificial intelligence and robots, in employees' financial participation. Four experts have been invited and their presentations will be followed by an exchange of views with Members.

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Hearing of Günter Verheugen

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