

The Week Ahead 04 – 10 September 2017

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

Counter-terrorism. Counter-terrorism and the need to improve the exchange of information among member states will be discussed by MEPs on the Civil Liberties Committee with Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos, responsible for migration, home affairs and citizenship, and Krum Garkov, president of the eu-LISA (agency responsible for managing IT systems in the area of security and justice, such as the Schengen and asylum-seekers databases). *(Monday)*

Security. An assessment of current threats will be made by the Civil Liberties Committee with Security Union Commissioner Sir Julian King. The debate, which will also focus on challenges ahead in the security field, is followed by a press conference with the commissioner and Committee Chair Claude Moraes. *(Thursday)*

Climate Change/COP23. Environment Committee MEPs will vote on their contribution to the next UN Climate Change Conference (COP23), to be held in Bonn in November this year. The conference will focus on the implementation of the Paris Agreement, in force since November 2016, as work remains to be done, in particular on climate finance and national contributions. A delegation of MEPs will attend the talks. *(Thursday)*

Environmental liability. The Legal Affairs Committee will look into the effectiveness of EU rules on the prevention and repairing of environmental damage, based on the 'polluter pays' principle. Members will also propose improvements to the Environmental Liability Directive (ELD), incorporated into national law in the member states in 2010. *(Thursday)*

Commission Work Programme 2018. EP President Tajani and political groups' leaders (EP Conference of Presidents) will discuss with Commission President Juncker and First Vice-President Timmermans next year's work priorities. *(Thursday)*

Plenary preparations. Political groups will set their political priorities in the run-up to the 2017 "State of the Union" debate with Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, scheduled on Wednesday morning, 13 September. To prepare for the 11-14 September plenary session, they will debate fire safety in buildings, the promotion of internet connectivity in local communities, the security of gas supply, arms exports, prison systems in Europe, next steps for completing the Capital Markets Union, the impact of EU trade policy and EU-Latin America relations.

President's agenda. EP President Antonio Tajani will be in Norcia (Italy) on Monday to participate in a Citizen's dialogue on "Building a better Europe with citizens for future generations" with Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Commissioner Tibor Navracsics.

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He will hold a press conference with Commissioner Navracsics and visit some European Solidarity Corps' projects, on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, President Tajani will meet Cyprus' House of Representatives President Demetris Syllouris in Brussels, followed by a press point. He will participate in the 15th G7 Parliaments' Presidents' meeting in Rome on Friday, and attend the official lunch for G7 speakers with Italy's President Sergio Mattarella, in Naples on Saturday. Finally, Mr Tajani will be in Münster on Sunday to join a conference organised by Community of Sant'Egidio, a Catholic organisation active in different fields including peace mediation, together with Chancellor Angela Merkel and Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou.

Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing with the EP's political group spokespersons at 11.00 on Friday. (*Anna Politkovskaya room, press centre, Brussels*)

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 04/09/2017

NORCIA (ITALY)

Participation in the Citizen's dialogue "Building a better Europe with citizens for future generations" with Mr Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

Main topics: EU post-earthquake reconstruction aid, the future of the European Union, European Solidarity Corps as well as other EU initiatives for young people and planned initiatives under the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

The President's agenda

Tuesday 05/09/2017

NORCIA & SPOLETO (ITALY)

Visit of the European Solidarity Corps' projects

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Wednesday 06/09/2017

08:00 European Policy Center Breakfast Policy (Thon EU Hotel (Salle Belgium), Rue de la Loi, 75, 1040 Brussels)

11:00 Meeting with 11 Latin American Ambassadors (Grand salon protocolaire)

14:30 Meeting with MEP Thomas Händel, Chairman of the EMPL Committee (President's Office)

16:15 Meeting with the President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Syllouris (Grand salon protocolaire)

16:45 Press point with the President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Demetris Syllouris (PHS 9 press area)

The President's agenda

Thursday 07/09/2017

10:30 Meeting with President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker (President's office) – **PHOTO**

11:00 Conference of Presidents

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Friday 08/09/2017

ROME (ITALY)

Participation in the 15th G7 Speakers' meeting

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Saturday 09/09/2017

NAPLES (ITALY)

Official lunch of G7 Speakers' with Mr Sergio Mattarella, President of the Italian Republic

The President's agenda

Sunday 10/09/2017

MÜNSTER (Germany)

Participation in the Conference organized by Community of Sant'Egidio

PRESS CONFERENCES

“Talks with the DG Environment: An update on Doñana”

Friday 08/09/2017 10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Paloma LÓPEZ BERMEJO (GUE/NGL, ES), and Antonio MAÍLLO

Pre-session briefing

Friday 08/09/2017 11:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

- The recent and forthcoming HRC sessions - Discussion with Peter SOERENSEN, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001

(15.00-17.00)

- Election of the 3rd Vice-Chair
- Security developments in the post-Soviet space, particularly in Ukraine and Belarus - *See Public hearing*

Committee on International Trade

Thursday 07/09/2017 10:00-12:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, A3E-2

- Committee on International Trade and Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, are organising a workshop on "Russia's and the EU's sanctions: economic and trade effects, compliance and the way forward". The Workshop will take place on 7 September 2017, from 10.00 to 12.00.

Committee on Budgetary Control

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-19:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

- Workshop on "The implementation of the Common provisions (Reg. EU 1303/2013) for structural, agricultural, social and fisheries funds in practice, with view to their effectiveness" **(15.45-18.30)** - *see Special events*

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

- Energy efficiency - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Adam GIEREK (S&D, PL)
- Promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources (recast) - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: José BLANCO LÓPEZ (S&D, ES)

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

- Election of the 4th Vice-Chair

Committee on Budgetary Control

Thursday 07/09/2017 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Thursday 07/09/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

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- Discussion with Henrik HOLOLEI, Director General DG MOVE, European Commission
- Discussion with Markku MYLLY, Executive Director, European Maritime Safety Agency

Committee on Regional Development

Thursday 07/09/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

- ECA Special Report 2/2017 (partnership agreements) - discussion with Ladislav BALKO, European Court of Auditors
- Smart specialisation and on the current state of implementation of 2014-2020 cohesion policy programmes - discussion with Marc LEMAITRE, European Commission

Committee on Culture and Education

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2

Committee on Legal Affairs

Thursday 07/09/2017 09:00-16:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G3

- Copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes (COD), rapporteur Tiemo WÖLKEN (S&D, DE) - discussion on amendments **(10.30)**

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Votes (16.40 - 16.45)

- Draft Council implementing decision on subjecting N-(1-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenylacrylamide (acryloylfentanyl) to control measures (NLE) - rapporteur Brice HORTEFEUX (EPP, FR) - vote on a draft report

End of votes

- Progress towards the interoperability of EU information systems - discussion with Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, and Krum GARKOV, Director of eu-LISA **(16.45 - 18.30)**

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 07/09/2017 09:00-17:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

- European Commission Comprehensive Assessment of EU Security Policy and ninth progress report towards an effective and genuine Security Union - joint discussion with Julian KING, Commissioner for the Security Union **(09.15-10.15)**

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Monday 04/09/2017 16:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3

- Brexit negotiations - debate with Guy VERHOFSTADT (ALDE, BE) **(17.00)**

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

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- Workshop on " Increasing female participation in the labour market" organised by the Policy Department C (**15.00 - 16.45**) - see *Special events*

Committee on Petitions

Thursday 07/09/2017 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B1*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing "Security developments in the post-Soviet space, particularly in Ukraine and Belarus"

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001

The continued fragile security situation in Eastern Europe and the resurgence of Russian power politics prompts the Subcommittee on Security and Defence to examine, also in the context of the upcoming Russian-Belorussian military exercise "Zapad 2017" to take place in Belorussia in mid-September and close to the EU's external borders, various angles of the ongoing development in the post-Soviet space, which impact on regional stability and beyond.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Increasing female participation in the labour market

Monday 04/09/2017 15:00-16:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

This workshop, organised by the **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM)**, will discuss the European Commission's proposal "European Pillar of Social Rights".

Amongst the participants, MEPs will welcome Monika LADMANOVA, from the Cabinet of Commissioner Věra JOUROVÁ, who will detail the Work-Life Balance Directive on which the FEMM committee is starting its work; Professor BURRI and Dr ANTILLA who will show how to address the challenges related to work-life balance and working time regimes. Finally, Dr Konstantina DAVAKI will present her [study](#) on "Demography and family policies from a gender perspective."

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Implementation of the Common provisions for structural, agricultural, social and fisheries funds in practice, with view to their effectiveness

Monday 04/09/2017 15:45-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

The **Budgetary Control Committee** will hold a workshop on the implementation of the common provisions for structural, agricultural, social and fisheries funds. Featuring three panels, the workshop will provide MEPs with the perspectives of Member States' managing authorities, beneficiaries and the European Commission. Stakeholders from Belgium, France, Italy, Romania, Spain and UK will take part in the discussion.

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