

The Week Ahead 07 – 13 September 2015

Plenary session - Strasbourg

State of the Union. Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker will deliver his first State of the Union address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Wednesday morning at 09.00, followed by a debate on achievements to date and the Commission's 2016 work programme. Prior to the debate, Jean-Claude Juncker will attend Parliament's Conference of Presidents on Tuesday at 10.00 to discuss the Commission Work Programme for 2016.

Migration and refugee crisis. EU and member states' responses to the unprecedented flow of migrants and refugees will be debated with the Commission, following the State of the Union debate on Wednesday. A day later, MEPs will vote a non-binding resolution to wind up the debate. On Wednesday, however, they will vote their opinion on a first proposal by the Commission for the relocation of 40,000 refugees from Italy and Greece.

Foreign affairs. Parliament will debate the EU's role in the Middle East peace process with EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini, on Wednesday afternoon, before voting its position on it on Thursday. MEPs and Ms Mogherini will also discuss the situation in Belarus and the Iran nuclear agreement.

Animal cloning. Parliament's first-reading position on a draft law which would ban the cloning of all farm animals, their descendants and products derived from them, including imports, in the EU, will be debated and voted on Tuesday. A press conference with the rapporteur is scheduled for 15.00.

Trade in seal products. MEPs are to adopt stricter exemptions to the EU ban on the trade in seal products on Tuesday. A deal struck with Council in June allows Inuit communities to sell seal products but removes the derogation that authorised trading in seal products derived from hunts conducted to protect fishing stocks. (Debate Monday, vote Tuesday)

Right2Water citizen's initiative. The European Commission's response to the very first EU citizens' initiative (ECI) petition on the "Right2Water" will be debated on Monday followed by a vote on Tuesday on a resolution recommending a strengthening of the ECI mechanism. The rapporteur will hold a press conference on Tuesday at 15.30. (*Debate Monday, vote Tuesday*)

Agricultural markets crisis. The Agriculture Committee will debate the current crisis on agricultural markets, especially in the dairy and meat sectors, with Commissioner Phil Hogan late on Tuesday afternoon. Falling prices have affected farmers in many member states, exacerbating the effects of the prolonged Russian embargo on food imports from the EU.

President's diary. Parliament President Martin Schulz will meet Bert Koenders, Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday, at 17.30. On Wednesday morning, he will open

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and chair the plenary debate on the State of the Union. Mr Schulz will then meet Selahattin Demirtaş, Leader of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) of Turkey, on Wednesday at 16.30, followed by press point.

Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing at 16.30 on Monday. (*EP Press conference room, Strasbourg*)

PLENARY SESSION

Monday 07 September 2015

17:00 - 23:00 Debates

Resumption of session and order of business

***I • Trade in seal products

Report: Cristian-Silviu Buşoi (A8-0186/2015)

[2015/0028(COD)]

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Situation of fundamental rights in the EU (2013-2014)

Report: Laura Ferrara (A8-0230/2015)

[2014/2254(INI)]

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

One-minute speeches (Rule 163)

Short presentations of the following reports:

Commissioner hearings: lessons to be taken from the 2014 process
 Report: Richard Corbett (A8-0197/2015)

[2015/2040(INI)]

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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Report: Marietje Schaake (A8-0178/2015)

[2014/2232(INI)]

Committee on Foreign Affairs

 Protecting the EU's financial interests: towards performance-based controls of the CAP

Report: Petri Sarvamaa (A8-0240/2015)

[2014/2234(INI)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

Family businesses in Europe

Report: Angelika Niebler (A8-0223/2015)

[2014/2210(INI)]

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Research and innovation in the blue economy to create jobs and growth

Report: João Ferreira (A8-0214/2015)

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 Promoting youth entrepreneurship through education and training Report: Michaela Šojdrová (A8-0239/2015)

[2015/2006(INI)]

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Towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage for Europe

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[2014/2149(INI)]

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[2014/2239(INI)]

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Tuesday 08 September 2015

09:00 - 11:50 Debates

***I • Cloning of animals kept and reproduced for farming purposes

Report: Giulia Moi, Renate Sommer (A8-0216/2015)

[2013/0433(COD)]

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

***II • Correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters

Report: Liisa Jaakonsaari (A8-0234/2015)

[2013/0410(COD)]



Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

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

*** • ILO Forced Labour Convention: social policy

Report: Patrick Le Hyaric (A8-0243/2015)

[2014/0259(NLE)]

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

 Request for the waiver of the parliamentary immunity of Janusz Korwin-Mikke

Report: Evelyn Regner (A8-0229/2015)

[2015/2102(IMM)]

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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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 Presentation by the Council of its position on the draft general budget -2016 financial year

[2015/2735(RSP)]

 Provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece

Report: Ska Keller (A8-0245/2015)

[2015/0125(NLE)]

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Joint debate - Cohesion Policy

· Urban dimension of EU policies

Report: Kerstin Westphal (A8-0218/2015)

[2014/2213(INI)]

Committee on Regional Development

 Investment for jobs and growth: promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion in the EU

Report: Tamás Deutsch (A8-0173/2015)

[2014/2245(INI)]

Committee on Regional Development

 Assessment of the 2012 European Year for active ageing and solidarity between generations

Report: Eduard Kukan (A8-0241/2015)

[2014/2255(INI)]

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Joint debate - Fisheries agreements

*** • Fisheries partnership agreement with Guinea-Bissau: fishing opportunities and financial contribution (recommendation)

Report: João Ferreira (A8-0233/2015)

[2012/0134(NLE)]

Committee on Fisheries

Fisheries partnership agreement with Guinea-Bissau: fishing opportunities and financial contribution (report)

Report: João Ferreira (A8-0236/2015)

[2015/2119(INI)]

Committee on Fisheries

Fisheries partnership agreement with Cape Verde: fishing opportunities and financial contribution (recommendation)

Report: Peter van Dalen (A8-0201/2015)

[2014/0329(NLE)]

Committee on Fisheries

• Fisheries partnership agreement with Cape Verde: fishing opportunities and financial contribution (report)

Report: Peter van Dalen (A8-0200/2015)

[2015/2100(INI)]

Committee on Fisheries

*** • Fisheries partnership agreement with Madagascar: fishing opportunities and financial contribution

Report: Ricardo Serrão Santos (A8-0196/2015)

[2014/0319(NLE)]

Committee on Fisheries

Implementation of the 2011 White paper on transport

Report: Wim van de Camp (A8-0246/2015)

[2015/2005(INI)]

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Follow-up to the Action lines for bolstering the business of liberal professions

Report: (O-000080/2015)

[2015/2771(RSP)]

Short presentations of the following reports:

Women's careers in science and university

Report: Elissavet Vozemberg (A8-0235/2015)

[2014/2251(INI)]

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Empowering girls through education in the EU

Report: Liliana Rodrigues (A8-0206/2015)

[2014/2250(INI)]



Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Wednesday 09 September 2015

09:00 - 12:50 KEY DEBATES

· State of the Union

[2015/2738(RSP)]

Migration and refugees in Europe

[2015/2833(RSP)]

13:00 - 14:30 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

 Proposal to change the name of the Delegation for Relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council to the Delegation for Relations with Palestine

[2015/2842(RSO)]

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[2014/0319(NLE)]

Committee on Fisheries

• Protocol amending the Marrakesh agreement establishing the World Trade Organization

Report: Pablo Zalba Bidegain (A8-0237/2015)

[2015/0029(NLE)]

Committee on International Trade

 Protocol amending the Marrakesh agreement establishing the World Trade Organization (Trade facilitation agreement)

Report: Pablo Zalba Bidegain (A8-0238/2015)

[2015/2067(INI)]

Committee on International Trade

 Authorisation for Austria, Belgium and Poland to ratify, or to accede to, the Convention on the contract for the carriage of goods by inland waterways (CMNI)

Report: Pavel Svoboda (A8-0231/2015)

[2014/0345(NLE)]

Committee on Legal Affairs

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[2014/2250(INI)]

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

EEA-Switzerland: Obstacles with regard to the full implementation of the internal market

Report: Andreas Schwab (A8-0244/2015)

[2015/2061(INI)]

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

15:00 - 23:00 Debates

• The EU's role in the Middle East peace process

[2015/2685(RSP)]

· Situation in Belarus

[2015/2834(RSP)]



· Iran nuclear agreement

[2015/2835(RSP)]

Joint debate - EU labour market

Social entrepreneurship and social innovation in combatting unemployment

Report: Verónica Lope Fontagné (A8-0247/2015)

[2014/2236(INI)]

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Creating a competitive EU labour market for the 21st century

Report: Martina Dlabajová (A8-0222/2015)

[2014/2235(INI)]

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Precarious employment

Report: (O-000091/2015, O-000090/2015)

[2015/2708(RSP)]

 Sustainability of healthcare systems in Europe: future challenges [2015/2836(RSP)]

Thursday 10 September 2015

09:00 - 11:50 Debates

 30th and 31st annual reports on monitoring the application of EU law (2012-2013)

Report: Kostas Chrysogonos (A8-0242/2015)

[2014/2253(INI)]

Committee on Legal Affairs

The gender dimension of trafficking in human beings

Report: (O-000079/2015)

[2015/2744(RSP)]

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

 Russia, in particular the case of Eston Kohver, Oleg Santsov and Alexander Kolchenko

[2015/2838(RSP)]

Angola

[2015/2839(RSP)]

Azerbaijan

[2015/2840(RSP)]

12:00 - 14:00 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)
- · Migration and refugees in Europe

[2015/2833(RSP)]

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Monday 07/09/2015

Strasbourg

17:00 Opening of the plenary

18:30 Bureau meeting

The President's diary

Tuesday 08/09/2015

Strasbourg

10:00 Conference of Presidents with Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission

17:30 Meeting with Bert Koenders, Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs - Louise Weiss building, 15th floor, President's Meeting Room

The President's diary

Wednesday 09/09/2015

9:00 Chairing of the plenary: State of the Union: Statement by Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission

12:15 Plenary: Chairing of the votes

14:45 LEX signing - Louise Weiss building, Floor 0, Protocol Room H060

The President's diary

Thursday 10/09/2015

Strasbourg

10:00 Conference of Presidents

PRESS CONFERENCES

Last minute session briefing

Monday 07/09/2015 16:30-17:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

S&D briefing

Tuesday 08/09/2015 09:20-09:40 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Gianni PITTELLA (IT), Chair, Linda McAVAN (S&D, UK), Claude MORAES (S&D, UK), and Elena VALENCIANO (S&D, ES)

ALDE briefing

Tuesday 08/09/2015 09:40-10:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Guy VERHOFSTADT (BE), Chair, and Cecilia WIKSTRÖM (ALDE, SE)

GREENS/EFA briefing

Tuesday 08/09/2015 10:30-10:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Rebecca HARMS (DE), Co-Chair

EPP briefing

Tuesday 08/09/2015 13:30-13:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Manfred WEBER (DE), Chair

Towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage for Europe

Tuesday 08/09/2015 14:00-14:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Mircea DIACONU (ALDE, RO), rapporteur

GUE/NGL briefing

Tuesday 08/09/2015 14:30-15:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Gabriele ZIMMER (DE), Chair, Marina ALBIOL GUZMÁN (GUE/NGL, ES), and Martina ANDERSON (GUE/NGL, IE)

Cloning of animals

Tuesday 08/09/2015 15:00-15:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Renate SOMMER (EPP, DE), and Giulia MOI (EFDD, IT), co-rapporteurs

The "Right2Water" citizens' initiative

Tuesday 08/09/2015 15:30-16:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Lynn BOYLAN (GUE/NGL, IE), rapporteur

Competition case

Tuesday 08/09/2015 16:00-16:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Margrethe VESTAGER, European Commissioner for Competition



"Immigration and action lines for bolstering the business of liberal professions"

Tuesday 08/09/2015 17:00-17:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Salvatore CICU (EPP, IT), Lara COMI (EPP, IT), Elisabetta GARDINI (EPP, IT) and Antonio TAJANI (EPP, IT)

"Migration crisis in the EU"

Wednesday 09/09/2015 10:00-10:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Marine LE PEN (FR), ENF Co-Chair, Marcel de GRAAFF (NL), ENF Co-Chaire, Matteo SALVINI (ENF, IT), Harald VILIMSKY (ENF, AT), Janice ATKINSON (ENF, UK), and Gerolf ANNEMANS (ENF, BE)

Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament, and Jean-Claude JUNCKER, President of the European Commission

Wednesday 09/09/2015 11:30-12:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1.2

Proposals on the Refugee and Migration Crisis

Wednesday 09/09/2015 14:00-14:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2

Frans TIMMERMANS, European Commissioner, First Vice-President, Federica MOGHERINI, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission, and Dimitrios AVRAMOPOULOS, European Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship



PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect

Monday 07/09/2015 19:00-22:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3

 Report of the special committee on tax rulings and other measures similar in nature or effect - Consideration of draft report - Co-rapporteurs: Elisa FERREIRA (S&D, PT), Michael THEURER (ALDE, DE)

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Monday 07/09/2015 21:00-22:30 Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200

 General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2016 - all sections -Adoption of budget amendments

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Monday 07/09/2015 19:00-19:45 Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200

Emergency relocation mechanism of asylum seekers - proposal establishing
provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy
and Greece (NLE), rapporteur Ska KELLER (Greens/ EFA, DE) – discussion on
Council's position on the emergency relocation mechanism

DELEGATIONS

Delegation to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Tuesday 08/09/2015 09:00-19:00 Wednesday 09/09/2015 09:00-19:00 Thursday 10/09/2015 09:00-19:00

Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)

8-10 September

Werner Langen (EPP, DE) and Marc Tarabella (S&D, BE)

The Chair and the first Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of South East Asia and ASEAN, Werner Langen (EPP, DE) and Marc Tarabella (S&D, BE), will attend the 36th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) which will take place from 6-12 September in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The main aims of AIPA are the promotion of closer cooperation among parliaments of the ASEAN member countries and the facilitation of the attainment of the objectives of ASEAN. It provides a parliamentary forum where members from national parliaments can interact and exchange information on issues of common interest. The European Parliament's participation in the General Assembly of AIPA provides a unique opportunity for regional dialogue with South East Asia, a region of strategic importance to the EU connecting it with the economic centres in China, Japan and South Korea.

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Delegation to Gaziantep and surroundings, Turkey

Thursday 10/09/2015 09:00-19:00 Friday 11/09/2015 09:00-19:00 Saturday 12/09/2015 09:00-19:00 Sunday 13/09/2015 09:00-19:00

Gaziantep (Turkey)

Ms McAvan (S&D, UK), Mr Neuser (S&D, DE) and Mr Zeller (EPP, DE)

A delegation of 3 MEPs will travel to Gaziantep in Turkey on 10-13 September on a factfinding mission. MEPs will hold talks with NGOs on cross-border assistance to Syrians and will visit refugee families and a municipality-run food kitchen supported by the EU. MEPs will hold meetings with local Governors and they plan to visit a refugee camp.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Nominees for Sakharov Prize 2015 to be announced

Thursday 10/09/2015 12:00-12:30

The nominees for the European Parliament's 2015 Sakharov Prize for freedom of thought, chosen by political groups and groups of MEPs, will be announced on Thursday 10 September. The nominees will be presented at a meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Development committees and the Human Rights Subcommittee on 28 September.

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