



The Week Ahead 03 – 09 November 2014

Committee meetings, Brussels

GMOs. The environment and public health committee will vote on draft legislation that modifies current rules on GMOs by giving member states the option of restricting or banning their cultivation on their own territory, even if it is allowed at EU level. *(Wednesday)*

European Council. MEPs, at an open conference of presidents meeting, will debate the results of the EU Summit of 23 and 24 October on climate and energy policies, the economic and employment situation and external relations, with European Council President Herman Van Rompuy. This should be the last debate with Mr Van Rompuy before he steps down on 30 November. *(Tuesday)*

Ebola. Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe, will brief the environment committee on the impact of the Ebola outbreak in Europe and abroad. In a separate meeting, the development committee will discuss the Ebola crisis as a first step towards draft a resolution. *(Wednesday and Monday respectively)*

Climate change. Environment MEPs will vote on a non-binding resolution in preparation for the COP 20 UN climate change conference in December 2014 in Lima, where an EP delegation will join the negotiations. In a separate event, Dr Rajendra Pachauri, chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), will present the key findings of the IPCC's fifth assessment report. *(Wednesday)*

EU financial interests. The president of the European Court of Auditors, Vítor Manuel da Silva Caldeira, will present the annual report on the regularity of financial transactions by EU institutions to the budgetary control committee. Commissioner Georgieva will also join the debate. This report forms the basis for Parliament's decision on whether or not to approve the accounts of all EU institutions. *(Wednesday)*

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 12 and 13 November plenary session in Brussels, where Parliament is expected to debate the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and to vote on resolutions on the peace process in Northern Ireland, Turkish actions in the exclusive economic zone of Cyprus and the humanitarian situation in South Sudan.

President's agenda. President Schulz will meet President of Colombia Juan Manuel Santos on Tuesday. The meeting will be followed by a press point *(Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor)*. On Tuesday, he will open the joint UN – European Commission's Conference "Spring forward for women" in the Parliament. On Sunday, he will deliver the keynote speech at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in Berlin.

Press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on week's activities at 11.00 on Monday. *(EP Press conference room, Brussels)*



THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Tuesday 04/11/2014 14:00-19:15

Brussels

14:00 Open Conference of Presidents with Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council - József Antall Building, room 2Q2

15:25 Welcoming Juan Manuel SANTOS, President of Colombia - Paul-Henri Spaak building, ground floor

15:30 Meeting with Juan Manuel SANTOS, President of Colombia, followed by press point - Paul-Henri Spaak building, 9th floor, Grand Salon Protocolaire

16:45 Handing over the 2013 annual report by the President of the European Court of Auditors, Vitor CALDEIRA - Paul-Henri Spaak building, 9th floor, President's Office

18:15 Meeting with economist Jeremy RIFKIN - Paul-Henri Spaak building, 9th floor, President's Office

The President's diary

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:45-10:45

Brussels

9:45 Opening Speech at "Spring forward for women" joint United Nations and European Commission Conference - Altiero Spinelli building, 3rd Floor, Room E-2

The President's diary

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-17:30

Hamburg/ Frankfurt

9:00 Keynote Speech at Business forum (ZEIT-Wirtschaftsforum) - St. Michael's Church, Englische Planke 1, 20459 Hamburg, Germany

17:30 Speaking at an event on the occasion of Business day 2014 (Wirtschaftstag 2014): "Growth, Values and the world market" - Jahrhunderthalle, Pfaffenwiese 301, 65929 Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany

The President's diary

Sunday 09/11/2014 10:30-16:30

Berlin

10:30 Keynote Speech at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation - Haus der Kulturen der Welt, John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10, 10557 Berlin, Germany

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15:30 Keynote Speech at the official celebration of the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall - Concert House, Gendarmenmarkt, 10117 Berlin, Germany

PRESS CONFERENCES

Briefing on parliamentary agenda

Monday 03/11/2014 11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Briefing on parliamentary agenda

Next Maidan? GUE/NGL MEP's back from Ukraine

Monday 03/11/2014 14:30-15:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Helmut SCHOLZ (GUE/NGL, DE) and Miroslav RANSDORF (GUE/NGL, CZ)

Colombia: human rights and peace

Tuesday 04/11/2014 10:00-10:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Jordi SEBASTIÀ (Greens/EFA, ES) and Jürgen KLUTE

"Societat Civil Catalana, Una Catalunya fuerte en una España grande y Europea"

Tuesday 04/11/2014 12:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Javier NART (ALDE, ES)

Launch of the European Friends of Kurdistan

Tuesday 04/11/2014 12:30-13:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Charles TANNOCK (ECR, UK) and Masrour BARZANI, Head of the National Security Council, Kurdistan Regional Government

The presentation of the IPCC 5th Assessment Report "The climate change challenge"

Tuesday 04/11/2014 16:00-16:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Mairead McGUINNESS (EPP, IE), European Parliament Vice-President, and Rajendra PACHAURI, IPCC chair

"Deindustrialisation and layoffs in Greece: Coca-Cola and shipbuilding industry"

Tuesday 04/11/2014 16:30-17:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Kostadinka KUNEVA (GUE/NGL, EL)

Presentation of the Basque Friendship towards the peace process in the Basque Country

Thursday 06/11/2014 11:30-12:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, A050*

Josu JUARISTI ABAUNZ (GUE/NGL, ES), Lidia SENRA RODRÍGUEZ (GUE/NGL, ES), Lynn BOYLAN (GUE/NGL, IE), Tatjana ŽDANOKA (Greens/EFA) and Mark DEMESMAEKER (ECR, BE)

"German obligations owed to Greece: A question that should be responded"

Thursday 06/11/2014 14:30-15:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

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Gabriele ZIMMER (DE), President GUE/NGL and Emmanouil GLEZOS (GUE/NGL, EL)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Monday 03/11/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

- Discussion with Herbert SALBER, European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia

In association with the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

- Debriefing on the general elections in Ukraine (26/10/14) in presence of Tana de ZULUETA (OSCE/ODIHR) **(17.00)**

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Tuesday 04/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 2Q2

In association with the Subcommittee on Human Rights

- Discussion with Jerzy POMIANOWSKI, European Endowment For Democracy Executive Director on the presentation of the EED Annual Report **(9.00 – 10.15)**
- Discussion with Masrour BARZANI, Head of the National Security Council of Iraqi Kurds **(10.15 – 11.30)**

In association with the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union

- Debriefing on general elections in Tunisia (26/10/14) **(11.30)**

(Change of room to the József Antall building, from **15.30 to 19.00: room JAN 4Q1**)

- Discussion with Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights, on his recent visits to Egypt and Pakistan **(15.30 – 16.30)**
- Discussion with Juan Manuel SANTOS CALDERÓN, President of Colombia **(16.30 – 17.30)**

Committee on Budgets

Tuesday 04/11/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Voting time

- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund : application EGF/2014/007 IE/Andersen Ireland – Ireland (BUD) - vote on the report by Ivan ŠTEFANEC (EPP, SK)
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund : application EGF/2014/009 EL/Sprider Stores – Greece - vote on the report by Victor Negrescu (S&D, RO)

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Monday 03/11/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Tuesday 04/11/2014 09:00-19:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

- Hearing on "European road toll systems for private vehicles" (15.30 -19.00) - see *Public Hearings*

Committee on Regional Development

Tuesday 04/11/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001

(15.00 - 18.30)

In association with the Delegation to the EU-Serbia Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, the Delegation for relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo, the Delegation to the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee and the Delegation to the EU-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee

- Hearing on Human Rights in the Western Balkans, including the Human Rights Aspects of the Progress Reports (see *public hearings*)
- First exchange of views on the draft report on the Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World 2013 and the European Union's policy on the matter (without document)

Committee on Development

Monday 03/11/2014 15:00-18:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3

- The humanitarian crisis in Syria and the situation of Syrian refugees in the region - Discussion with:

- Claus SØRENSEN, Director General, DG ECHO (Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection);

- Carsten HANSEN, Director for Middle East, Norwegian Refugee Council; and

- Gilles HANSOUL, Senior Advisor on Operational Affairs, International Committee of the Red Cross.

Vote (17.00 - 17.15)

- 2014 UN Climate Change Conference - COP 20 in Lima, Peru (1-12 December 2014) (RSP) - vote for an opinion, rapporteur Linda MCAVAN (S&D, UK)

End of vote

(17.15 – 18.30)

- Ebola Crisis - Discussion with:

- H.E Dr Ousmane SYLLA, Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to the European Union and Chair of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors;

- Alhaji Muhammad MUMUNI, Secretary General, ACP Group of States;

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- Jean-Louis DE BROUWER, Director of Humanitarian and Civil Protection Operations, DG ECHO

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G2

With the Council, the Commission and EEAS

- CSDP priorities in the context of evolving security environment - Discussion with Walter STEVENS, Chair of the Political and Security Committee
- Security and defence aspects of the Galileo and Copernicus programmes

Discussion with:

- Frank ASBECK, Principal Adviser for Space and Security Policy, EEAS

- Paul FLAMENT, Head of Unit, Galileo and EGNOS – Programme management, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

- Mauro FACCHINI, Head of Unit, Copernicus Services, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

(15.00 – 18.30)

- EU's Crisis Management: CSDP missions and operations - Discussion with Gábor IKLÓDY, Director, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, EEAS

Committee on International Trade

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3

(15.00 - 16.30)

- Discussion with Ambassador of Norway to the EU, Atle LEIKVOLL, on the EU-Norway trade relations

Committee on Budgetary Control

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

9h00-12h30

- Presentation of the European Court of Auditors' Annual Report concerning the financial year 2013 by the President of the Court, Vítor Manuel da SILVA CALDEIRA - Rapporteur: Ingeborg GRÄSSLE (EPP, DE) - Replies by the Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Budget and Human Resources, Kristalina GEORGIEVA, including a presentation of the key figures in the final consolidated annual accounts of the European Union for the financial year 2013, in the presence of the Deputy-Director General and Accounting Officer of the European Commission, Manfred KRAFF

15h00-18h30

- Special Report No 11/2014 (2013 Discharge) "The establishment of the European External Action Service" - Rapporteur: Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR, PL) - Discussion and consideration of a working document, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Szabolcs FAZAKAS.
- Special Report No 8/2014 (2013 Discharge) "Has the Commission effectively managed the integration of coupled support into the Single Payment Scheme?" -

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Rapporteur: Patricija ŠULIN (EPP, SL) - Discussion and consideration of a working document, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Augustyn KUBIK.

- Follow-up of the 2012 discharge to the European Parliament - Rapporteur: Cătălin Sorin IVAN (S&D, RO) - Discussion with the Secretary General of the European Parliament, Klaus WELLE, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Baudilio TOME MUGURUZA

Committee on Budgetary Control

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

9H00-12H30

- Special Report No 11/2013 (2013 discharge) - Getting the Gross National Income (GNI) data right: a more structured and better-focussed approach would improve the effectiveness of the Commission's verification - Rapporteur: Bart STAES (Greens/EFA, BE) - Discussion and consideration of a working document, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Milan Martin CVIKL

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 03/11/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

- Public Hearing with Danièle NOUY, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB - see *Public hearings*

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Tuesday 04/11/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Tuesday 04/11/2014 09:00-19:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Votes

- EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 - adoption of question for oral answer
- Implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin ('Racial Equality Directive') and the general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation ('Employment Equality Directive') - adoption of question for oral answer
- Employment and social aspects of the EU2020 strategy - adoption of questions for oral answer, adoption of motion for a resolution further to a question for oral answer

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

(9.00 - 12.30)

- Discussion with Zsuzsanna JAKAB, WHO Regional Director for Europe, on the Ebola crisis

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Votes (15.00 - 16.30)

- 2014 UN Climate Change Conference - COP 20 in Lima, Peru (1-12 December 2014) - Adoption of motion for a resolution on further to a question for oral answer - co-rapporteurs: Giovanni LA VIA (PPE, IT), Karl-Heinz FLORENZ (PPE, DE), Jo LEINEN (S&D, DE), Ian DUNCAN (ECR, UK), Gerben-Jan GERBRANDY (ALDE, NL), Merja KYLLÖNEN (GUE/NGL, FI), Bas EICKHOUT (Verts/ALE, NL), Valentinas MAZURONIS (EFDD, LT)
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) - adoption of draft report by Pilar AYUSO (PPE, ES)
- Possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory - adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - rapporteur: Frédérique RIES (ALDE, BE)

(16.30 - 18.30)

- Workshop on Establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme and amendment of Directive 2003/87/EC - *see Special events*

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 **Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

- Public hearing on "EU Energy Security Strategy under the conditions of the Internal Energy Market" - *see Public hearings*

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 **Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

15.00 – 16.00

- Presentation by Franz FISCHLER, Chair of the EXPO Milano 2015 Scientific Steering Committee

16.00 – 18.30

- Hearing on "A new EU Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest-based sector" (*see hearings*)

Committee on International Trade

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-12:30 **Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3**

Votes starting at 10.00

- Statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures (COD) - Vote on the decision to enter into informal trilogue negotiations with the Council with the aim of reaching an early second reading agreement
- Export controls of dual-use items - Vote on a question for oral answer
- Association Agreement between the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, and Georgia (NLE) - vote on an opinion by Olli REHN (ALDE, FI)
- Conclusion of an Association agreement between the European Union, and Georgia (INI) - vote on an opinion by Olli REHN (ALDE, FI)

End of votes

- EU-Myanmar Investment Agreement (rapporteur David MARTIN (S&D, UK)) - see *public hearings*

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

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Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Wednesday 05/11/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

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Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

9.00 – 12.30

Heure des votes

- Novel foods (COD) - vote on a report by Daciana Octavia SÂRBU (S&D, RO)
- Discussion on the EU budget 2015: agricultural crisis reserve
- Discussion with Riccardo VALENTINI (Professor at the University of Tuscia, Italy) on EXPO Milano 2015

Committee on Fisheries

Wednesday 05/11/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

Committee on Fisheries

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

- Hearing on "Oyster Industry in Europe: Challenges for producers" (15.00-18.30) - see *Public Hearings*

Committee on Culture and Education

Tuesday 04/11/2014 08:30-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50

Vote (09.45-09.50)

- Situation in the Mediterranean one year after Lampedusa tragic events (RSP) - vote on a question for oral answer (with debate) (*Rule 128*)
- Terrorism, foreign fighters and presentation of TE-SAT report - discussion with Rob WAINWRIGHT, Director of Europol; Gilles De KERCHOVE, EU Counter-

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terrorism Coordinator; Michèle CONINSX, President of Eurojust; Mara MARINAKI, Director for Multilateral and Global Affairs, European External Action Service (EEAS) and Claudio GALZERANO, Chairman of EU Council's Terrorism Working Party (TWP). **(16.30-18.30)**

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

- Workshop on "Challenges in Constitutional Affairs in the new term: taking stock and looking forward" - see *Other events*

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2

Conference on "Spring Forward for Women" **(09.00-18.30)** - see *Other events*

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2

Votes (11.00-12.30)

- Combating Violence Against Women (VAW) - follow up of the European Parliament Legislative Initiative report - vote on oral question

DELEGATIONS

5th Interparliamentary Conference for CFSP and CSDP

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-19:00

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-19:00

Friday 07/11/2014 09:00-19:00

Rome (Italy), 5 - 7 November 2014

Elmar BROK (EPP, DE), chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, will lead a 16 MEP strong delegation to the 5th inter-parliamentary conference on the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy in Rome between 5 and 7 November 2014. The other MEPs taking part in the delegation are Lorenzo CESA (EPP, IT), Michael GAHLER (EPP, DE), Arnaud DANJEAN (EPP, FR), Richard HOWITT (S&D, UK), Ioan Mircea PASCU (S&D, RO), Ana GOMES (S&D, PT), Afzal KHAN (S&D, UK), Anna FOTYGA (ECR, PL), Johannes Cornelis VAN BAALEN (ALDE, NL), Javier NART (ALDE, ES), Sabine LÖSING (GUE/NGL, DE), Javier COUSO PERMUY (GUE/NGL, ES), Bodil CEBALLOS (Greens/EFA, SE), Fabio Massimo CASTALDO (EFDD, IT) and Mario BORGHEZIO (NI, IT).

MEPs and members of the national parliaments of the EU Member States will engage in debates with the new EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Federica Mogherini, representatives of the Italian Presidency and other speakers around the crises at the Union's borders, priorities and strategies for CFSP and CSDP on the future of the EU battlegroups, strengthening EU-Africa relations and the regional stability to the Western Balkans, and the prospects of the European defence.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Hearing of the Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB

Monday 03/11/2014 15:00-16:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

- The **Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs** will hold a hearing with Danièle NOUY, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB

European road toll systems for private vehicles

Tuesday 04/11/2014 15:30-19:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

- The **Transport and Tourism Committee** will hold a hearing on the European road toll systems for private vehicles. The hearing will be chaired by the TRAN committee chairman Michael CRAMER (Greens/EFA, DE).

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EU energy security strategy under the conditions of the internal energy market

Wednesday 05/11/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

- The hearing will focus on issues relating to the European Energy Security Strategy that was released in May by the Commission in response to the political crisis in Ukraine and the overall importance of energy security.

Hearing on Human Rights in the Western Balkans, including the Human Rights Aspects of the Progress Reports

Wednesday 05/11/2014 15:00-16:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

Hearing organised in association with the Delegation to the EU-Serbia Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, the Delegation for relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo, the Delegation to the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee and the Delegation to the EU-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee. The situation will be assessed by Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights with the Chairs of EU's Delegations, representatives of NGOs and the Commission.

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A new EU Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest-based sector

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Wednesday 05/11/2014 16:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2

- The **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development** will hold a hearing on "A new EU Forest Strategy: for forests and the forest-based sector". MEPs will discuss with representatives of agricultural producers and forest owners, members of academia and researchers ways to ensure sustainable management of forests, fulfil their multifunctional roles, maintain forestry jobs and promote global forest responsibility.

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The Oyster Industry in Europe: Challenges for producers

Thursday 06/11/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

The **Committee on Fisheries** will hold a hearing with representatives of the oyster industry and scientific experts in the field. The hearing will focus on revisiting the current state of the oyster sector in Europe and the challenges that the producers face, specifically issues concerning oyster health and the actions which need to be taken to ensure a better future for the oyster industry.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Workshop on ETS Market Stability Report

Wednesday 05/11/2014 16:30-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Workshop organised by Policy Department A, in preparation of the legislative report on the Establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading scheme. The Commission will present its proposal then experts and stakeholders will discuss the impacts of the market stability reserve (MSR) on the functioning of the ETS.

Workshop on Challenges in Constitutional Affairs: taking stock and moving forward

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Organised by the **Committee on Constitutional Affairs**, this workshop will take stock and look forward to the challenges in constitutional affairs in the new term. After an assessment of the EU inter-institutional dynamics after the elections, the discussions will focus on differentiation of the governance in the European Union, challenges of democratic legitimacy and develop pathways of future constitutional evolution of the EU. The structure of the Europarty system after the 2014 elections will also be discussed.

See link to draft programme.

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Conference on "Spring Forward for Women"

Thursday 06/11/2014 09:30-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2

Hosted by the **Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee** and co-organised by UN Women and the European Commission, this conference will bring together women parliamentarians from the Arab States region and members of the European Parliament to foster expertise, experience sharing and networking around key issues of gender equality and women's empowerment in both the European Union and the Arab States region.

On Thursday 6 November MEPs will discuss with members of the Arab States region the next steps to enhance cooperation between the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee and women lawmakers in the region.

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