

## The Week Ahead 20 – 26 November 2017

# Agenda

### Committee meetings, Brussels

**Glyphosate.** A European Citizens' initiative petition calling for an EU-wide ban on the controversial herbicide glyphosate, will be discussed with the petitioners at a public hearing. Parliament rejected a ten-year renewal of glyphosate's licence in October and proposed a full ban by 2022. EU member states will vote on a five-year renewal on 27 November. *(Monday)*

**Buying online: protection against defective digital goods.** The Internal Market and Legal Affairs committees will vote on EU-wide rules to protect online shoppers when digital content, such as downloaded games or music, fails to work properly. These include ways to get money back and guarantee periods. *(Tuesday)*

**Online TV and radio.** A regulation making it easier to distribute online TV and radio programmes across the EU is up for a vote in the Legal Affairs Committee. Copyright problems can currently prevent the cross-border supply of online TV and radio programmes. *(Tuesday)*

**Export controls on dual-use goods.** The International Trade Committee will vote to reinforce export controls on goods and technologies that have legitimate civilian applications, but can also be used for torture, weapons of mass destruction or terrorism. These include cyber-surveillance technologies, chemicals, explosive-resistant armour, radio equipment and lasers. *(Thursday)*

**Funding of European political parties.** Changes in the rules on funding EU political parties and foundations are up for a vote in the Constitutional Affairs Committee. They aim to increase transparency, prevent membership of more than one party, tackle abuse of taxpayers' money and make it easier to reclaim funds that are spent incorrectly. *(Thursday)*

**ECB/Draghi.** European Central Bank President Mario Draghi will present and debate with the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee the Bank's perspective on economic and monetary developments in the Eurozone. MEPs may also raise phasing out bonds buying and other non-standard monetary policy measures and imbalances between national central banks in the euro area. *(Monday)*

**Renewed partnership with Africa.** To discuss new responses to the challenges facing Africa and ways to deepen the EU-Africa partnership, Parliament will host a high-level conference of African and European leaders. Private sector and civic society delegates will include 2014 Sakharov Prize Laureate Dr Denis Mukwege. A press conference with EP

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President Antonio Tajani and other leaders is scheduled for 15:30. (*Wednesday*)

**President's diary.** EP President Antonio Tajani will chair a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of the political groups in Bulgaria, to prepare the upcoming Council Presidency, on Tuesday. On Wednesday, President Tajani will meet the Central African Republic's President Faustin-Archange Touadéra. On Thursday he will deliver the opening speech at the first European Enterprise-Education Summit and on Friday he will take part in the plenary session of the Eastern Partnership Summit, bringing together EU Heads of state or Government and the six Eastern partner countries.

**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.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's agenda

Tuesday 21/11/2017

Conference of Presidents in Bulgaria

### The President's agenda

Wednesday 22/11/2017

10:30 Meeting with the President of the Central African Republic, Mr. Faustin-Archange Touadéra (Grand salon protocolaire)

11:00 Debate on France 24 with President of the Central African Republic, Mr. Faustin-Archange Touadéra (JAN -2)

14:00 Opening speech at the High level conference on Africa (Hemicycle)

15:30 Press conference (press conference room PHS 0)

19:00 Closing session High level conference on Africa (Hemicycle)

20:00 Dinner with speakers and stakeholders of the High level conference on Africa (Presidential Salon PHS 12)

### The President's agenda

Thursday 23/11/2017

09:45 Opening speech at 1st European Enterprise-Education Summit (Charlemagne building)

### The President's agenda

Friday 24/11/2017

09:30 Eastern Partnership Summit, Plenary session (EU Council, Europa building)

12:45 Eastern Partnership summit, Second Plenary session (EU Council, Europa building)

13:15 Family photo

13:30 Working lunch with Heads of State and Government

## PRESS CONFERENCES

### **Briefing on parliamentary agenda**

**Monday 20/11/2017 11:00-11:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

### **“Contracts for the supply of digital content”**

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 10:30-11:00** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Evelyne GEBHARDT (S&D, DE), EP Vice-President

### **"Human Right Crisis and the Global Agreement UE-México"**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:30-10:00** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Josep-Maria TERRICABRAS (Greens/EFA, ES), Estefanía TORRES MARTÍNEZ (GUE/NGL, ES), Olga GUZMAN, and Dulcina PARRA

### **“Omnibus: Results of AGRI committee vote on trialogue deal on post-2018 CAP”**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 10:00-10:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Albert DESS (EPP, DE), rapporteur, Paolo DE CASTRO (S&D, IT), and Michel DANTIN (EPP, FR)

### **“Victims of child sexual abuse in Ireland”**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 10:30-11:00** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Liadh NÍ RIADA (GUE/NGL, IE)

### **“Kellys: The struggle for fairer conditions of women working in the hotel sector”**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 12:30-13:00** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Marina ALBIOL GUZMÁN (GUE/NGL, ES)

### **“Situation of persons affected by mercury”**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 13:30-14:00** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Tania GONZÁLEZ PEÑAS (GUE/NGL, ES)

### **"A renewed partnership with Africa"**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 15:30-16:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament, Faustin-Archange Touadéra, President of the Central African Republic, Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank

### **“Ciudadanos and the future of a united Spain”**

**Thursday 23/11/2017 11:00-11:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

María Teresa GIMÉNEZ BARBAT (ALDE, ES)

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

### Subcommittee on Security and Defence

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001**

**Public hearing 14.30 – 16.30**

- "The security dimension of climate change - what implications for EU Common Security and Defence Policy?"

**Workshop, 16.30 – 18.30**

- "The future of the European Defence Agency"

### Subcommittee on Security and Defence

**Thursday 23/11/2017 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001**

**9.00 – 12.30**

*Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs*

*In association with the delegation for relations with the Pan-African Parliament*

- EUCAP Sahel Niger: Reinforcing Nigerien capabilities in the fight against terrorism and organised crime. Discussion with Bert VERSMESSEN, Deputy Civilian Operations Commander and Chief of Staff, EEAS and Mohamed ANACKO, President of the Regional Council of Agadez

*In association with the delegation for relations with Iraq*

- Civilian CSDP mission to support security sector reform in Iraq. Discussions with Bert VERSMESSEN, Deputy Civilian Operations Commander and Chief of Staff and Kawa HASSAN, Director, Middle East and North Africa Program, EastWest Institute

### Committee on Development

**Monday 20/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

*In the context of the European Parliament African Week*

- The Joint Africa-EU Strategy- Presentation of a study by the authors: Nicoletta PIROZZI, Nicoló SARTORI and Bernardo VENTURI, Istituto Affari Internazionali (Italy)
- Investment windows under the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) and next steps for its implementation - discussion with Roberto RIDOLFI, Director, DG DEVCO, European Commission and Michael LANDAU, CEO of CTI Africa

### Committee on Development

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

**Voting at 9.00 – 9.30**

- Gender Equality in EU Trade Agreements (2017/2015(INI)) - Rapporteur for the opinion: Lola SÁNCHEZ CALDENTEY (GUE/NGL, ES) - Adoption of draft opinion

## ***End of voting***

**15.00 – 17.15**

- Enhancing developing countries' debt sustainability (2016/2241(INI)) - Rapporteur: Charles GOERENS (ALDE, BE) - discussion

## **Committee on International Trade**

**Thursday 23/11/2017**

**At 9.00**

- Agreement between the EU and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters (2016/0006(NLE)) - Rapporteur: Daniel CASPARY (EPP, DE) - Discussion

**Voting at 10.00**

- Setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance and transit of dual-use items (recast) (2016/0295(COD)) - Rapporteur: Klaus BUCHNER (Greens, DE) - Adoption of draft report
- Annual report on Competition Policy (2017/2191(INI)) - Rapporteur for the opinion: Tokia SAÏFI (EPP, FR) - Adoption of draft opinion

## ***End of voting***

- Discussion with Pierre MOSCOVICI, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs

## **Committee on International Trade**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

*In camera*

- The Union's Trade Defence Instruments - discussion

**17.00 – 18.00**

- Further macro-financial assistance to Georgia (2017/0242(COD)) - Rapporteur Hannu TAKKULA (ALDE, FI) - Consideration of draft report

**18.00 – 18.30 (joint committee procedure (Rule 55))**

- Gender Equality in EU Trade Agreements (2017/2015(INI)) - Rapporteurs Eleonora FORENZA (GUE/NGL, IT) and Malin BJÖRK (GUE/NGL, SE)

## **Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs**

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3 050**

- Structured Dialogue with Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union **(09.00-10.45)**

**Votes (11.45-12.30)**

- European Central Bank Annual Report for 2016 (INI) - Vote on a report by Jonás FERNÁNDEZ (S&D, ES)

**End of votes**

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- Pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP) - (14.30-16.00) *See Public Hearing*
- Structured Dialogue with Margrethe VESTAGER, Commissioner for Competition (16.45-18.15)

## Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

**Monday 20/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3**

- Discussion with Pierre MOSCOVICI, Commissioner responsible for Taxation and Customs Union, Economic and Financial Affairs

## Committee on Legal Affairs

**Monday 20/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B1**

**In camera (16.20-17.30)**

- Request for the waiver of the immunity of Ana GOMES (S&D, PT) (IMM), rapporteur Laura FERRARA (EFDD, IT) - vote on draft report (*to be confirmed*)

## Committee on Foreign Affairs

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

**Voting (at 9:00)**

- Recommendation to the Council, the Commission, and the EEAS on Hong Kong, 20 years after handover (2017/2204(INI)) - Rapporteur: Alyn SMITH (Greens, UK) - Adoption of amendments

**Public Hearing (at 10.30)**

- Mid-term review of the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA II): matching funding with political priorities

**Interparliamentary Committee Meeting with representatives from the National Parliaments (at 15.00)**

- The perspectives of EU integration and the accession process of the Western Balkans

## Subcommittee on Human Rights

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-15:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2**

**Public hearing, 10.30 – 12.30**

- Freedom of religion or belief: the situation of persecuted minorities, notably Christians

**14.30 – 15.30**

- Discussion on the rights of indigenous people, notably in Myanmar, Bangladesh, Brazil and Chile

## Committee on Fisheries

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G2**

- TACs and quotas for 2018 in the Baltic Sea - discussion with the Presidency in exercise of the Council

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- Sustainable management of external fishing fleets (COD) - vote on draft recommendation for second reading, rapporteur Linnéa Engström (Greens/EFA, SE)
- Conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures (COD) - vote on draft report, vote on decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations, rapporteur Gabriel Mato (EPP, ES)
- Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) (COD) - vote on draft report, vote on decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations, rapporteur Linnéa Engström (Greens/EFA, SE)

## Committee on Legal Affairs

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B1**

**Joint meeting with the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (09.00-10.00) - Room ASP 1G3**

- Contracts for the supply of digital content (COD), rapporteurs Evelyne GEBHARDT (S&D, DE) and Axel VOSS (EPP, DE) - vote on draft report

### VOTES (10.00-11.00)

- 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) - vote on draft report and vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations

### end of votes

- Workshop on planning cross-border succession: easy or challenging task? (15.15-16.00) - see *Special events*
- Hearing on corporate social responsibility (16.30-18.30) - see *Public Hearings*

## Committee on Constitutional Affairs

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B1**

- Hearing on the constitutional implications of the different scenarios for the future of the Union (10.30-12.30) - see *Public Hearings*
- Workshop on Brexit and the issue of the jurisdiction over the Withdrawal Agreement and the future relationship agreement between the EU and the UK (14.30-16.00)

### VOTE (16.00-16.20)

- Statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (COD), co-rapporteurs Mercedes BRESSO (S&D, IT) and Rainer WIELAND (EPP, DE) - vote on draft report

## Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:30-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

- Gender equality in the media sector in the EU (INI), rapporteur MichaelaŠOJDROVÁ (EPP, CZ) - discussion on draft report
- EU priorities for the 62nd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (INI), rapporteur Izaskun BILBAO BARANDICA (ALDE, ES) - discussion on draft report
- Fighting gender-based violence: discussion with a delegation of parliamentarians from Morocco (10.30-11.30)



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- Interparliamentary committee meeting on combating violence against women at national and EU level (15.00-18.30) - see *Special events*

## Committee on Budgets

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3**

### Voting time

- Draft amending Budget No 6 to the General Budget 2017 Reduction of payment and commitment appropriations in line with updated forecasts of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources and fines) (BUD) - Rapporteur: Jens GEIER (S&D, DE) - Adoption of draft report
- Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures to address the on-going challenges of migration, refugee inflows and security threats (BUD) - Rapporteur: Siegfried MURESAN (EPP, RO) - Adoption of draft report (to be confirmed)
- Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2018 (BUD) - Rapporteur: Inese VAIDERE (EPP, LV) - Adoption of draft report (to be confirmed)
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Finland – EGF/2017/005 FI/Retail (BUD) - Rapporteur: Răzvan POPA (S&D, RO) - Adoption of draft report
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Greece – EGF/2017/003 GR/Attica retail (BUD) - Rapporteur: Marie-Pierre VIEU (GUE/NGL, FR) - Adoption of draft report

## Subcommittee on Human Rights

**Thursday 23/11/2017 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2**

- Discussion on Children's rights and education: Dhara school in Senegal
- Discussion on the human rights situation in Tibet

## Committee on Budgets

**Thursday 23/11/2017 08:30-09:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3**

**Joint meeting with the ECON committee**

## Committee on Budgetary Control

**Monday 20/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3**

- European Court of Auditors (ECA) - Annual work programme 2018 - Presentation by Klaus-Heiner LEHNE, President of the European Court of Auditors

## Committee on Budgetary Control

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3**

- Evaluation report on the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) Regulation 883/2013 - Presentation of the evaluation report by Commissioner Günther OETTINGER, responsible for Budget and Human Resources, followed by the presentation of the opinion of the OLAF Supervisory Committee

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## Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

**Monday 20/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

- Monetary Dialogue with Mario DRAGHI, President of the European Central Bank (15.00-17.00)
- Discussion with Mario DRAGHI, Chairman of the European Systemic Risk Board (17.00-18.00)

## Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-17:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3**

- Better services for skills and qualifications (Europass) - Report back from the 2nd trilogue - Rapporteurs: Thomas MANN (EPP, DE), Svetoslav Hristov MALINOV (EPP, BG)

### Votes

- Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Jérôme LAVRILLEUX (EPP, FR)

### End of votes

- European Parliament's Africa Week - Exchange of views on Youth Investment in Africa and the EU

## Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

**Monday 20/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

- Public Hearing - European Citizens' Initiative "Ban glyphosate and Protect People and the Environment from Toxic Pesticides" - see *Public hearings*

## Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

### Votes

- Internal market for electricity (recast) - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Ivo BELET (EPP, BE)
- Common rules for the internal market in electricity (recast) - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Pavel POC (S&D, CZ)
- The role of EU regions and cities in implementing the COP 21 Paris Agreement on climate change - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Gilles PARGNEAUX (S&D, FR)

### End of votes

- African week: exchange of views on communicable diseases with Dr Matshidiso MOETI, WHO Regional Director for Africa
- Exchange of views with the Commission on the state of play on 4th Real-Driving Emissions package (RDE4)
- Implementation session on food safety legislation - Exchange of views with Commission representatives

## Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3**

## **Jointly with JURI**

- Contracts for the supply of digital content - Adoption of Draft report - Rapporteurs: Evelyne GEBHARDT (S&D, DE), Axel VOSS (EPP, DE)

## **Committee on Transport and Tourism**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

- Public hearing on "BREXIT and the impact on land transport" (10.00-12.30) - see *Public hearings*
- Public hearing on "Mobility package - market/social aspects" (15.00-17.30) - see *Public hearings*

## **Committee on Transport and Tourism**

**Thursday 23/11/2017 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

- Air Transport Agreement between the EC and the USA (NLE) - vote on a draft resolution by Theresa Griffin (S&D, UK)
- Public hearing on "Mobility package - road charges" (9.30-11.30) - see *Public hearings*

## **Committee on Regional Development**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

- The Future of Cohesion Policy post 2020: Opportunities, Challenges and Next Steps - Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (see *Special events*)

## **Committee on Regional Development**

**Thursday 23/11/2017 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

- Implementation of EU macro-regional strategies (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Andrea Cozzolino (S&D, IT)
- Discussion with Günther H. OETTINGER, Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

## **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

- "Omnibus" Proposal - Stand alone Regulation on amendments to the CAP Basic Regulations (COD) - vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations, rapporteur Albert Deß (EPP, DE)
- Prospects and challenges for the EU apiculture sector (INi) -vote on a draft resolution by Norbert Erdős (EPP, HU)

## **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development**

**Thursday 23/11/2017 09:00-13:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

- Hearing on the "Implementation of young farmers' policies after the 2013 CAP reform" (10.00-12.15) - see *Public Hearings*

## **Committee on Culture and Education**

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3**

- Establishing the Creative Europe Programme (2014 to 2020) (COD) - vote on draft regulation by Silvia Costa (S&D, IT); vote on the decision to enter into

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interinstitutional negotiations

- Presentation of Charlemagne Youth Prize winners
- Hearing on "Scientific and Academic Culture to Counter Radicalism and Fake News" (15.00-17.30) - see *Public Hearings*

## Committee on Petitions

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3**

### VOTES

- Deliberations of the Committee on Petitions, Rule 216(7) during the year 2016 (INI), rapporteur Notis MARIAS (ECR, EL) - vote on draft report
- EU Citizenship (INI), rapporteur Beatriz BECERRA BASTERRECHEA (ALDE, ES) - vote on draft report
- Fact-finding mission to Madrid, Spain (22-23 May 2017) to investigate several petitions on babies allegedly stolen at birth by hospital personnel in the country - vote on draft report

**end of votes**

**Afternoon (14.30)**

- Hearing on protection of the rights of workers in temporary or precarious employment (14.30-18.30) - see *Public Hearings*

## Committee on Culture and Education

**Thursday 23/11/2017 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3**

- Structured dialogue with Tibor NAVRACSICS, Commissioner for Culture, Education and Sport

## Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

**Monday 20/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2**

**Joint debate with the Transport and Tourism and Fisheries Committees (15.00-16.00)**

- The pilot project "Creation of a European Coastguard Function" presentation of the results by representatives from Frontex, European Fisheries Control Agency and the European Maritime Safety Agency

## Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 08:15-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50 / 1A2**

**Joint meeting with the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (08.15-09.00) - Room PHS 3C50**

**Draft agenda**

**09.00-18.30 - Room PHS 1A2**

- Discussion with Emily O'REILLY, European Ombudsman (09.00-09.45)
- Progress towards the interoperability of EU information systems - discussion with Sir Julian KING, European Commissioner for the Security Union and Andres ANVELT, Minister for the Interior, Republic of Estonia, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU (14.30-16.00)
- Mass surveillance by intelligence services - Fundamental Rights Agency report on mass surveillance by intelligence services - fundamental rights safeguards

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and remedies in the EU commissioned by the EP as a follow-up to the LIBE resolution - discussion with Mario OETHEIMER, Freedoms & Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights **(16.00-17.00)**

## Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Wednesday 22/11/2017 18:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

- **Joint meeting** with the **Committee on International Trade** - see draft agenda

## Committee on Petitions

Thursday 23/11/2017 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3*

## Special Committee on Terrorism

Wednesday 22/11/2017 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2*

### *In camera*

- Local human intelligence: holistic approach at local level - how to reduce blind spots in the fight against terrorism - discussion with Saad AMRANI, Chief Commissioner and Policy Adviser of the Belgian Federal Police **(09.00-11.00)**
- Terrorist threat to Europe and the role of the EU Intelligence and Situation Centre (EU INTCEN) in providing intelligence-based strategic situational awareness to EU institutions and Member States - discussion with Gerhard CONRAD, Director of EU INTEN **(11.00-12.30)**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### European Citizens' Initiative (ECI): Ban Glyphosate

**Monday 20/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

The **ENVI committee** in association with the PETI, ITRE and AGRI and Committees will hold a hearing on the European Citizens' Initiative "Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides". The initiative collected over 1 million signatures calling for a ban on glyphosate, a reform of the pesticide approval procedure, and EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use.

### Constitutional implications of the different scenarios for the future of the Union

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 10:30-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B1**

Organised by the **Constitutional Affairs Committee**, this hearing is a continuation of ongoing discussions and work of the committee on the untapped implementation potential of the Lisbon Treaty ([Brok/Bresso report](#)), possible evolutions of the Treaties ([Verhofstadt report](#)) adopted by the Parliament in February 2017.

#### Key speakers

- Christina Elías Méndez, Profesora Titular de Derecho Constitucional, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Facultad de Derecho
- Luís Miguel Poiães Pessoa Maduro, Professor, Director of the EUI School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute
- René Repasi, Scientific Coordinator of the European Research Centre for Economic and Financial Governance (EURO-CEFG) of the Universities of Leiden, Delft and Rotterdam

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### Pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP)

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 14:30-16:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

On 21 November 2017 from 14.30 to 16.00 the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) is organising a Public Hearing on Pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP).

The PEPP Regulation proposed by the Commission in June 2017 aims to encourage the development of voluntary individually funded pensions and to strengthen the Capital Markets Union by helping to channel more savings to long-term investments in the EU. The proposal is accompanied by the Commission recommendation on the tax treatment of personal pension products, including the PEPP.

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The purpose of this hearing is to receive information from stakeholders and experts on impact and practical consequences of this Regulation, which would introduce a new concept at the European level. Firstly, Members will hear representatives of insurers, asset managers, academia, consumer protection organisations and pension funds. Presentations will be followed by Q&A session with Members.

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## Impact of Brexit on Land Transport

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 10:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

High-level representatives of the road and rail sectors will share their concerns with MEPs the impact of Brexit to their industry in terms of daily business, operations, legal structures and development plans.

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## Mobility Package: Roads

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 15:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

**Thursday 23/11/2017 09:30-11:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

At the hearing on the mobility package presented in May, experts have been invited to present their views on the legislative proposals, followed by a questions and answers session with MEPs. The first part of the hearing on internal market and social aspects will take place on Wednesday 22 November 2017 from 15.00-17.30 and the second part on road charges on Thursday 23 November 2017 from 9.30-11.30.

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## Scientific and Academic Culture to Counter Radicalism and Fake News

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 15:00-17:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3**

Members of the **Committee on Culture and Education** will discuss with experts on political and sociological approaches of the Fake News. They will also debate scientific

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and technological approaches for detecting and addressing Fake News.

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## Corporate social responsibility

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 16:30-18:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B1**

Organised by the **Committee on Legal Affairs**, as the committee responsible for company law, the aim of this hearing is to follow up on the most recent developments in the field.

Six experts from different backgrounds have been invited to speak:

- Roel NIEUWENKAMP, Chair of the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct;
- Carole GRANDJEAN, Member of the French National Assembly;
- Dan REES, Director of the Better Work programme of the International Labour Organisation;
- Winand QUAEDVLIEG, Chair of the BIAC Working Group Responsible Business Conduct;
- Jérôme CHAPLIER, European Coalition for Corporate Justice;
- Alain DECKERS, European Commission, Head of Unit, DG FISMA - Accounting and Financial Reporting.

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## Protection of the rights of workers in temporary or precarious employment

**Wednesday 22/11/2017 14:30-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3**

Organised by the **Petitions Committee**, in light of the significant number of petitions received signalling concerns of citizens employed on a temporary basis or under precarious conditions across the EU, this hearing will offer an opportunity to MEPs, the participants, the public and other actors to reflect in a better way on the complexity of employment types with the aim of clarifying the situation of different categories of workers.

The hearing will be divided into two discussion panels. The first panel addresses working conditions in Europe in 2017 with panellists from different academic centres and think tanks, while the second panel focuses on zero-hour contracts, flexi-jobs, short-term contracts and their impact on the legal and socio-economic situation of workers.



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## Implementation of young farmers' policies after the 2013 CAP reform

**Thursday 23/11/2017 10:00-12:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

Members of the **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development** will discuss with experts to what extent has the EU's farming policy helped to introduce fresh blood into the aging sector. During the public hearing they will also debate ways to increase support for young farmers in the future, once the Common Agricultural Policy is reformed again, to ensure generational renewal and viability of EU's rural areas.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Istanbul Convention: combating violence against women at national and EU level**

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

#### **Interparliamentary committee meeting with national parliaments**

On the occasion of International Day for the elimination of Violence against Women 2017 (25 November), the **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality** are bringing together European and national parliamentarians to assess the state of the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention at EU and national levels and how it is being monitored by GREVIO. The event is taking place in a year that the EU is especially devoting to prevent and combat violence against women. The signature by the EU of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention) has been the major milestone of 2017 in the common task of fighting gender-based violence.

*GREVIO - Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence*

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### **Workshop on planning cross-border succession: easy or challenging task?**

**Tuesday 21/11/2017 15:15-15:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B1**

Organised by the **Legal Affairs Committee**, the purpose of this workshop to provide a first state of play of the implementation of the EU Regulation on cross-border succession, with a view to determining whether it is fulfilling its goal of ensuring legal certainty, predictability and simplification for citizens.

The invited experts will assess whether the new rules are simplifying the planning and settlement of cross-border successions, or whether their application poses legal and practical challenges or difficulties. It will also offer an opportunity to present the key findings of the

[study](#) on "the evidentiary effects of authentic acts in the Member States of the EU, in the context of successions."

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