



The Week Ahead 15 – 21 December 2014

Plenary session and committee meetings, Strasbourg

Commission work programme 2015. MEPs will discuss the implementation of Parliament's political priorities with Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and Vice-President Frans Timmermans, after the College of Commissioners approves the Commission work programme in the morning. A press conference is scheduled after the debate, at 16.30 (tbc). *(Tuesday)*

Budget 2015. Parliament is to vote on the EU's 2015 budget and top up funds to pay pending 2014 bills, sealing a provisional deal struck by budget negotiators for Parliament and the Council of Ministers on 8 December. The deal must first be formally approved by Parliament's Budgets Committee on Monday. EP negotiators will hold a press conference after Wednesday's vote at 14.30.

European Summit. MEPs will debate the €315 billion investment package to boost growth, jobs and competitiveness with the Italian Presidency of the Council on the eve of the 18-19 December European Council meeting, where it will top the agenda. *(Wednesday)*

Palestine statehood. Following a plenary debate in November, MEPs will vote a resolution on whether Palestine should be recognised as a state. *(Wednesday)*

LUX Film Prize award. EP President Martin Schulz will announce the winner of this year's LUX Prize on Wednesday at a ceremony in the plenary chamber, in Strasbourg. A press conference with the laureate and the other two finalists will be held at 15.00. *(Wednesday)*

CIA's use of torture. US Senate revelations of the CIA's use of torture and other cruel or degrading treatment of detainees in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, with the alleged complicity of some EU member states, will be debated with the Council and Commission on Wednesday, at 15.00.

Natural disaster relief. Parliament will vote on a total of €126.7 million in EU aid from the European Solidarity Fund to help Italy, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Bulgaria to cope with the aftermath of natural disasters in 2013 and 2014. *(Wednesday)*

European Ombudsman. Parliament will elect the European Ombudsman in a secret ballot on Tuesday. Current European Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly (IE), in office since July 2013, is the only candidate for the post in the 2014-2019 parliamentary term. *(Tuesday)*

President's agenda. EP President Martin Schulz will chair the plenary debate on the Commission's 2015 work programme with President Juncker on Tuesday and the debate on preparations for the December European Council on Wednesday. Mr Schulz will take part in the European Council meeting (followed by press conference), on Thursday.



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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 15 December 2014

17:00 - 23:00 Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business
- *** • Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
Report: Pilar Ayuso (A8-0036/2014)
[2013/0418(NLE)]
[Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety](#)
- Implementation of the Fuel Quality Directive
[2014/2995(RSP)]
- Assessment of good repute of transport operators
[2014/2978(RSP)]
- Implementation of the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)
[2014/2981(RSP)]
- One-minute speeches (Rule 163)

Tuesday 16 December 2014

09:00 - 11:50 Debates

- Economic governance review of the 6-pack and 2-pack regulations
[2014/2938(RSP)]

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

- Election of the Ombudsman
[2014/2092(INS)]

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- ***] • **Scientific examination of questions relating to food**
Report: Giovanni La Via (A8-0059/2014)
[2014/0132(COD)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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Report: Pilar Ayuso (A8-0036/2014)
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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- *** • **Cooperation agreement on a civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) with Morocco**
Report: Jerzy Buzek (A8-0045/2014)
[2013/0414(NLE)]
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

- *** • **Renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology with Ukraine**
Report: Jerzy Buzek (A8-0039/2014)
[2014/0154(NLE)]
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

- *** • **Participation of Croatia in the European Economic Area**
Report: Alexander Graf Lambsdorff (A8-0026/2014)
[2014/0047(NLE)]
Committee on International Trade

- * • **Dock dues in the French outermost regions**
Report: Iskra Mihaylova (A8-0054/2014)
[2014/0308(CNS)]
Committee on Regional Development

- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2014/010 IT/Whirlpool**
Report: Daniele Viotti (A8-0064/2014)
[2014/2170(BUD)]
Committee on Budgets

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- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2013/006 PL/Fiat Auto Poland S.A.**

Report: Jan Olbrycht (A8-0062/2014)

[2014/2181(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2014/013 EL/Odyssefs Fokas**

Report: Monika Vana (A8-0063/2014)

[2014/2183(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2013/014 FR/Air France**

Report: Marco Zanni (A8-0065/2014)

[2014/2185(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- * • **Appointment of Members of the Single Resolution Board**

Report: Roberto Gualtieri (A8-0070/2014)

[2014/0901(NLE)]

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

15:00 - 23:00 Debates

- **Commission work programme 2015**

[2014/2829(RSP)]

Joint debate - Budgets 2014 and 2015

- **New general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2015**

Report: Monika Hohlmeier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (A8-0067/2014)

[2014/2224(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Draft amending budget No 3/2014: Revenue from fines, interest payments, reimbursements and repayments – Payment appropriations – Establishment plans of the Commission, the Committee of the Regions and the European Data Protection Supervisor**

Report: Gérard Deprez (A8-0069/2014)

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[2014/2036(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Draft amending budget No 4/2014: Traditional own resources (TOR), VAT and Gross National Income (GNI) bases**

Report: Gérard Deprez (A8-0076/2014)

[2014/2053(BUD)]

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[2014/2073(BUD)]

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- **Draft amending budget No 6/2014: Revision of the forecast of traditional own resources, VAT and GNI contributions**

Report: Gérard Deprez (A8-0074/2014)

[2014/2162(BUD)]

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Report: Gérard Deprez (A8-0072/2014)

[2014/2163(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Draft amending budget No 8/2014: Surplus resulting from the implementation of the budget year 2013**

Report: Gérard Deprez (A8-0079/2014)

[2014/2225(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2014**

Report: Gérard Deprez (A8-0068/2014)

[2014/2037(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- * • **Union own resources – adjustment of Member States' national contributions**

Report: Gérard Deprez, Janusz Lewandowski (A8-0066/2014)

[2014/0332(NLE)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Shortage of funding for the World Food Programme aid scheme to Syrian refugees**

[2014/2996(RSP)]

- ***] • **Autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Moldova**

Report: Sorin Moisă (A8-0053/2014)

[2014/0250(COD)]

Committee on International Trade

- ***] • **Tariff treatment for goods originating from Ecuador**

Report: Helmut Scholz (A8-0056/2014)

[2014/0287(COD)]

Committee on International Trade

- **Renewing the EU Internal Security Strategy**

[2014/2918(RSP)]

Wednesday 17 December 2014

09:00 - 11:50 KEY DEBATE

- **Preparations for the European Council meeting (18-19 December 2014)**

[2013/2706(RSP)]

11:50 - 12:15 (Award of the LUX Prize)

12:20 - 14:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

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Committee on Budgets

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Report: José Manuel Fernandes (A8-0075/2014)

[2014/2161(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

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[2014/0332(NLE)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund: Regions affected by disasters**

Report: Siegfried Mureşan (A8-0077/2014)

[2014/2038(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument – financing of the Cypriot Structural Funds programmes**

Report: Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (A8-0071/2014)

[2014/2039(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **New draft general budget of the European Union - 2015 financial year**

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[2014/2224(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Commission Regulation (EU) No .../.. of XXX supplementing Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the classification of serious infringements of the Union rules, which may lead to the loss of good repute by the road transport operator and amending Annex III to Directive 2006/22/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council**

[2014/2859(RPS)]

- **Proposal for a Council directive on laying down calculation methods and reporting requirements pursuant to Directive 98/70/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels**

[2014/2931(RPS)]

- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) establishing a discard plan in the Baltic Sea**

[2014/2912(DEA)]

- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) supplementing Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II)**

[2014/2893(DEA)]

- **Renewing the EU Internal Security Strategy**

[2014/2918(RSP)]

- **Recognition of Palestine statehood**

[2014/2964(RSP)]

- **Steel sector in the EU: protecting workers and industries**

[2014/2976(RSP)]

- **Situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration**

[2014/2907(RSP)]

15:00 - 21:00 Debates

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- **US Senate report on the use of torture by the CIA**
[2014/2997(RSP)]
- **Freedom of expression in Turkey: Recent arrests of journalists, media executives and systematic pressure against media**
[2014/3011(RSP)]

Joint debate - Georgia

- *** • **Association agreement with Georgia**
Report: Andrejs Mamikins (A8-0041/2014)
[2014/0086(NLE)]
[Committee on Foreign Affairs](#)
- **Conclusion of the Association agreement with Georgia**
Report: Andrejs Mamikins (A8-0042/2014)
[2014/2816(INI)]
[Committee on Foreign Affairs](#)
- **Khartoum Process and the forthcoming "EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative"**
[2014/3001(RSP)]

Thursday 18 December 2014

10:00 - 11:00 Debates

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

- **Persecution of the democratic opposition in Venezuela**
[2014/2998(RSP)]
- **Mauritania, in particular the case of Biram Dah Abeid**
[2014/2999(RSP)]
- **Sudan: the case of Dr. Amin Mekki Medani**
[2014/3000(RSP)]

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11:00 - 13:00 VOTES (or at the end of the preceding debates) 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)**
- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No .../.. amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences**
[2014/2805(DEA)]
- **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) supplementing Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 May 2014 with regard to ex ante contributions to resolution financing arrangements**
[2014/2923(DEA)]

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[2014/0086(NLE)]

Committee on Foreign Affairs

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's Diary

Monday 15/12/2014 16:00-19:30

Strasbourg

16:00 Speech at the handover of the Flame of Peace of Bethlehem Louise Weiss building - Visitors' Area -1

17:00 Opening of the plenary - Hemicycle

18:30 Bureau Meeting

The President's Diary

Tuesday 16/12/2014 15:00-17:00

Strasbourg

15:00 Chairing the plenary: Commission Work Programme 2015 with President Juncker - Louise Weiss building, Plenary Chamber

The President's Diary

Wednesday 17/12/2014 09:00-18:30

Strasbourg

09:00 Chairing of the plenary: Council and Commission statements - Preparations for the European Council meeting (18-19 December 2014)- Louise Weiss building, Plenary Chamber

11:40 Meeting with the finalists of the Lux Prize - Louise Weiss building, Protocol Room H060

12:00 Speech and announcement of the winner of the Lux Prize - Louise Weiss building, Plenary Chamber

14:45 Lex Signing - Louise Weiss building, Protocol Room H060

17.30 Meeting of the EP delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean, in the presence of Elisabeth Guigou,

- Chair of the Committee of Foreign affairs, French National Assembly and President-designate of the Anna Lindh Foundation - Louise Weiss building, room N 3.2

The President's Diary

Thursday 18/12/2014 15:00-16:00

Brussels

15:00 Participation at the European Council meeting followed by press conference - Justus Lipsius Building

PRESS CONFERENCES

Last minute session briefing

Monday 15/12/2014 16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

S&D briefing

Tuesday 16/12/2014 10:10-10:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Gianni PITTELLA (IT), President

GREENS/EFA briefing

Tuesday 16/12/2014 10:30-10:50 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Rebecca HARMS (DE) and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE) Co-Chairs

ALDE briefing

Tuesday 16/12/2014 10:50-11:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Guy VERHOFSTADT (BE), Chair

EPP briefing

Tuesday 16/12/2014 11:10-11:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Manfred WEBER (DE), Chair

ECR briefing

Tuesday 16/12/2014 11:30-11:50 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Syed KAMALL (UK), Chair

GUE/NGL briefing

Tuesday 16/12/2014 14:30-15:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

The Commission Work Programme 2015

Tuesday 16/12/2014 16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President of the European Commission for Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights

The invisible victims of the extreme right in Venezuela

Wednesday 17/12/2014 10:00-10:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Javier COUSO PERMUY (GUE/NGL, ES)

2014-2015 Budget vote

Wednesday 17/12/2014 14:30-15:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Jean ARTHUIS (ALDE, FR), Chair of the Budgets Committee, Eider GARDIAZÁBAL RUBIAL (S&D, ES), Gérard DEPRez (ALDE, BE), and Monika

HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE), rapporteurs

The LUX prize

Wednesday 17/12/2014 15:00-15:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201*

Silvia COSTA (S & D, IT), Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education

S&D Group on the Resolution of the recognition of Palestine

Wednesday 17/12/2014 15:45-16:15 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, A050*

Gianni PITTELLA (IT), Chair, Richard HOWITT (UK), and Victor BOȘTINARU (RO)

Ratification of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement

Thursday 18/12/2014 10:00-10:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, A050*

Ryszard CZARNECKI (ECR,PL), Vice-President of the European Parliament, Andrejs MAMIKINS (S&D, LV), rapporteur

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Budgets

Monday 15/12/2014 19:00-21:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

- The Budgets Committee will vote on the budget for 2015 as well as the top-up of the budget of 2014 - Rapporteurs Ms Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D, ES) and Ms Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE) - Budget 2015 , Mr Gérard DEPPEZ (ALDE, BE) - Budget 2014.

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 15/12/2014 19:00-21:00 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200*

Vote (19.30-20.00)

- Proposal for the appointment of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Board of the Single Resolution Board (NLE) - Committee vote

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Wednesday 17/12/2014 15:30-16:00 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200*

Vote

- Possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory (COD) - Vote on the outcome of negotiations with the Council. Report by Frédérique RIES (ALDE, BE)

DELEGATIONS

Santiago Fisas leads an observation delegation for the presidential elections in Tunisia

Saturday 20/12/2014 09:00-19:00

Sunday 21/12/2014 08:00-18:00

Tunis (Tunisia)

Santiago Fisas (EPP, Spain) will head an observation delegation for the second round of the presidential elections in Tunisia scheduled for 21 December 2014. MEPs will be deployed as part of the EU Election Observation Mission (EOM) to Tunisia headed by Annemie Neyts-Uytterbroek (ALDE, Belgium), Chief Observer. The members of the delegation will be in the country from 20 to 23 December and will have, together with the Chief Observer of the EU EOM, a press conference on the last day to inform on the results of the observations.

The members of the delegation are (TBC):

Santiago Fisas Ayxelà, EPP, Spain, Chair

Francisco Assis, S&D, Portugal

Marie-Christine Vergiat, GUE/NGL, France

Fabio Massimo Castaldo, EFDD, Italy

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