



## The Week Ahead – 7-13 April 2008

### Plenary session and committee meetings - Brussels

**Official visit to Ireland.** European Parliament President Hans-Gert Pöttering will meet Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and President Mary McAleese during an official visit to Ireland (*Monday-Wednesday*).

**Official visit to Qatar.** The President will then make an official visit to Qatar at the end of the week, where, in addition to a series of bilateral meetings, he will speak at the 8th Doha Forum on Democracy, Development and Free Trade (*Saturday-Sunday*).

**Plenary session.** Parliament holds a plenary session in Brussels (*Wednesday and Thursday*). Highlights include:

- vote to approve Commissioner Vassiliou;
- oral question on combating cancer;
- progress reports on the accession of Croatia and FYROM;
- resolution on Tibet.

**Juncker.** On Monday the Eurogroup President will address the Economic Affairs Committee, which is also holding a hearing on hedge funds (*Tuesday*).

**CFSP.** Javier Solana, High Representative for the CFSP, will discuss current external relations issues with the Foreign Affairs Committee (*Tuesday*).

**Waste.** The Environment Committee will vote on a draft second-reading recommendation updating the framework directive on waste. Some amendments rejected by Council will be re-tabled, on topics such as recycling and hazardous waste (*Tuesday*).

**Terrorism.** A round table with national parliaments will tackle the issue of "provocation to commit terrorist offences", with the European Commission, the EU Counter-terrorism co-ordinator and the Council of Europe (*Monday*).

**Immigration.** Civil Liberties Committee MEPs travel to Denmark, for the next in a series of visits to immigrant detention centres across Europe (*Thursday*).

**Nepal.** An EP delegation will travel to Nepal, to observe its legislative elections (*Monday-Saturday*).

**Missing child hotline.** A meeting to consider prospects for a Europe-wide alert system for missing or abducted children will hear from Gerry and Kate McCann, whose daughter Madeleine has been missing since May 2007 (*Thursday*).