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Parliament [has been waiting since November 2017](#) for the EU member states to agree their position on the reform of the Dublin Regulation, key for the overhaul of the Common European Asylum System, so inter-institutional negotiations can begin. [MEPs have repeatedly called](#) on the Council to show real political will to reform the asylum legislation and put an end to migrants' deaths trying to reach Europe.

MEPs will also assess progress made by heads of state or government in their two-days summit on deepening the Economic and Monetary Union, the next EU budget, Brexit negotiations as well as EU cooperation in security and defence.

Procedure: European Council and Commission statements

Debate: Tuesday, 3 July

Further information

[European Council, 28-29.06.2018 \(Agenda\)](#)

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Mateusz Morawiecki to debate future of Europe with MEPs

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki will be the eighth EU leader to debate the future of Europe with MEPs and EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker on Wednesday morning at 9.00

A member of the conservative Law and Justice Party (PiS), Mateusz Morawiecki was appointed Prime Minister of Poland on 9 January 2018.

This will be the eighth in a series of *future of Europe* debates between EU heads of state or governments and MEPs, following on from:

- Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar on 17 January 2018,
- Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic on 6 February 2018,
- Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa on 14 March 2018,
- French President Emmanuel Macron on 17 April 2018,
- Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel on 3 May 2018, and
- Luxembourg's Prime Minister Xavier Bettel on 30 May 2018,
- Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte on 13 June 2018.

EP President [Antonio Tajani](#) and Mr Morawiecki will take part in a joint press conference.

The next EU leader to address the House will be Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, at the September plenary session in Strasbourg.

Procedure: Debate on the future of Europe, without a resolution

Debate: Wednesday, 4 July

Press conference: Wednesday, 4 July, at 12.45 by Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament and Mateusz MORAWIECKI, Prime Minister of Poland

Further information

[Biography of the Prime Minister of Poland, Mateusz Morawiecki](#)

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Final vote on the first-ever EU defence industry fund

MEPs will debate on Monday and put to a vote on Tuesday the first EU programme dedicated to boosting innovation in the European defence industry.

With a €500 million budget for 2019-2020, the new European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) will help fund the development of new and upgraded products and technologies to make the EU more independent, make budget spending more efficient and stimulate innovation in defence.

The EU will co-fund projects implemented by consortiums of at least three public or private companies established in at least three different EU member states.

To win contracts, project backers will need to prove that they contribute to excellence, innovation and competitiveness. Projects specifically dedicated to SMEs and Mid-Caps (undertakings that are not SMEs and have a maximum of 3000 employees) will benefit from higher co-financing rates, as well as actions within the framework of [PESCO](#).

Next steps

Once the full House and Council have formally approved the regulation, it will enter into force upon publication in the EU Official Journal, while the first capability projects are expected to be financed in 2019.

Procedure: ordinary legislative procedure, first reading agreement

2017/0125(COD)

Debate: Monday, 2 July

Vote: Tuesday, 3 July

Further information

[Press release after the conclusion of the provisional agreement \(23.05.2018\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Françoise Grossetête \(EPP, FR\)](#)

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[EP briefing “European defence industrial development programme \(EDIDP\)”](#)

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Border security: final vote on new system to pre-screen visa-exempt travellers

Non-EU nationals exempt from visa requirements will have to get authorisation before travelling to the EU, under new rules to be voted on Thursday. Travellers considered to pose a security, irregular migration or high epidemic risk would be denied access.

The new European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS), already informally agreed between Parliament and Council negotiators, should be operational in 2021, and will apply to [more than 60 countries and territories](#) whose nationals can travel visa-free to the EU.

The travel authorisation will cost 7 euros and be valid for three years. The vast majority of travellers will immediately receive a positive reply after filling in the form electronically, once their data have been checked against relevant databases.

Procedure: Ordinary legislative procedure, first reading agreement

2016/0357A(COD) and 2016/0357B(COD)

Debate: Wednesday, 4 July

Vote: Thursday, 5 July

Further information

[Draft report on establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System \(ETIAS\)](#)

[Draft report amending Regulation \(EU\) 2016/794 for the purpose of establishing a European Travel Information and Authorisation System \(ETIAS\) - Europol tasks](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(24.04.2018\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur: Kinga Gal \(EPP, HU\)](#)

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[Procedure file \(Europol tasks\)](#)

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Mobility package: vote on revamp of EU road haulage rules

MEPs will vote on draft new rules to improve enforcement and tackle illegal practices in road transport, and on posting of drivers and drivers' rest periods on Wednesday.

Several proposals are up for a vote on Wednesday: applying posting of workers' rules to the road transport sector, rules to tighten up enforcement in tackling the use of letterbox companies and dodging of rules for operating in national markets and finally, a proposal to modernise drivers' rest rules to ensure better rest conditions for drivers.

With the vote, Parliament will set out its position for negotiating with EU governments on the proposed revision of rules, which aim to improve drivers' working conditions and ensure a level playing field for operators across the EU.

Procedure: ordinary legislative procedure, first reading

[2017/0121\(COD\)](#), [2017/0122\(COD\)](#), [2017/0123\(COD\)](#)

Debate: Tuesday, 3 July

Vote: Wednesday, 4 July

Further information

[Press release on the vote in the EP transport committee \(04.06.2018\)](#)

[Draft report on driving times and rest periods](#)

[Draft report on posting of drivers and enforcement](#)

[Draft report on cabotage access to the profession of road transport operator](#)

[Mobility package rapporteurs and procedure files](#)

[EC press release: Europe on the Move: Commission takes action for clean, competitive and connected mobility \(31.05.2017\)](#)

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Copyright: Possible vote to amend committee position in September plenary

The Legal Affairs Committee's decision to open negotiations with Council will be announced on Monday. MEPs could contest the decision, asking for a plenary vote.

As per Parliament's procedure ([rule 69c](#)), the decision adopted by the Legal Affairs Committee to begin negotiations with member states on the copyright directive will be announced at the opening of the plenary session on Monday afternoon. MEPs will then have until midnight on Tuesday to object to this decision.

If more than 10% of MEPs object (76 MEPs), a plenary vote needs to be scheduled to confirm or reject the committee's decision. This possible additional vote would then be announced on Wednesday and would take place on Thursday, at noon.

Procedure: ordinary legislative procedure

2016/0280(COD)

Vote: possibly Thursday (to be confirmed)

Further information

[Press release on committee vote \(20.06.2018\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur : Axel Voss \(EPP, DE\)](#)

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Bulgaria hands over Council presidency to Austria

Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov and Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz are to discuss legislative progress in the Council with MEPs and Jean-Claude Juncker on Tuesday morning, in separate debates.

Political group leaders will assess the achievements of the outgoing - first ever - Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU with Bulgaria's Prime Minister Boyko Borissov and EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker on Tuesday morning, starting at 9:00.

In a second debate, starting at around 10.00, the Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz will present the priorities of the incoming presidency. Austria has already held the rotating Council presidency in 1998 and 2006.

Debate: Tuesday, 3 July

12.30 Press Point - (in front of the protocol room)

Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament, Jean-Claude JUNCKER, European Commission President, and Sebastian KURZ, Chancellor of Austria, on "the priorities of the Austrian Presidency of the Council"

Further information

[EP multimedia centre: the Bulgarian Presidency](#)

[Bulgarian presidency website](#)

[Austrian presidency website](#)

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EU 2019 budget priorities

Next year's EU budget should focus on young people, say MEPs in a draft resolution to be voted on Thursday. Other priorities are growth, innovation, competitiveness, security, fighting climate change, switching to renewable energy and migration.

This will be Parliament's first response to the EU draft budget for 2019, as [presented by the Commission on 23 May](#).

In the [draft text](#), MEPs:

- say that the EU's Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) should be further strengthened,
- welcome proposed increases for Horizon 2020 research programmes, the Connecting Europe Facility (infrastructure investments), Erasmus+ and security-related programmes. However, they also say the Erasmus+ budget should be "at least doubled" and
- agree that migration should remain a "top Union priority in 2019" and deem it crucial to maintain spending in this area at a high and stable level.

The consolidated draft report tabled for the plenary vote will be [available here](#).

Next steps

Parliament will set out its position on the 2019 budget at its 2-5 July plenary session. The Council will then present its informal position and the first three-way ("trilogue") talks between the two arms of the budgetary authority (Parliament and Council) and the EU Commission will be held on 12 July. Talks will then resume in September, in an effort to reach an agreement before the end of the year.

Background

The draft EU budget for 2019 includes two amounts for each programme to be financed – commitments and payments. "Commitments" refers to the funding that can be agreed in contracts in a given year; "payments" to the money actually paid out. The proposed budget amounts to €166 billion in commitments (+3% over 2018) and €149 billion in payments (+3% over 2018).

Generally speaking, the EU budget is primarily an investment budget. Amounting to roughly 1% of EU GNI, and representing around 2% of all EU public spending, it aims to complement national budgets and implement priorities which all EU members have agreed upon.

Procedure: Budgetary

2018/2024(BUD)

Debate: Wednesday, 4 July

Vote: Thursday, 5 July

Further information

[Profile of rapporteur Daniele Viotti \(S&D, IT\)](#)

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[2019 budgetary procedure: Key dates](#)

[European Parliament resolution of 15 March 2018 on general guidelines for the preparation of the 2019 budget](#)

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Angola's President João Lourenço to address the European Parliament

The President of Angola, João Lourenço, will address MEPs in a formal sitting on Wednesday at 12.00.

EU-Angola relations and cooperation, development, migration and promoting stability and peace on the African continent are likely to be among the issues addressed during Mr João Lourenço's first official visit to the European Parliament.

Angola currently chairs the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Organ on Politics, Defence and Security.

Angola's partnership with the EU is based on the [ACP-EU Cotonou Partnership Agreement](#). Negotiations to renew this agreement, which expires in February 2020, are due to begin in August 2018.

Mr Lourenço succeeded former President José Eduardo dos Santos, who had ruled Angola for 38 years, on 26 September 2017.

Formal Sitting

Debate: Wednesday, 4 July

Press Point - (in front of the protocol room) : Wednesday, 4 July, 11.50

by Antonio TAJANI, President of the European Parliament, and João LOURENÇO, President of Angola

Further information

[Angola-EU relations](#)

[Angola Government's Official Portal](#)

[Press release - Future ACP-EU partnership: MEPs agree on concrete objectives \(20.06.2018\)](#)

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Final vote to reform the EU electoral law ahead of 2019 elections

Following the Council's 7 June decision on the reform of the EU electoral law, the European Parliament is expected to approve the changes on Wednesday.

The amended electoral act will contain an obligatory threshold for allocating EP seats in constituencies with more than 35 seats, to avoid further fragmentation of the House. This threshold must not go below 2% and not exceed 5% of the votes.

Of the EU countries with more than 35 seats, all except Spain and Germany have a statutory electoral threshold for the EU elections.

The draft legal text has non-binding provisions on promoting advance, postal and electronic voting, making European political parties more visible on national ballot papers, and encouraging member states to allow their citizens living in non-EU countries to vote in the European elections.

Parliament's [Constitutional Affairs Committee](#) will need to approve the new reform before plenary, with a committee vote scheduled for Monday 2 July.

MEPs will also, in a separate debate on Thursday morning, address the issue of participation of persons with disabilities in the European elections.

Next steps

The adopted provisions will also have to be approved by all EU countries. The thresholds will be mandatory from 2024, provided that the electoral reform enters into force before the next European elections in 2019. EU countries are nevertheless free to implement the measures before that.

Procedure: consent

2015/0907(APP)

Debate: Thursday, 5 July (participation of persons with disabilities in the EU elections)

Vote: Wednesday, 4 July (reform of EU electoral law)

Press conference Wednesday, 4 July 14.00, with EP co-rapporteurs Danuta Hübner (EPP, PL) and Jo Leinen (S&D, DE)

Further information

[Profile of rapporteur Danuta Hübner \(EPP, PL\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Jo Leinen \(S&D, DE\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

[In-depth analysis: Added European Value assessment of the electoral law reform \(2015\)](#)

[Press Release on approved proposals on changes to electoral law November 2015](#)

[European Elections 2019 press tool kit](#)

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Debate: MEPs to discuss Matteo Salvini's recent statements on Roma people

MEPs are set to debate on the recent statements made by Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister, Matteo Salvini, regarding Italy's Roma community, on Wednesday afternoon.

This plenary session's topical debate, proposed by the Greens/EFA political group, will allow MEPs to discuss the statements which Italy's Interior Minister made on June 18 about Sinti and Roma communities in the country, causing outrage both at home and abroad.

Procedure: Topical debate

Debate: Wednesday, 4 July

Further information

[EP resolution of 25 October 2017 on fundamental rights aspects in Roma integration in the EU: fighting anti-Gypsyism](#)

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Greece's exit from bailout programmes discussed with Eurogroup President, Mário Centeno

The plenary will discuss the successful conclusion of the third economic adjustment programme for Greece with Eurogroup President Mário Centeno on Wednesday at 3 pm.

The next steps for the overall reform of the EU's economic and monetary union, including the creation of a budgetary capacity for the euro zone, will also be discussed.

This will be the first time that the new Eurogroup President will participate in the plenary. He already participated in a hearing in the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee on 21 February.

Debate: Wednesday, 4 July

Procedure: Debate

Further information

[Press release on Mario Centeno's appearance in front of the economic and monetary affairs committee \(21/02/2018\)](#)

[Video footage Mario Centeno's appearance in front of the economic and monetary affairs committee \(21/02/2018\)](#)

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Strengthening Europol's cooperation with Middle Eastern countries

MEPs will give their input to the upcoming negotiations with eight countries in the Middle East and North Africa to strengthen cooperation with Europol.

MEPs are likely to stress that a thorough impact assessment is needed for the future agreements on the transfer of data between Europol and the authorities of [Jordan](#), [Turkey](#), [Israel](#), [Tunisia](#), [Morocco](#), [Lebanon](#), [Egypt](#), and [Algeria](#). They are also expected to stress the need for clear safeguards to protect data and ensure that fundamental rights and freedoms are protected.

If the agreements afford less data protection than EU law, then they must not be concluded, say MEPs in the draft resolutions to be voted on Wednesday.

The EU Commission has been given the [green light](#) to start the negotiations with the eight countries on behalf of the EU. The aim of strengthening cooperation is to prevent and combat terrorism and organised crime, and to tackle challenges such as the facilitation of irregular migration and trafficking in human beings.

Procedure: Own-legislative resolution

2018/2060(INI), 2018/2061(INI), 2018/2062(INI), 2018/2063(INI), 2018/2064(INI), 2018/2065(INI), 2018/2066(INI), 2018/2067(INI),

Vote: Wednesday 4 July

Further information

[Rapporteur: Claude Moraes \(S&D, UK\)](#)

[Council decisions on authorising the negotiations](#)

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€500 million for schooling of refugee children in Turkey

An EU Commission proposal to go on paying the salaries of over 5,000 teachers who have provided education to over 300,000 refugee children in Turkey so far is up for a vote on Wednesday.

A [draft amending budget](#) is needed to cover the first payment – €500 million, in addition to €50 million already earmarked in the Humanitarian Aid budget for this purpose – of a €3 billion extension of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRT), in order to ensure the seamless continuation of education for refugee children there.

Background information

The FRT, [established on 24 November 2015](#), coordinates EU assistance to refugees in Turkey. Funded by the EU budget and additional contributions from member states, it amounts to a total of €3 billion for 2016-2017. It was [extended on 14 March 2018](#) and allocated an additional €3 billion for 2018–2019.

Procedure: Budgetary

2018/2072(BUD)

Vote: Wednesday, 4 July

Further information

[Profile of rapporteur Siegfried Muresan \(EPP, RO\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

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Air France: Parliament votes on €9.9m in EU aid for 1,858 redundant workers

1,858 workers made redundant by Air France due to “serious economic disruption” should receive EU aid worth €9,894,483 to help find new jobs.

The international air transport sector has undergone “serious economic disruption”, including a decline in the EU’s international market share, slower growth in air traffic in Europe compared to the rest of the world and the rise of subsidised airlines in the Persian Gulf, according to the Parliament’s draft report. These events led to 1,858 redundancies at the French airline company Air France in the regions of Île-de-France and Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur. Most of the workers affected were made redundant in 2017.

The Parliament will vote on co-funding measures for the 1,858 workers by mobilising aid from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF). The aid would cover five types of services to tackle unemployment: vocational guidance and training, entrepreneurship, start-up grants, and allowances.

Procedure: Budgetary

[2018/2059\(BUD\)](#)

Specialist: Armin

Vote: Tuesday, 3 July

Further information

[Draft report on the mobilisation of the EGF](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(19.06.2018\):](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Alain Lamassoure \(EPP, FR\):](#)

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Assessing privacy safeguards in the EU-US “Privacy Shield” data exchange deal

The effectiveness of EU-US “Privacy Shield” data protection safeguards will be assessed in a debate with the EU Commission on Wednesday and a resolution to be voted on Thursday.

MEPs are likely to deem the privacy safeguards in the EU-US deal on transfers of personal data insufficient. They are also expected to stress the need to monitor the agreement better, in view of the Facebook-Cambridge Analytica data protection breach and given that both companies are certified under the Privacy Shield.

Background

The EU-US Privacy Shield agreement enables US companies that are considered to provide adequate data protection to transfer EU citizens’ personal data from the EU to the US.

The Privacy Shield is the successor to the 2000 Safe Harbour framework, which the EU Court of Justice ruled invalid in October 2015, on the grounds that it was not strict enough to protect EU citizens’ data. The Privacy Shield deal was agreed in July 2016.

Procedure: Commission statement with a resolution

2018/2645(RSP)

Debate: Wednesday 4 July

Vote: Thursday 5 July

Further information

[Press release after the committee vote: "EU-US Privacy Shield data exchange deal: US must comply by 1 September, say MEPs" \(12.6.2018\)](#)

[Rapporteur: Claude Moraes \(S&D, UK\)](#)

[Report from the Commission on the first annual review of the functioning of the EU–U.S. Privacy Shield](#)

[EP research: From Safe Harbour to Privacy Shield \(January 2017\)](#)

[Free photos, video and audio material: Data protection](#)

US taxation of EU citizens and “accidental Americans”

A resolution on the adverse effects of the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) on EU citizens and “accidental Americans” is up for a plenary vote on Thursday.

The draft text, tabled by Parliament’s [Petitions Committee](#), calls on the European Commission and EU countries to present a joint EU approach to FATCA, in order to properly protect the rights of EU citizens and “accidental Americans” in particular.

This wording refers to EU citizens whom, by an accident of birth, inherited US citizenship, but who maintain no ties to the US, have never lived, worked or studied there, and do not hold US social security numbers.

MEPs also call on the Commission to do a full impact assessment of how the FATCA and America’s extraterritorial “citizen-based taxation” (CBT) affect EU citizens.

Background

The US and Eritrea are the only two countries in the world that impose “citizen-based taxation”, and Eritrea has been condemned by the United Nations for its efforts to enforce its “diaspora tax”. The US says that the aim of FATCA is to prevent tax evasion by American citizens. The petition resulting in the tabling of this resolution was submitted on behalf of a collective of EU citizens from Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Ireland, Sweden and Belgium.

Procedure: oral question to the Council and Commission, with a resolution

[2018/2646\(RSP\)](#)

Debate: Wednesday, 4 July

Vote: Thursday, 5 July

Further information

[Procedure file](#)

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Humanitarian help to migrants: debate in plenary

Helping migrants for humanitarian reasons should not be a crime, according to a draft resolution to be debated on Tuesday and voted on Wednesday. The text asks member states to introduce exemptions into their legislation to avoid individuals and NGOs doing humanitarian work being prosecuted.

MEPs are worried about the “unintended consequences” of the EU legislation that foresees criminal penalties for anyone who “facilitates” the irregular entry, transit and residence of migrants, and insist that the law also empowers member states to exempt “humanitarian” action from the list of crimes.

Procedure: Oral question to the Commission, with resolution

2018/2769(RSP)

Debate: Tuesday, 3 July

Vote: Thursday, 5 July

Further information

[Oral question to the European Commission](#)

[Press release on committee vote 25.06.2018](#)

[EP study on the facilitation directive and the criminalisation of humanitarian assistance to irregular migrants](#)

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Humanitarian situation in Venezuela and at its borders

Parliament will vote on a resolution on the migration crisis and humanitarian situation in Venezuela and at its borders, after MEPs visited Brazil and Colombia this week to assess conditions on the ground.

More than two million Venezuelans have left the country since 2005 due to an unprecedented political, social, economic and humanitarian crisis. Over 60% of them are currently in an irregular situation, according to the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Colombia has the largest number of Venezuelan migrants, more than 800,000, while Brazil has welcomed about 50,000.

The European Parliament has adopted several resolutions on the situation in Venezuela, in which MEPs warn against the deterioration of the human rights, democracy and rule of law in the country and repeatedly call on the Venezuelan government to allow humanitarian aid to arrive on the ground.

Statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy with resolution

Debate/vote: Tuesday, 3 July

Further information

[Press release - Venezuela: EP delegation visits Brazil and Colombia to assess humanitarian situation \(22.06.2018\)](#)

EU should further back indigenous peoples' rights worldwide

The rights of more than 370 million indigenous people in the world should be fully recognised and protected, MEPs are to urge in a debate on Monday afternoon and a resolution to be voted on Tuesday noon.

MEPs are likely to ask the EU and its members states to adopt all necessary measures to fully recognise and protect the rights of indigenous peoples, including by ratifying the [International Labour Organization \(ILO\) Convention No 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples](#). Up to now, [only three](#) EU countries (Denmark, Netherlands and Spain) have applied the provisions of the major binding international convention.

They might also recommend setting up an EU Action Plan on Responsible Business Conduct to fully recognise, protect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples, including their rights to their lands, territories and resources. The [draft text](#) criticises the unsustainable imports from non-EU countries such as soybean and palm oil, which destroy habitats and displace indigenous peoples living there.

Background

The total population of indigenous peoples is estimated to be over 370 million people living in over 70 countries worldwide, representing around 5% of the total world population, according to the [United Nations](#).

Procedure: Non-legislative resolution

Procedure Code: 2017/2206(INI)

Debate: Monday, 2 July

Vote: Tuesday, 3 July

Further information

[Draft resolution on violation of the rights of indigenous peoples in the world, including land grabbing](#)

[Press release on committee vote \(16.05.2018\)](#)

[Profile of rapporteur Francisco Assis \(S&D, ES\)](#)

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EP to demand an EU ban on early and forced marriages

MEPs are set to demand a ban on early and forced marriage and for the minimum age for marriage to be set at 18 years across the EU.

The initiative, from the Foreign Affairs Committee, will require all member states to set the minimum age for marriage at 18 years. Some member states (except Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden) still allow marriage at 16 years of age, with parental consent, while in Scotland, where 16 is the age of majority, a minor can get married at 16.

MEPs are likely to recommend that member states should align their legislation on how they treat all non-EU nationals living in the EU.

Procedure: Non legislative resolution

2017/2275(INI)

Debate: Monday 2 July

Vote: Wednesday 4 July

Further information

[Press release on committee vote \(16.05.2018\)](#)

[Rapporteur, Charles Goerens \(ALDE, LU\)](#)

[Procedure file](#)

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Boosting EU relations with Armenia and Azerbaijan

MEPs are to rubber stamp a new EU-Armenia partnership agreement and to place conditions for deepening EU-Azerbaijan relations on respect for EU values and norms on Wednesday.

Signed in November 2017, a new [EU-Armenia comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement](#) marks a deeper political dialogue between the EU and Armenia, broadens the scope of economic cooperation and provides new opportunities for closer ties on energy, transport, infrastructure, environment, trade, education and other sectors. However, this agreement is not the end point in terms of EU-Armenia cooperation, but a tool to promote domestic reforms and their implementation, say MEPs.

In a separate resolution to be put to the vote on the same day, MEPs provide recommendations on the negotiations on the EU-Azerbaijan comprehensive agreement, urging for specific provisions to be put in place to support Azerbaijan in combating corruption, money laundering and tax evasion. MEPs also stress that they will not ratify any deal with a country that does not respect fundamental values and rights.

Procedure: Consent (Armenia), Own-initiative resolutions

2017/2269(INI), 2017/2056 (INI)

Debates: Tuesday, 3 July

Votes: Wednesday, 4 July

Further information

[Draft EP recommendation on EU-Armenia agreement](#)

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Human rights and democracy resolutions

Parliament will hold urgent debates on the following human rights, democracy and rule of law topics on Thursday 5 July, at around 10.00, with the votes following at 12.00.

- Moldova
- Somalia
- Burundi

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Other topics on the agenda

Other topics for debate and vote include the following:

- Three-dimensional printing: intellectual property rights and civil liability, Bergeron (INI), debate Mon, vote Tue
- Climate Diplomacy, Leinen, Lietz (INI), debate Mon, vote Tue
- VAT: administrative cross-border cooperation, Zile (*consent*), vote Tue
- Partnership agreements with Iraq, Saifi, vote Wed
- European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice, Macovei, vote Thu