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On Wednesday, MEPs and Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell will debate the latest diplomatic attempts to de-escalate tensions between Russia and the West over Ukraine.

The plenary debate comes amid a surge in diplomatic activity to ease the threat of war in eastern Ukraine.

From 30 January to 1 February a delegation of nine MEPs, led by the Chairs of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Security and Defence Subcommittee visited Ukraine. During their visit, they expressed unwavering support for the country’s independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders, and Ukraine’s right to choose its own security arrangements and alliances.

In addition to the debate on Russia’s threat to Ukraine, MEPs will also discuss Parliament’s annual reports on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) on Tuesday afternoon. MEPs will put forward their proposals on how to strengthen the EU as a global foreign policy and security actor. These reports will be put to the vote on Wednesday (with results announced on Thursday morning).

In a separate urgent vote on Monday, Parliament will decide on whether to apply an urgent procedure to approve a €1.2 billion macro-financial loan to help Ukraine cover its external financing needs in 2022. The loan serves as “swift support in a situation of acute crisis and to strengthen the resilience of the country”, according to the proposal tabled by the Commission. If agreed by MEPs, they will vote on the proposal itself later in the week.

Procedure Code: 2021/2182 (INI) / 2021/2183(INI)

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Rule of Law conditionality: MEPs to debate EU Court ruling

MEPs will assess on Wednesday the EU Court’s decision on the request to annul the regulation that links disbursement of EU funds with respect for the rule of law.

The plenary debate with Budget Commissioner Johannes Hahn will take place on Wednesday at 16.00. The European Court of Justice is expected to issue its ruling on the requests filed by Hungary and Poland earlier in the day on Wednesday, 16 February.

A press conference by lead MEPs is scheduled for 11.30.

Background

The budget conditionality regulation aims to protect EU funds from being misused by national governments that breach the rule of law. It entered into force on 1 January 2021. On 11 March 2021, Poland and Hungary challenged the regulation in the EU Court of Justice.

On 2 December 2021, the Advocate-General issued an opinion stating that actions by Hungary and Poland against the rules on conditionality, which protect the European Union’s budget, should be dismissed by the Court.

Procedure: Council and Commission statements with resolution

Debate: Wednesday 16 February

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Rule of law conditionality regulation
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Beating cancer: MEPs set to call for stronger EU action

Parliament will debate and vote on its proposals on what measures and actions the EU must take to fight against cancer.

Key recommendations put forward by the Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) in December last year include facilitating access to cross-border health care and clinical trials for cancer patients and extending the use of joint procurement procedures. MEPs also call for managing shortages of cancer medicines more efficiently, guaranteeing the “Right to be Forgotten” as well as ensuring equal access to innovative cancer drugs and treatments.

The main lessons learnt from the public consultation held by BECA on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cancer care in the EU are also incorporated in the report.

The debate will take place on Tuesday morning, the vote is scheduled for Wednesday.

Background

The European Parliament’s Special Committee on Beating Cancer (BECA) was created in June 2020 and ended its mandate on 23 December 2021. The committee organised an unprecedented consultation process through a series of public hearings. Members also exchanged views with national parliaments and with international organisations and experts.

Procedure: own initiative report

Procedure Code: 2020/2267(INI)

Debate: Tuesday, 15 February 2022

Vote results: Wednesday, 16 February 2022

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20th anniversary of the Euro and debate with ECB President Lagarde

On Monday, MEPs will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Euro and discuss with European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde the work of the ECB in 2021.

The session will start with a ceremony to celebrate 20 years of the Euro. EP President Roberta Metsola, ECB President Christine Lagarde, Commissioner for Economy Paolo Gentiloni and Irene Tinagli, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, will give speeches.

After the ceremony, MEPs will debate with ECB President Lagarde the work of the European Central Bank in 2021 and the state of the EU economy. The debate comes at a particularly important time with inflation on the rise and, at the same time, a post-pandemic economic recovery that is still only in its early days. MEPs will therefore have the occasion to quiz Ms Lagarde on how best to balance the needs of addressing inflation while also supporting the revival of the economy.

The report on the ECB’s policy in 2021 will be put to the vote on Tuesday, with results announced on Wednesday morning.

Procedure Code: 2021/2063(INI)

Procedure: Own-initiative resolution

Debate: Monday 14 February

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Toy safety: MEPs want more stringent EU rules to protect children

Existing rules and market surveillance activities should be strengthened to ensure the safety of all toys sold on the EU market, including from non-EU countries and online.

A report to be debated on Tuesday and voted on by MEPs on Wednesday will address key points for the safety of toys in the EU's market. It will tackle issues such as the need to protect children from dangerous chemicals, the challenges posed by new technologies embedded in toys, and measures to strengthen market surveillance.

Stressing that connected toys create new vulnerabilities and can pose a risk to child safety, privacy and mental health, MEPs are expected to encourage producers to integrate safety and security mechanisms in the design of their toys, for instance to protect against cyber threats, and are set to ask the Commission to address these issues in EU legislation.

On e-commerce, the report says online marketplaces “should be obliged to take more responsibility in ensuring the safety and compliance of toys sold on their platforms” by, for example, removing unsafe toys and preventing their reappearance.

Procedure Code: 2021/2040(INI)

Procedure: Non-legislative resolution

Debate: Tuesday 15 February

Vote: Wednesday 16 February

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COVID-19: MEPs discuss state of free movement in the EU with the Commission

On Wednesday afternoon, MEPs and the Commission will debate the current situation on intra-EU travel rules, as well as the need for a coordinated approach.

MEPs are expected to comment on the Council’s recently-adopted recommendation to move from country-based travel rules to ones based on personal health status. They are also expected to highlight the need for a coordinated and harmonised approach to guarantee free and safe travel.

In Parliament, work on the proposal to extend the use of the EU Digital COVID Certificate (EUDCC) for another year, until 30 June 2023, is about to start (following a proposal from the Commission on 3 February).

Under a recent Commission decision, the validity of an EUDCC has been limited to 270 days following the last dose, after which a booster dose would be needed for a valid certificate. Plenary will vote on Tuesday on whether to object to this change (results announced on Wednesday). At least half of the MEPs need to support the objection for the Commission’s decision to be rejected.

Debate: Wednesday 16 February

Procedure: Commission statement, no resolution

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Free audiovisual material: EU Digital COVID Certificate
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Road charging rules to become greener

MEPs are set to approve new road charging rules for trucks, moving from time-based to distance-based charging, and reducing CO2 emissions as a result.

Parliament is set to confirm an agreement reached by Council and Parliament negotiators in June 2021 updating the rules defining charges EU member states can impose on trucks and lorries using trans-European transport (TEN-T) network roads. The new rules will move road charging from a time-based model to distance-based or actual kilometres-driven system, to better reflect the “polluter-pays” and “user-pays” principles.

Transport Committee MEPs secured the phasing out by member states of “vignettes” (time-based road charging) across the core TEN-T network from 2030 for heavy-duty vehicles (trucks, lorries and buses), replacing this with tolls (distance-based charges). The update also extends the scope of the rules to cover other vehicles, such as buses, vans and passenger cars, and requires the gradual introduction of different road charging rates based on CO2 emissions or environmental performance.

The debate will take place on Wednesday afternoon, the vote is scheduled for Thursday.

Procedure Code: 2017/0237(COD)

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Debate: Wednesday 16 February

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Colombian President Iván Duque to address European Parliament

On Tuesday 15 February at 12.00, the President of Colombia Iván Duque will address MEPs in the Strasbourg hemicycle.

Born in 1976, Mr Duque took office in August 2018, succeeding Juan Manuel Santos. Colombia will hold presidential elections in May. Under the country’s constitution, a president cannot be re-elected.

You can watch the speech live via EP Live and EbS.

Speech: Tuesday 15 February

Procedure: Formal sitting

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Cancer-causing substances at work: stronger rules to protect workers’ health

On Thursday, Parliament is set to endorse the provisional agreement on limiting workers’ exposure to carcinogens, mutagens and reprotoxic substances.

The deal with the Council, reached in December 2021, aims to strengthen the rules to protect workers more robustly against carcinogenic and other hazardous substances by setting EU-wide exposure limits. Parliament succeeded in including reprotoxic substances in the scope of the Directive. Reprotoxic substances are harmful to reproduction and can cause impaired fertility or infertility.

Parliament’s negotiators also established that healthcare workers who deal with hazardous medicinal products (HMPs), half of which are reprotoxic, must receive sufficient and appropriate training in how to handle these products safely. An estimated 12 million workers in Europe, of which 7.3 million are nurses, are potentially exposed to HMPs.

The debate and the vote are scheduled for Thursday.

Next steps

Following the final vote in plenary and Council’s approval, the directive would enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the EU Official Journal.

Background

On 22 September 2020, the European Commission submitted the fourth legislative proposal to amend Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work (CMD4). The proposal was announced as one of the first measures falling under the Commission’s commitment to fight cancer under Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan.

Procedure Code: 2020/0262(COD)

Procedure: ordinary legislative procedure

Debate: Thursday, 17 February

Vote results: Thursday 17 February
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Legislative train
Profile of the rapporteur: Stefania Zambelli (ID, IT)
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EP Press release after committee vote (26.03.2021)
EP Think Tank: Limits on exposure to carcinogens and mutagens at work: Fourth proposal (March 2021)
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Boosting offshore renewable energy sources essential to meet climate targets

MEPs will debate and vote on their recommendations for accelerating the deployment of offshore wind energy in Europe.

A report by the Committee on Industry, Energy and Research says that, in order to meet the 2030 and 2050 greenhouse-gas emissions reduction targets, offshore renewable energy must be deployed much more rapidly. A more sustainable management of maritime space and coastlines is needed to unlock their potential, the text says, as well as stating that offshore wind farms can benefit marine biodiversity if designed and built sustainably. The report also says the EU should ensure the coexistence of offshore wind farms with existing activities, such as fishing and maritime transport.

The report also highlights that the cost of offshore wind has fallen dramatically during the last two decades (declining by 48% between 2010 and 2020) and is now one of the most competitive sources of energy. However, without phasing out fossil fuels and fossil fuel subsidies, MEPs say it will be impossible to achieve the EU’s renewable energy goals and to limit global warming to less than 1.5°C by the end of the century.

The report comes in response to a European Commission communication.

The debate will take place on Monday, the vote is scheduled for Tuesday, with results announced on Wednesday morning.

Procedure Code: 2021/2012(INI)

Procedure: non-legislative resolution

Debate: Monday 14 February 2022

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European Commission Communication - An EU Strategy to harness the potential of offshore renewable energy for a climate neutral future
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Pegasus affair: use of spyware to be discussed in plenary

On Tuesday, MEPs will discuss the most recent revelations that EU governments have used Pegasus spyware on journalists, politicians and others.

They will quiz the French Presidency of the Council and the Commission on what possible EU action can be taken to stop the information-harvesting spyware being used illegally in the EU and elsewhere to spy on opposition figures, human rights activists, journalists and lawyers. MEPs are also likely to argue that a committee of inquiry should be set up within the EP.

At a hearing in the Civil Liberties Committee on 1 February, Hungarian journalist Szabolcs Panyi and Polish prosecutor Ewa Wrzosek, both targeted with the software, told MEPs about their experience of being under surveillance (from 14:58).

The Pegasus Project, carried out by the Forbidden Stories consortium and Amnesty International, won the first edition of Parliament’s Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism in 2021.

Debate: Tuesday 15 February

Procedure: Council and Commission Statements, without resolution

Further information
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EU-Africa: debate with Borrell ahead of summit

Ahead of the 17-18 February European Union-African Union summit in Brussels, MEPs will review the EU’s relations with Africa on Tuesday afternoon.

Plenary will debate with Josep Borrell, the EU’s High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, about how to work together with African partners for a more strategic and results-oriented partnership. The discussion will focus on the common challenges facing both continents, including the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, boosting vaccination and stimulating investments.

MEPs are also likely to raise the issues of food security and climate change, as well as gender equality, good governance, and peace and security.

Procedure: Statement by the High Representative, no resolution

Debate: Tuesday 15 February

Further information
European Union - African Union summit, 17-18 February 2022
EP Think Tank: “A new EU-Africa Strategy – A partnership for sustainable and inclusive development”, 22.03.2021
Common EU rules on non-profit organisations to strengthen European civil society

Non-profit organisations (NPOs) play a fundamental role in European economic, democratic and social life, but still lack a legal status at EU level.

On Tuesday, MEPs will debate on a legislative proposal calling for the legal situation of European NPOs (e.g. associations, philanthropic organisations and foundations) to be strengthened and harmonised in order to put them on an equal footing with their for-profit counterparts. The lack of a common EU framework and discrepancies in national rules lead to heavy legal and administrative burdens for cross-border NPOs, preventing them from fully benefiting from the EU single market and contributing to democratic society.

To address this legal uncertainty, MEPs are expected to demand that the Commission put forward a regulation introducing a statute for a European Association, including rules on establishment, transparency and accountability. The draft report prepared by the Legal Affairs Committee also calls for common minimum standards for NPOs in the EU via a directive, which would help create a level playing field for civil society.

The vote is scheduled for Wednesday, with results announced on Thursday morning.

Procedure Code: 2020/2026(INL)

Procedure: Legislative initiative

Debate: Tuesday 15 February

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Draft report on a statute for European cross-border associations and non-profit organisations

Press release on Legal Affairs Committee vote (09.12.2021)
Profile of rapporteur: Sergey Lagodinsky (Greens/EFA, DE)
EP Research Service Study: A statute for European cross-border associations and non-profit organisations
EP Think Tank Study: A statute for European cross-border associations and non-profit organizations, Potential benefits in the current situation
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EU must tackle COVID-19’s impact on youth unemployment and mental health

On Wednesday, Parliament will vote on a resolution that demands immediate measures to secure and improve the future and well-being of Europe’s youth.

During last month’s debate on measures to address the devastating effect of the COVID-19 crisis on young Europeans’ employment, education and mental health, MEPs urged the prioritisation of the needs of young people. In particular MEPs demanded the EU make mental health an integral part of Europe’s socio-economic recovery from the pandemic, as well as making it an occupational health priority.

They also expressed concerns about the most vulnerable NEETs (young people not in employment, education or training). MEPs demanded concrete measures to ensure quality and fair remuneration for work, traineeships and apprenticeship experience through programmes such as the reinforced Youth Guarantee and ALMA (Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve). They said young people must play a vital role in shaping Europe’s employment and social policies.

The vote is scheduled for Wednesday, with results announced on Thursday morning.

Procedure Code: 2021/2952(RSP)

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Debate: 20 January 2022

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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
EP Research Service on Youth in Europe: Effects of COVID-19 on their economic and social situation (September 2021)
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COVID-19: prolonging support measures for the rail sector

MEPs will decide whether to prolong COVID-19 relief measures for the rail sector that allow charges to access rail infrastructure to be reduced, waved or deferred.

To mitigate the consequences of the pandemic and help rail companies overcome liquidity or insolvency problems, back in September 2020 EU countries were allowed to authorise infrastructure managers to lower, remove or postpone the charges that rail companies pay to access railway infrastructure.

This measure was in place until the end of 2021 and needs to be renewed at least until the end of June 2022, to help rail companies deal with struggling demand caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

MEPs will vote on Monday on whether to handle this file under the urgent procedure (rule 163). If they vote to do so, this could lead to the new rules being adopted during the same plenary session.

Procedure Code: 2021/0437(COD)

Procedure: co-decision, urgent procedure

Vote: Monday, 14 February

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Draft rules
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MEPs to evaluate the Ombudsman’s work in 2020

On Monday, MEPs will debate a resolution assessing the work done by European Ombudsman Emily O’Reilly in 2020.

MEPs will discuss the work of the European Ombudsman in a year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. Given that quality of services to citizens and transparency are two of the Ombudsman’s top priorities, MEPs are expected to comment on progress made in these areas and on the openness of the EU institutions more generally. To look into this, they have examined the Ombudsman’s enquiries into EU vaccine procurement, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and Frontex, among many others.

The vote is scheduled for Tuesday, with results announced on Wednesday morning.

Background

In 2020, the Ombudsman closed 394 inquiries. The most frequent subject of inquiries was the European Commission (210 inquiries, 57% of the total). Inquiries that have been closed most often related to transparency, accountability and access to information and documents (25%) and the culture of service (24%). In 2020, EU institutions implemented 79% of the Ombudsman’s recommendations.

Procedure code: 2021/2167(INI)

Procedure: own-initiative resolution

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EU aid worth €3.7 million for 297 dismissed Airbus workers in France

Almost 300 Airbus employees in France who lost their jobs because of the COVID-19 pandemic should receive €3.7 million in EU employment aid.

On Tuesday, MEPs are set to approve France’s request for support from the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers (EGF). In their draft report recommending Parliament approve the aid, MEPs acknowledge that “in the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic, the general travel restrictions led to a general collapse of commercial aviation, in particular in the passenger flights sector, and according to Airbus the full recovery of the sector is not expected to happen before 2025.”

The dismissed employees are from the Pays de la Loire and Occitanie regions, both heavily dependent on the aeronautics industry. The aid will mainly focus on financing business development training and on start-up grants.

More information is available in the recent press release and the draft report.

Procedure Code: 2021/0363(BUD)

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Resolutions on human rights and democracy

Parliament will hold urgent debates on the following human rights, democracy and rule of law topics on Thursday morning, followed by votes later the same day.

- The recent human rights developments in the Philippines
- The death penalty in Iran
- Political crisis in Burkina Faso.

Procedure: urgency resolutions

Debate: Thursday, 17 February

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Droughts and other extreme weather phenomena on the Iberian Peninsula and other parts of Europe, Commission Statement