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During their meeting, heads of state or government assessed the situation in Israel and Gaza, following Hamas’ terrorist attacks against Israel on 7 October and the subsequent Israeli military response in the Gaza Strip. Russia’s war against Ukraine and the EU’s continued support for the country, the revision of the EU’s 2024-2027 long-term budget and the economic situation in the EU were also discussed by leaders. The progress in negotiations between Council and Parliament on the reform of the asylum and migration system was also on the table.

EU-US summit

In a separate debate on Thursday morning, plenary will assess the results of the EU-US meeting held on 20 October in Washington. Presidents Michel and von der Leyen and EU diplomacy chief Borrell met with US President Biden, with whom they discussed the situation in the Middle East, developments in Russia’s war against Ukraine, as well as trade, economy, climate change and energy issues, among other topics.

Debates: Wednesday 8 November and Thursday 9 November

Procedure: Council and Commission statements, no resolutions

Further information

Conclusions of the European Council (27.10.2023)
EU-US Summit Joint Statement (20.10.2023)
MEPs set to clear the way for three new EU revenue sources

Parliament is expected to enable the EU to introduce the next generation of EU “own resources”, specific sources of revenue for the EU budget.

With a debate on Wednesday and a vote on Thursday, MEPs will take an important step towards implementing an amendment to the law governing the EU’s revenue, the so-called “Own Resources Decision” (ORD). This amendment, once it is adopted by Council and ratified by all member states, will introduce three new income sources: revenues from emissions trading (ETS); the resources generated by the EU carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM); and a temporary statistical own resource based on corporate profits.

These new own resources were agreed in a legally binding roadmap in 2020. They are urgently needed to repay debts accrued from borrowing to finance the NextGenerationEU recovery fund.

More information in the recent press release.

Procedure Code: 2021/0430(CNS)

Procedure: Consultation

Debate: Wednesday, 8 November

Vote: Thursday, 9 November

Further information
Fact Sheets on the European Union: The Union’s revenue
EP Think Tank – "System of own resources of the European Union: Amended legislative proposal"
MEPs to vote on new rules to reduce road transport emissions

Parliament will adopt its position on new measures to cut down pollutant emissions for passenger cars, vans, buses and trucks (Euro 7).

MEPs will debate on Wednesday and vote on Thursday on the report prepared by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). The new Euro 7 regulation will update the current limits for exhaust emissions (such as nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and ammonia) and introduce new measures to reduce emissions from tyres and brakes, and to increase battery durability.

A press conference with rapporteur Alexandr Vondra (ECR, CZ) will take place on Thursday, 9 November at 13.30, in the Anna Politkovskaya press conference room in Brussels.

Background

On 10 November 2022, the Commission proposed more stringent air pollutant emissions standards for combustion-engine vehicles, regardless of the fuel used. The current emission limits apply to cars and vans (Euro 6) and to buses, trucks and other heavy-duty vehicles (Euro VI).

Procedure Code: 2022/0365(COD)

Procedure: ordinary legislative procedure

Debate: Wednesday, 8 November

Vote: Thursday, 9 November

Press conference: Thursday, 9 November, 13.30 CET

Further information

Procedure file
Legislative train
EP Research: Updating Euro emission standards (Euro 7) - initial appraisal of the Commission impact assessment (March 2023)
Free photos, videos and audio material
Data Act: MEPs to finalise new fair access and use rules for industrial data

The "Data Act", already agreed informally between MEPs and Council, aims to stimulate innovation by eliminating barriers to data access.

The text, on which MEPs will vote on Thursday, establishes rules governing the sharing of data generated through the use of connected products or related services (e.g. the Internet of Things, industrial machinery) and will allow users to access the data they generate. It will contribute to the development of new services, particularly in artificial intelligence, where vast amounts of data are required for algorithm training.

It also aims to make after-sales services and repairs of connected devices cheaper. In exceptional circumstances or emergencies, such as floods and wildfires, public sector bodies can access and use data held by the private sector, according to the new law.

Background

The volume of data generated by humans and machines is growing exponentially and becoming a critical factor for innovation by businesses and public authorities (e.g., shaping smart cities). The legislation will allow users access to the data they generate, as 80% of industrial data collected are never used, according to the European Commission.

Procedure Code: 2022/0047(COD)

Procedure: Ordinary legislative procedure, first reading agreement

Debate: None

Vote: Thursday, 9 November

Further information

Report on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (Data Act)
Press release on trilogue agreement (28.06.2023)
Profile of rapporteur Pilar del Castillo Vera (EPP, ES)
Procedure file
MEPs to assess effectiveness of EU sanctions on Russia

On Thursday, MEPs will vote on a resolution on whether the EU’s sanctions against Russia are working and how to prevent their circumvention by Moscow.

Following Russia's illegal and unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the European Union swiftly adopted unprecedentedly tough sanctions against Moscow. There have since been 11 sanctions packages in total, targeting key sectors of the Russian economy and political elites. Moscow has however found ways to bypass these measures, including through loopholes in trade restrictions and with the help of third-country intermediaries.

The vote on the resolution will take place on Thursday 9 November, with the plenary debate having already been held on Tuesday 17 October 2023. You can watch it again here.

Debate: Tuesday, 17 October
Vote: Thursday 9 November
Procedure: Council and Commission statements, with a resolution

Further information
EU sanctions against Russia explained (Council website)
EP Multimedia Centre: free photos, video and audio material
MEPs to debate EU economic security amid geopolitical tensions

On Thursday morning, MEPs will discuss the European Economic Security Strategy with the Council and Commission, and are set to touch on competitiveness and supply chain resilience.

MEPs are set to focus on how to increase the EU’s independence from third countries amid growing geopolitical tensions and technological shifts, while staying economically open and dynamic. As risks in an interconnected global economy spread, MEPs are expected to discuss strengthening the EU single market, enhancing the economic security of the European Union, collaborating with the broadest possible range of partners through trade agreements, and consolidating the international rules-based economic order.

Procedure: Council and Commission statements

Debate: Thursday, 9 November

Further information
An EU approach to enhance economic security (European Commission)
State of the Energy Union: debate with the European Commission

On Wednesday afternoon, MEPs will quiz the Commission on the energy situation in the EU and preparations for winter 2023.

As Europe moves towards winter and into the heating season, preparations are ongoing to ensure that sufficient energy supply will be available following a 2022-23 winter where blackouts were avoided thanks to consumption reduction measures, mandatory refilling of gas reserves as well as mild weather.

The debate will also take place in the context of ongoing negotiations between Council and Parliament about the reform of the EU electricity market, which should make electricity prices stable and affordable.

Background

With the Russian war against Ukraine, the collapse of gas deliveries to Europe from Russia, and the deterioration of the energy market, the EU introduced a series of emergency measures such as the urgent filling of strategic reserves, the REpowerEU plan, and demand reduction plans in the course of 2022. Further long-term measures were adopted in 2023, in order to facilitate the deployment of renewable energy as well as energy efficiency.

Debate: Wednesday 8 November

Procedure: Commission statement
Cate Blanchett, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador, to address European Parliament

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Ms Blanchett has been a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador since 2016 and will share her experience of, and insights into, raising public awareness about the plight of refugees and stateless people worldwide.

Debate: Wednesday 8 November

Further information
UNHCR Goodwill Ambassadors
Election of a Quaestor to replace MEP Monika Beňová

On Thursday, Parliament will vote to replace outgoing Quaestor Monika Beňová (Non-Attached, Slovakia).

Following the suspension of Ms Beňová from the S&D political group due to political developments in Slovakia and her resignation from the position of Quaestor, MEPs will elect a new Quaestor to replace her. Based on Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, the composition of its Bureau (EP President, fourteen Vice-Presidents and five Quaestors) should broadly reflect the numerical strength of the political groups.

A Quaestor is elected to fill a vacancy in the existing order of precedence. Their main responsibility is to deal with administrative and financial matters directly concerning MEPs. Quaestors have an advisory role in Parliament’s Bureau.

Vote: Thursday 9 November

Procedure: election of a Quaestor

Further information
Rule 15 of the EP Rules of Procedure: Nominations and general provisions
The political bodies of the European Parliament
Free photos, video and audio material
MEPs to vote on Danish, Irish and Spanish candidates for the Court of Auditors

Parliament will vote on whether to extend the mandates for the Danish and Irish members and whether to back a new Spanish nomination to the European Court of Auditors.

Tony Murphy, nominated by Ireland to have his mandate extended, is the current President of the European Court of Auditors and has been a member since 2018.

Bettina Michelle Jakobsen, nominated by Denmark to have her mandate extended, has represented the country in the European Court of Auditors since September 2015.

Alejandro Blanco Fernández, a new nomination by the Spanish government, has been working in the permanent representation of Spain to the European Union since 2015, coordinating negotiations on legislative files. Before that, he worked at the European Commission as a national expert in the Internal Audit and Advisory Unit.

All candidacies were endorsed by the Budgetary Control Committee following hearings on 12 October.

The final decision will be taken by EU member states.

Background

The EU Treaty allows each member state to propose its candidate for the European Court of Auditors. Member states, after consulting Parliament, adopt the chosen nominees for a six-year term.

Procedure Code: 2023/0807(NLE), 2023/0808(NLE), 2023/0806(NLE)

Vote: Thursday, 9 November

Procedure: Consultation

Further information

Draft report on the nomination of Bettina Michelle Jakobsen as a Member of the Court of Auditors
Draft report on the nomination of Alejandro Blanco Fernández as a Member of the Court of Auditors
Draft report on the nomination of Tony Murphy as a Member of the Court of Auditors