The Week Ahead 17 – 23 January 2022

Plenary Session

Memorial ceremony for David Sassoli. On Monday from 18.00, a ceremony will be held to honour the memory of Parliament’s President David Sassoli, who passed away on 11 January. Former MEP and Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta, European Council President Charles Michel, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, French President Emmanuel Macron, and political group leaders will speak during the ceremony.

Election of EP President and Bureau. MEPs will choose Parliament’s next President on Tuesday through remote voting. An absolute majority of votes, cast by secret vote, i.e. 50% plus one, is needed to be elected. MEPs will then elect the 14 Vice-Presidents and five Quaestors who, together with the President, comprise Parliament’s Bureau. Appointments to parliamentary committees for the rest of this legislative term will also be confirmed during the session. (Tuesday - Wednesday)

Emmanuel Macron/French EU Presidency. On Wednesday at 11.30, MEPs will discuss with French President Emmanuel Macron the political strategy and aims of France’s six-month Presidency of the Council of the EU. The French Presidency’s motto is “Recovery, Strength and a Sense of Belonging”.

Debate on EU December summit. On Wednesday afternoon, MEPs will discuss with European Council President Charles Michel and the Commission the outcome of the 16 December summit, which focused on COVID-19, rising energy prices, security and defence issues and external relations.

Digital Services Act. Parliament will vote on its position on the Digital Services Act, which aims to create a safer digital space in which users’ rights are protected, including through rules to tackle illegal products, services or content online. It would also enhance the accountability and transparency of algorithms, and deal with content moderation. (debate Wednesday, vote Thursday)

European Medicines Agency. MEPs are expected to endorse the provisional agreement on increasing the powers of the European Medicines Agency. The objective is to ensure that the EU will be better equipped to manage future health crises by tackling shortages of medicines and medical devices more effectively. (Wednesday)
Protecting animals better during transport. On Thursday, MEPs will debate and vote on how to improve animal welfare during transport, control live animal exports more effectively and limit the transport of young animals.

Ukraine/Russia. The Foreign Affairs Committee and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence will discuss with EU Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell the ongoing crisis in Eastern Ukraine and along the Russia-Ukraine border. (Monday)

Conference on the Future of Europe. Following the conclusion of the work of two of the four European Citizens’ Panels, the Conference Plenary will now discuss the 90 recommendations in Strasbourg. Debates will cover “European democracy / Values and rights, rule of law, security” and “Climate change, environment / Health”. (Friday to Saturday)

Last-minute briefing. On Monday at 16.30, Parliament’s Spokesperson will hold a press briefing on the plenary session, which starts at 18:00.
Monday 17 January 2022

PLENARY SESSION

18:00 - 20:00  Debates
Memorial ceremony for President David Maria Sassoli
Announcement of the candidates for election to the office of the President

PRESS CONFERENCES

16:30-17:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1
Last minute session briefing

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

20:00-21:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N 1.3
Extraordinary joint meeting of Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Security and Defence
Debate

• Exchange of views with Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative/Vice-President of the European Commission on the security architecture of Europe in the light of the ongoing crisis in Eastern Ukraine and along the Russia-Ukraine border
PLenary session

09:00 - 09:20  Debates
Short presentation by the candidates for election to the office of the President

09:30 - 10:15  VOTES
Election of the President of Parliament
[2021/3047(RSO)]

11:00  Announcement of results

11:30 - 12:15  VOTES
Election of the President of Parliament

13:00  Announcement of results

15:00 - 15:45  VOTES
Election of the President of Parliament

OR

Election of the Vice-Presidents of Parliament
[2021/3045(RSO)]

16:30  Announcement of results

17:00 - 17:45  VOTES
Election of the President of Parliament

OR

Election of the Vice-Presidents of Parliament

18:30  Announcement of results

19:00 - 19:45  VOTES
Election of the Vice-Presidents of Parliament

20:30 Announcement of results

PRESS CONFERENCES

10:30-10:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1
Briefing Greens/EFA
Ska KELLER (DE), and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE), Co-Presidents

11:00-11:20 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1
Briefing The Left
Manon AUBRY (FR), and Martin SCHIRDEWAN (DE), Co-Presidents

11:30-11:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1
Briefing EPP
Manfred WEBER (DE), President

12:00-12:20 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1
Briefing Renew Europe
Stéphane SÉJOURNÉ (FR), President

14:30-14:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1
Briefing S&D
Iratxe GARCÍAPÉREZ, (ES), President
Wednesday 19 January 2022

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 09:45  VOTES
Election of the Vice-Presidents of Parliament

OR

Election of the Quaestors of Parliament
[2021/3046(RSO)]

11:00  Announcement of results
11:30  Order of business
11:30 - 14:00  Debate
Presentation of the programme of activities of the French Presidency
[2021/3022(RSP)]

14:30 - 15:15  VOTES
Election of the Quaestors of Parliament

OR

14:30 - 15:45  First voting session and announcement of results at 17:15
Remark: Votes will be distributed along the different voting sessions depending on the number of amendments

Proposal for a decision

Numerical strength of the standing committees
[2021/3026(RSO)]

Single votes

Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Jan Gregor
Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0002/2022)
[2021/0802(NLE)]
Committee on Budgetary Control

Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Marek Opioła

Report: Claudiu Manda (A9-0004/2022)
[2021/0803(NLE)]
Committee on Budgetary Control

Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Mihails Kozlovs

Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0003/2022)
[2021/0804(NLE)]
Committee on Budgetary Control

Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Jorg Kristijan Petrovič

Report: Olivier Chastel (A9-0005/2022)
[2021/0805(NLE)]
Committee on Budgetary Control

Provisional agreement

European Medicines Agency

[2020/0321(COD)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Vote on amendments

Objection pursuant to Rule 111(3): Determining cases where identity data may be considered as same or similar for the purpose of the multiple identity detection pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/817

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Possibly, announcement of the appointments to committees
14:30 - 23:30  (or after the election of the Quaestors)

DEBATES

Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 16-17 December 2021
[2022/2506(RSP)]

Digital Services Act
Report: Christel Schaldemose (A9-0356/2021)
[2020/0361(COD)]
Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 144)

Violations of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong
[2022/2503(RSP)]

Situation in Kazakhstan
[2022/2505(RSP)]

Political crisis in Sudan
[2022/2504(RSP)]

18:00 - 19:15  (Possibly) Second voting session

PRESS CONFERENCES

09:30-10:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1

The French Presidency of the Council of the EU

David CORMAND (Greens/EFA,FR), Michèle RIVASI (Greens/EFA,FR) and Karima DELLI (Greens/EFA,FR)
Thursday 20 January 2022

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 (Possibly) Announcement of results
09:00-09:45 Possibly, Election of the Quaestors of Parliament

OR

09:45-11:00 First voting session and announcement of results at 13:00

Final votes

Objection pursuant to Rule 111(3): Determining cases where identity data may be considered as same or similar for the purpose of the multiple identity detection pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/817 [2021/2913(DEA)]

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Vote on amendments

Motions for resolutions - Violations of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong

Motions for resolutions - Situation in Kazakhstan

Motions for resolutions - Political crisis in Sudan

Digital Services Act

Protection of animals during transport (Recommendation)

09:00 - 13:30 (or after the election of the Quaestors)

DEBATES
Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights in the European Union
[2022/2508(RSP)]

**Joint debate - Animal transport**

Protection of animals during transport
*Report: Daniel Buda, Isabel Carvalhais (A9-0350/2021)*
[2020/2269(INI)]

*Committee of Inquiry on the Protection of Animals during Transport*

Protection of animals during transport (Recommendation)
[2021/2736(RSP)]

Possibly, announcement of the appointments to committees

13:00  **Announcement of results**

13:45 - 15:00  **Second voting session**

Final votes

Violations of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong
[2022/2503(RSP)]

Situation in Kazakhstan
[2022/2505(RSP)]

Political crisis in Sudan
[2022/2504(RSP)]

Digital Services Act
*Report: Christel Schaldemose (A9-0356/2021)*
[2020/0361(COD)]

*Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection*

Protection of animals during transport (Recommendation)
[2021/2736(RSP)]

15:00 - 16:00  **Debate**
Empowering European Youth: post-pandemic employment and social recovery

Report: (O-000075/2021, O-000077/2021)
[2021/2952(RSP)]

16:00 Announcement of results