

The Week Ahead 22 – 28 January 2024

Holocaust Remembrance Day and committee meetings, Brussels

Holocaust Remembrance Day/Plenary session. Holocaust survivor Irene Shashar will address Parliament during a plenary session in Brussels to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day (27 January). EP President Roberta Metsola will open the solemn ceremony with an introductory speech (*Thursday at 11:30*).

New Genomic Techniques (NGT). The Environment Committee will adopt its position on a proposal to get better-performing crops through the so-called NGTs to support the green transition and reduce the use of pesticides and fertilisers. If adopted, some NGTs would no longer fall under the GMO framework and therefore no longer need to undergo an approval procedure with risk assessment and labelling requirements (*Wednesday*).

EU-Russia political relations. The Foreign Affairs Committee will assess the latest developments in the EU's political relations with Russia. A draft text on which MEPs will vote invites the EU to increase its support for Ukraine to help the country win the war, and to have a long-term strategy to support democracy in Russia (*Tuesday*).

EU enlargement. The Constitutional Affairs and Foreign Affairs committees will look at the future possible expansion of the EU and adopt a series of proposals on how the EU should adapt itself to admit new members (*Tuesday*).

EU-Tunisia/asylum and migration. Members of the Civil Liberties Committee will quiz Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson on the state of play of the EU-Tunisia Memorandum of understanding in the field of asylum and migration. Before this debate, Amnesty International foreign policy advocacy officer Hussein Baoumi will share findings on the situation in Tunisia and cooperation with the EU in this area (*Tuesday*).

Priorities of the Belgium Presidency. Belgium's ministers will present their priorities in meetings with parliamentary committees. Belgium holds the rotating Presidency of the Council until the end of June 2024 (*Monday to Thursday*).

President's diary. On Tuesday, EP President Metsola will have an audience with his Majesty King Philippe of the Belgians, followed by a New Year's Reception. On the same day, the President will participate in a talk on the "Protection of journalists in the European Union",

focusing on Paul Caruana Galizia's book "A Death in Malta, An assassination and a family's quest for justice". She will also meet the Speaker of Slovakia's National Council Peter Pellegrini. On Wednesday, President Metsola will be in Luxembourg to meet Prime Minister Luc Frieden, as well as the President of Luxembourg's Chamber of Deputies Claude Wiseler, with whom she will host a joint press point. The President will also hold a debate with young people during her visit.

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Monday 22 January 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

16:15 President Metsola meets the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Sameh Hassan Shoukry

17:15 President Metsola meets the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, George Gerapetritis

PRESS CONFERENCES

13:00-13:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

Scientific Rebellion: the repression of the ecologist movement in Spain

Miguel URBÁN CRESPO (The Left, ES)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Debates

- Exchange of views with Petra DE SUTTER, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Public Enterprises, Telecommunication and the Postal Services (telecommunications), and Mathieu MICHEL, State Secretary for Digitisation, in charge of Administrative Simplification, Privacy and Buildings Administration, added to the Prime Minister (digital, cybersecurity) — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme
- Exchange of views with Willy BORSUS, Vice-President of the Walloon Government and Minister of Economy, Foreign Trade, Research and Innovation, Digital, Agriculture, Land Use Planning, IFAPME and Competence Centres (research, innovation), and Thomas DERMINE, State Secretary for Economic Recovery and Strategic Investments, in charge of Science Policy, added to the Minister of the Economy and Employment (space) — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme
- Exchange of views with Tinne VAN DER STRAETEN, Minister of Energy — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme

15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Debate

- Exchange of views with Florian Guillermet, the new Executive Director of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)

15:30-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Debates

- Exchange of views with the Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU, Frans VAN DAELE
- Mission Report following LIBE delegation to Bulgaria, 12 - 13 October 2023 — Presentation of report on the outcome of the mission
- Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania (2023/0235(NLE)) — Rapporteur: Lena DÜPONT (EPP, DE) — Consideration of draft report
- Harmonised rules on Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union Legislative Acts (2021/0106(COD)) — Rapporteurs: Brando BENIFEI (S&D, IT), Dragoş TUDORACHE (Renew, RO) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Exchange of views on the way forward on visa reciprocity following the CJEU's judgment in Case C-137/21

16:45-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Debate

- Economic Dialogue and exchange of views with Vincent VAN PETEGHEM, ECOFIN President and Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

Tuesday 23 January 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

10:15 President Metsola's audience with his Majesty King Philippe of the Belgians, followed by New Year's Reception

14:30 President Metsola participates in the book talk "Protection of journalists in the European Union" featuring Paul Caruana Galizia's book *"A Death in Malta, An assassination and a family's quest for justice"*

17:00 President Metsola meets the Speaker of the National Council of the Republic of Slovakia, Peter Pellegrini

18:00 President Metsola presents the book *"Scintille. L'avventura dell'energia in Europa dalla scissione dell'atomo alla rivoluzione verde"*, with the author Donato Bendicenti

PRESS CONFERENCES

09:30-10:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

The petition about the draft Amnesty Law

Rosa ESTARÀS FERRAGUT (EPP, ES)

11:30-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

PizzAut - European Citizen's Prize 2023 winner - with Nico Acampora

Brando BENIFEI (S&D, IT), Giuliano PISAPIA (S&D, IT), and Patrizia TOIA (S&D, IT)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Debates (15.00 – 17.30)

- Exchange of views with the Commission and the EEAS on the political situation in Serbia following the elections
- Exchange of views with the Commission and the EEAS on the political situation in Albania

09:00-09:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Joint meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Vote

- Deepening EU integration in view of future enlargement (2023/2114(INI)) - rapporteurs: Petras AUSTREVICIUS (Renew, LT), Pedro SILVA PEREIRA (S&D, PT) PR – adoption of draft report

09:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Debates

- Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, 2024 — Exchange of views with
 - Paul VAN TIGCHELT, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice and the North Sea
 - Mathieu MICHEL, State Secretary for Digitalization, in charge of Administrative Simplification, Privacy and the Buildings Administration, attached to the Prime Minister
- The situation in Tunisia with regard to asylum and migration, and the cooperation with the EU in this area — Exchange of views with an expert
- EU-Tunisia cooperation in the field of asylum and migration – update on the state of play of the EU-Tunisia Memorandum of understanding — Exchange of views with Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva JOHANSSON
- Laying down minimum rules to prevent and counter the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and stay in the Union, and replacing Council Directive 2002/90/EC and Council Framework Decision 2002/946 JHA (2023/0439(COD)) — Presentation by the Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva JOHANSSON
- Enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794 (2023/0438(COD)) — Presentation by the Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva JOHANSSON
- Study: Compliance assessment of measures adopted by the Member States to adapt their systems to Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office — Presentation by
 - Ana GALLEGÓ TORRES, Director-General – Directorate-General Justice and Consumers (DG JUST)
 - Laura CODRUȚA KÖVESI, European Chief Prosecutor
- Report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights: "Being Black in the EU - Experiences of people of African descent" — Presentation by FRA representative, Siobhan MCINERNEY-Lankford, Head of Equality, Roma and Social Right

- Agreement between Canada and the European Union on the transfer and processing of passenger name record (PNR) data – update on the state of play from the European Commission — Presentation by Olivier ONIDI, Deputy Director-General, Schengen & Internal Security

Votes

- Report on the Commission's 2023 Rule of Law report (2023/2113(INI)) — Rapporteur: Sophia IN 'T VELD (Renew, NL) — Adoption of draft report
- Implementation report on the EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 (2023/2082(INI)) — Rapporteur: José GUSMÃO (The Left, PT) — Adoption of draft report
- Combating corruption, replacing Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA and the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union and amending Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2023/0135(COD)) — Rapporteur: Ramona STRUGARIU (Renew, RO) — Adoption of draft report — Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations
- The transfer of proceedings in criminal matters (2023/0093(COD)) — Rapporteur: Assita KANKO (ECR, BE) — Adoption of draft report — Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations
- The time the European Commission takes to deal with requests for public access to documents (2023/2941(RSP)) — Adoption of motion for a resolution
- Amending Council Decision 2009/917/JHA, as regards its alignment with Union rules on the protection of personal data (2023/0143(COD)) — Rapporteur: Cornelia ERNST (The Left, DE) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- Asset recovery and confiscation (2022/0167(COD)) — Rapporteur: Loránt VINCZE (EPP, RO) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- Definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures (2022/0398(COD)) — Rapporteur: Sophia IN 'T VELD (Renew, NL) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- A single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State (recast) (2022/0131(COD)) — Rapporteur: Javier MORENO SÁNCHEZ (S&D, ES) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Debates (14.30 – 18.30)

- Presentation of the priorities of the Belgian Presidency:
 - Georges Gilkinet, Deputy Prime Minister and (federal) Minister of Mobility
 - Valérie De Bue, Minister of the Civil Service, IT and Administrative Simplification of the Walloon Government, in charge of Child Benefits, Tourism, Heritage and Road Safety
- Exchange of views with Commissioner Vălean in the framework of the Structured Dialogue
- Exchange of views with Josef Doppelbauer, the Executive Director of the European Agency for Railways (ERA)

09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Committee on Petitions

Vote

- The working conditions of teachers in the EU (2023/3015(RSP)) - rapporteur: Dolors MONTERRAT (EPP, ES) - adoption of Oral Question

Debate

- Draft Mission Report Following the fact-finding visit to Ireland from 30 October to 1 November 2023 - rapporteur: Dolors MONTERRAT (Head of the Delegation) - consideration of draft report
- Presentation of the Study on “Linguistic and cultural diversity – Minority and minoritised languages as part of European linguistic and cultural diversity” Commissioned by Policy Department C for the Committee on Petitions, presented by Paul VIDESOTT, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (unibz) / South Tyrolean Institute of Ethnic Groups (SVI)

09:15-11:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Vote

- Faster and Safer Relief of Excess Withholding Taxes (2023/0187(CNS)) — Rapporteur: Herbert DORFMANN (EPP, IT) — Adoption of draft report

09:30-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Joint meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Committee on Development, and Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Public hearing

- The European Union’s Strategy in the Sahel - full programme [here](#).

09:30-11:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-2

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Debates

- Permanent system for the allocation of seats in the European Parliament (2023/2104(INL)) - co-rapporteurs: Ana COLLADO JIMÉNEZ (EPP, ES), Niklas NIENASS (Greens/EFA, DE) - consideration of draft report
- AFCO mission to Washington D.C. (U.S.A.) and Ottawa, (Canada) - 30 October to 2 November 2023 - consideration of draft mission report
- AFCO mission to Dublin (Ireland) - 30 November to 1 December 2023 - consideration of draft mission report

09:30-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1E-2

Committee on Fisheries

Votes

- 2022 discharge : European Fisheries Control Agency (2023/2150(DEC)) — Chair: Pierre KARLESKIND (Renew, FR) — Adoption of draft opinion
- Laying down conservation, management and control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1899/85 and Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010 (2023/0206(COD)) — Rapporteur: Francisco GUERREIRO (Greens/EFA, PT) — Adoption of draft report — Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations

Debates

- European Court of Auditors' Special report 25/2023 “EU aquaculture policy: stagnating production and unclear results despite increased EU funding” — Presentation by Nikolaos MILIONIS, Member of European Court of Auditors
- Training and social security schemes for fishers - State of play and perspectives in the EU — Presentation of a study by the Policy Department B
- Conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte (2022/0362(NLE)) — Rapporteur: Gabriel MATO (EPP, ES) — Consideration of draft recommendation (consent) — Decision on deadline for tabling amendments
- Court case C-330/22 (Total allowable catch above zero) — Exchange of views with Commission representatives

10:00-16:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Debates

- Working conditions in the Amazon warehouses — Exchange of views with stakeholders, workers and Amazon management
- Exchange of views with Pierre-Yves DERMAGNE (Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy and Employment) — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme

10:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Votes

- Internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast) (2021/0424(COD)) — Rapporteur: Jerzy BUZEK (EPP, PL) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- Common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen (recast) (2021/0425(COD)) — Rapporteur: Jens GEIER (S&D, DE) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- Amending Decision (EU) 2017/1324 as regards the continuation of the Union's participation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean

Area (PRIMA) under Horizon Europe (2023/0207(COD)) — Rapporteur: Paolo BORCHIA (ID, IT) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

- Horizontal cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 (2022/0272(COD)) — Rapporteur: Nicola DANTI (Renew, IT) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- Guidelines for the 2025 Budget - Section III (2023/2220(BUI)) — Rapporteur for the opinion: Christian Ehler (EPP, DE) — Adoption of draft opinion in letter form

Debates

- Structured dialogue with Iliana IVANOVA, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth
- Exchange of views with Jo BROUNS, Flemish Minister for Economy, Innovation, Work, Social Economy and Agriculture (industry, SMEs) — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme

10:30-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

Subcommittee on Public Health

Debate

- Presentation of the 2023 report of the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: the imperative for a health-centered response in a world facing irreversible harm, by Marina ROMANELLO, Executive Director at Lancet Countdown

12:15-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Joint meeting of Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Vote

- Association agreements for the participation of third countries in Union programmes. (2023/3018(RSP)) - co-rapporteurs: Jean-Lin LACAPELLE (ID, FR), Christian EHLER (EPP, DE) - adoption of a question for oral answer and adoption of motion for a resolution further to a question for oral answer

15:00-17:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2

Committee on Budgetary Control

Debates

- Considerations of draft discharge reports:
 - European Parliament (2023/2130(DEC))
 - European Council and Council (2023/2131(DEC))
 - European External Action Service (2023/2134(DEC))
 - Court of Justice of the European Union (2023/2132(DEC))
 - Court of Auditors (2023/2133(DEC))
 - European Economic and Social Committee (2023/2135(DEC))
 - Committee of the Regions (2023/2136(DEC))
 - European Ombudsman (2023/2137(DEC))
 - European Data Protection Supervisor (2023/2138(DEC))

- European Public Prosecutors Office (the 'EPPO') (2023/2139(DEC))
 - Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (2023/2174(DEC))
 - European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (Fusion for Energy) (2023/2178(DEC))
 - European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (2023/2177(DEC))
 - Innovative Health Initiative Joint Undertaking (2023/2179(DEC))
 - Clean Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (2023/2175(DEC))
 - Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking (2023/2173(DEC))
 - Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (2023/2180(DEC))
 - Single European Sky ATM Research 3 Joint Undertaking (2023/2181(DEC))
 - Europe's Rail Joint Undertaking (2023/2176(DEC))
- Study on "Due diligence in EU Institutions' procurement rules and practices" - presentation of the study by the authors followed by an exchange of views **(15.00 – 16.00)**
 - *Joint meeting with Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO):* ECA Special report 28/2023 - Public procurement in the EU: Less competition for contracts awarded for works, goods and services in the 10 years up to 2021 - presentation of the report by ECA reporting Member Helga Berger **(16.00 – 17.15)**

Vote

- Establishing the Union Customs Code and the European Union Customs Authority, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 (2023/0156(COD)) - rapporteur for the opinion: Petri SARVAMAA (EPP, FI) - adoption of draft opinion **(17.15 – 17.30)**
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Wednesday 24 January 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

President Metsola's visit to Luxembourg

11:05 President Metsola meets the President of the Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg, Claude Wiseler

12:05 President Metsola and President Wiseler speak to the press

14:15 President Metsola meets the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Luc Frieden

17:00 President Metsola holds a debate with young people

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

Protecting Armenian cultural and religious heritage in Nagorno-Karabakh

Miriam **LEXMANN** (EPP, SL)

12:30-13:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

The outcome of negotiations on the revision of the directive on combating trafficking in human beings

Malin **BJÖRK**, (The Left, SE) and Eugenia **RODRÍGUEZ PALOP** (The Left, ES), rapporteurs

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-17:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-2

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Debates

- Jiří Šedivý, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency: update on the Capability Development Plan and the Annual Coordinated Review of Defence
- Israel-Hamas war: escalation in the Red Sea and in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait with Rosamaria Gili, Deputy Managing Director, Middle East and North Africa, EEAS and with Cosmin Dobran, Director – Peace, Partnership and Crisis Management, EEAS
- Joint Meeting with the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on National Security, Defence and Intelligence (14.30 – 15.30)

09:00-17:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Debates

- Priorities of the Belgian Presidency of the Council — Presentation by Marie-Colline LEROY, State Secretary for Gender Equality, Equal Opportunities and Diversity
- Amending Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims (2022/0426(COD)) — Rapporteurs: Eugenia RODRÍGUEZ PALOP (The Left, ES) — Malin BJÖRK (The Left, SE) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Combating violence against women and domestic violence (2022/0066(COD)) — Rapporteurs: Evin INCIR (S&D, SE) — Frances FITZGERALD (EPP, IE) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Presentation by EIGE (European Institute for Gender Equality) on the work programme — Exchange of views
- Council decision inviting Member States to ratify the Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190) of the International Labour Organization — Rapporteur: Cindy FRANSSSEN (EPP, BE) — Consideration of draft report — *Joint meeting with the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

Votes

- The EU priorities for the 68th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (2023/2973(RSP)) — Rapporteur: Robert BIEDRON (S&D, PL) — Adoption of motion for a resolution further to a question for oral answer
- 2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Commission (2023/2129(DEC)) — Rapporteur for the opinion: Christine ANDERSON (ID, DE) — Adoption of draft opinion

09:00-17:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E-2

Committee on Development

Debates

- **Priorities of the Belgian Presidency** - exchange of views with Ms Caroline Gennez, Minister of Development Cooperation and of the Major Cities Policy
- **The conclusion of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific (OACPS) States, of the other part** - consideration of draft report and draft motion for a resolution - rapporteur: Tomas TOBÉ
- **Climate action support to developing countries in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change** - Exchange of views with the European Commission on the key outcomes of COP28 for developing countries

- **The Global Gateway strategy** - state of play - *jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)*, exchange of views with the European Commission and the EEAS
- **Impact of sanctions on humanitarian aid** - exchange of views with the European Commission, EEAS and humanitarian partners

09:00-17:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Debates

- Artificial Intelligence Act (2021/0106(COD)) — Rapporteurs: Brando BENIFEI (S&D, IT) — Dragoş TUDORACHE (Renew, RO) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Exchange of views with Pierre-Yves DERMAGNE, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy and Employment, and Alexia BERTRAND, State Secretary for the Budget and Consumer Protection, Belgian Presidency — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme
- Establishing the Union Customs Code and the European Union Customs Authority, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 (2023/0156(COD)) — Rapporteur: Deirdre CLUNE (EPP, IE) — Consideration of compromise amendments
- Safety of toys and repealing Directive 2009/48/EC (2023/0290(COD)) — Rapporteur: Marion WALSMANN (EPP, DE) — Consideration of amendments and compromise amendments
- Combating late payment in commercial transactions (2023/0323(COD)) Rapporteur: Róza THUN UND HOHENSTEIN (Renew, PL) — Consideration of amendments

Votes

- Transparency and targeting of political advertising (2021/0381(COD)) — Rapporteur: Sandro GOZI (Renew, FR) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on data collection and sharing relating to short-term accommodation rental services and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 (2022/0358(COD)) — Rapporteur: Kim VAN SPARRENTAK (Greens/EFA, NL) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

09:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on Budgets

Debates

- Study on "The impacts of recent inflation developments on the EU finances" — Presentation of the study by the authors
- Guidelines for the 2025 Budget - Section III (2023/2220(BUI)) — Rapporteur: Victor NEGRESCU (S&D, RO) — Consideration of draft report

Votes

- Activités financières de la Banque européenne d'investissement - rapport annuel 2023 (2023/2229(INI)) — Rapporteur: David CORMAND (Verts/ALE, FR) — Adoption du projet de rapport
- Entreprises en Europe: cadre pour l'imposition des revenus (BEFIT) (2023/0321(CNS)) — Rapporteur pour avis: Johan VAN OVERTVELDT (ECR, BE) —

Adoption du projet d'avis sous forme de lettre

09:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Debates

- Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards multiannual survey programmes, notifications concerning the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests, temporary derogations from import prohibitions and special import requirements and establishment of procedures for granting them, temporary import requirements for high risk plants, plant products and other objects, the establishment of procedures for the listing of high risk plants, the content of phytosanitary certificates, the use of plant passports and as regards certain reporting requirements for demarcated areas and surveys of pest (2023/0378(COD)) — Rapporteur: Clara AGUILERA (S&D, ES) — Consideration of draft report
- Production and marketing of forest reproductive material, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/2031 and 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 1999/105/EC (Regulation on forest reproductive material) (2023/0228(COD)) — Rapporteur: Herbert DORFMANN (EPP, IT) — Consideration of amendments
- Exchange of views with Vice-President Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ on the future of agriculture in the EU
- Exchange of views with the Commission on the implementation of the EU Forest Strategy

09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1E-2

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Debates

- **(9.00 – 11.00)** Exchange of views on the implementation of the EU global Human Rights sanctions regime, as follow-up to the European Parliament resolution of 8 July 2021 on the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime (EU Magnitsky Act), in the presence of:
 - Tinatin Tsertsvadze, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society
 - Natalie Lucas, Legal Officer, Redress
 - Richard Ratcliff, husband of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a British-Iranian citizen who was kept hostage by Iran from 2016 to 2022
- **(11.00 – 12.30)** *With the participation of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs* - Exchange of views on the recent developments in the field of the EU external migration policy from a fundamental rights protection perspective as follow-up to the European Parliament resolution of 19 May 2021 on human rights protection and the EU external migration policy, in the presence of:
 - Rosita Hickey, Director of Inquiries, Office of the EU Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly
 - Sara Prestianni, Director of EuroMed Rights
- **(17.00 – 18.30)** Exchange of views on the state of democracy in Guatemala, in the presence of:
 - Commissioner Andrea POCHAK, Inter-American Commission for Human Rights, rapporteur for Guatemala
 - Mika KANERVAVUORI, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Guatemala
 - Augusto Jordán RODAS ANDRADE, former Ombudsman of Guatemala (2017-2022)

09:15-17:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debates

- Amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 as regards strengthening the CO₂ emission performance standards for new heavy-duty vehicles and integrating reporting obligations, and repealing Regulation (EU) 2018/956 (2023/0042(COD)) — Rapporteur: Bas EICKHOUT (Greens/EFA, NL) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals (2022/0394(COD)) — Rapporteur: Lídia PEREIRA (EPP, PT) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Amending Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 as regards introducing new environmental economic accounts modules (2022/0210(COD)) — Rapporteur: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Exchange of views with Leena YLÄ-MONONEN, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA)
- European Union 8th Environment Action Programme - European Environment Agency Monitoring report on progress towards the 8th EAP objectives 2023 edition — Presentation by the European Environment Agency — Exchange of views
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union on submitting proposals for amendment of Appendices II and III of the Convention on the Conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats with a view to the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention — Presentation by the Commission — Exchange of views
- Exchange of views with Mr Alain MARON, Minister of the Government of the Brussels-Capital Region, responsible for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Participatory Democracy, Belgian Presidency — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme
- Amending Directives 1999/2/EC, 2000/14/EC, 2011/24/EU and 2014/53/EU as regards certain reporting requirements in the fields of food and food ingredients, outdoor noise, patients' rights, and radio equipment (2023/0369(COD)) — Rapporteur: Ivan VILIBOR SINČIĆ (NI, HR) — Consideration of draft report
- Amending Directive 2007/2/EC as regards certain reporting requirements for infrastructures for spatial information (2023/0356(COD)) — Rapporteur: Ivan VILIBOR SINČIĆ (NI, HR) — Consideration of draft report

Votes

- Guidelines for the 2025 Budget - Section III (2023/2220(BU)) — Chair: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR) — Adoption of draft opinion in letter form
- Amending Directives 2009/12/EC, 2009/33/EC and (EU) 2022/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 96/67/EC as regards certain reporting requirements in the fields of road transport and aviation (2023/0362(COD)) — Rapporteur for the opinion: Ivan VILIBOR SINČIĆ (NI, HR) — Adoption of draft opinion in letter form
- 2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Commission (2023/2129(DEC)) — Chair: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR) — Adoption of draft opinion
- 2022 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (2023/2147(DEC)) — Chair: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR) — Adoption of draft opinion
- 2022 discharge: European Chemicals Agency (2023/2148(DEC)) — Chair: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR) — Adoption of draft opinion

- 2022 discharge: European Environment Agency (2023/2149(DEC)) — Chair: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR) — Adoption of draft opinion
- 2022 discharge : European Food Safety Authority (2023/2151(DEC)) — Chair: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR) — Adoption of draft opinion
- 2022 discharge: European Medicines Agency (2023/2156(DEC)) — Chair: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR) — Adoption of draft opinion
- Safety of toys and repealing Directive 2009/48/EC (2023/0290(COD)) — Rapporteur for the opinion: Sara CERDAS (S&D, PT) — Adoption of draft opinion
- Plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their food and feed, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (2023/0226(COD)) — Rapporteur: Jessica POLFJÄRD (EPP, SE) — Adoption of draft report

09:30-18:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3

Committee on Culture and Education

Votes

- Establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act) and amending Directive 2010/13/EU (2022/0277(COD)) — Rapporteur: Sabine VERHEYEN (EPP, DE) — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- Guidelines for the 2025 Budget - Section III (2023/2220(BU)) — Chair: Sabine VERHEYEN (EPP, DE) — Adoption of draft opinion in letter form

Debates

- Establishing an EU talent pool (2023/0404(COD)) — Rapporteur for the opinion: João ALBUQUERQUE (S&D, PT) — Consideration of draft opinion
- Ghent European Youth Capital 2024
- Presentation of the priorities of the Belgian Presidency by:
 - Pierre-Yves JEHOLET (Minister-President of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation)
 - Caroline DÉSIR (Minister of Education of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation)
 - Françoise BERTIEAUX (Minister for Higher Education, Scientific Research, University Hospitals, Youth Assistance, Houses of Justice, Youth and Promotion of Brussels)
- Exchange of views on educational mobility post-Brexit with:
 - Angus ROBERTSON, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture in the Scottish Government
 - Derek VAUGHAN, Welsh Government Representative on Europe
- Exchange of views with Commissioner IVANOVA
- Legacy of the European Year of Youth

10:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on International Trade

Debates

- MEPs will discuss the preparation of the High Level Report on the Future of the Single Market during an exchange of views with former Italian prime minister Enrico Letta, who is preparing the report.
- MEPs will hear the presentation by Hadja Lahbib, Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade, on the priorities of the Belgian Presidency in the area of International Trade Policy.

10:30-11:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Joint meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Budgets

Debate

- Establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans — Presentation by the Commission — First exchange of views

14:30-14:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Joint meeting of Committee on International Trade and Committee on Foreign Affairs

Votes

- Advanced Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part (2023/0260R(NLE)) - rapporteurs: María Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS (Renew, ES), Samira RAFAELA (Renew, NL) - adoption of draft interim report
- Advanced Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part (2023/0260(NLE)) - - rapporteurs: María Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS (Renew, ES), Samira RAFAELA (Renew, NL) - adoption of draft recommendation (consent)

14:30-15:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E-2

Joint meeting of the Committee on Development and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Debate

- Joint exchange of views on the Bi-regional Pact for Care between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean (draft programme)

16:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Joint meeting of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Budgetary Control

Debate

- Implementation of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation — Rapporteurs: Petri SARVAMAA (EPP, FI), Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D, ES) — Exchange of views with Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for Budget and Administration, Didier REYNDEERS, Commissioner for Justice (tbc), Elisa FERREIRA, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (tbc) and Nicolas SCHMIT, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights (tbc), on the implementation of the Rule of Law Conditionality Regulation and the release of cohesion funds for Hungary under the Common Provisions Regulation

Vote

- Financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) (2022/0162(COD)) — Rapporteurs: Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE), Nils USAKOVŠ (S&D, LV) — Reporting back to committee from trilogues of 27 November 2023 and 7 December 2023 — Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

17:00-17:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Joint meeting of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Debate

- Substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims (Green Claims Directive) (2023/0085(COD)) — Rapporteurs: Cyrus ENGERER (S&D, MT), Andrus ANSIP (Renew, EE) — Consideration of amendments
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Thursday 25 January 2024

PLENARY SESSION

11:30 - 12:30 **Debates**

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

11:30 President Metsola presides over the opening of the part-session on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day

PRESS CONFERENCES

10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

**Press conference with newly elected Renew President is added
Thursday**
