

The Week Ahead 19 – 25 April 2021

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A digital platform for the Conference on the Future of Europe. The Co-Chairs of the Executive Board of the Conference (Parliament's Guy Verhofstadt, the Council Presidency's Ana Paula Zacarias, and Commission Vice-President Dubravka Šuica) will unveil the new multilingual tool that will allow citizens from across Europe to contribute to the Conference directly, at a press conference in the European Commission (*Monday at 13:00*).

EU Climate Law. MEPs and the Council Presidency will attempt to find an agreement on the EU's climate law, which as part of the European Green Deal would make it a legal requirement for the EU to become climate-neutral by 2050. Parliament has played an important role in pushing for a more ambitious EU climate framework, as well as declaring a climate emergency in 2019 (*Tuesday PM*).

Pandemic response and Health Union. Members of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee will hold debates on the EU Health Union package and on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The former will be with Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakides and the latter, focusing on the global dimension of the pandemic response, with representatives of the World Health Organization (*Thursday at 9.00 and 14.45*).

Turkey. The Foreign Affairs Committee will vote on Turkey and its relations with the EU. Among the issues that should be addressed in the text are the agreement on migration, the occupation of Cyprus, illegal drilling and exploring in the Eastern Mediterranean, breaches to the rule of law, and military and political involvement in Libya, Syria and Nagorno-Karabakh (*vote on Thursday and results on Friday morning*).

Artificial Intelligence. The day after the new proposal on an EU law on the use of Artificial Intelligence and how to ensure that EU values and rights are respected is released, the Legal Affairs Committee will hold a first debate on the proposal with Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton (*Thursday at 17.45*).

9th Euronest Assembly. The Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, comprised of 60 MEPs and 10 members from each of the parliaments of the Eastern European Partners (Armenia,

Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) will meet remotely. Parliament President David Sassoli will open the meeting. Neighbourhood and Enlargement Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi (recorded message) and Belarusian opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya are among the speakers (*Tuesday*).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare the 26 - 29 April plenary session, where MEPs will debate and vote on launching negotiations with member states on the Digital Green Certificate, on rail passenger rights, on a new law preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online, on the discharge of the 2019 budgets and on a mandatory transparency register. MEPs will also respond to the outcomes of the 25-26 March EU summit. They will discuss and vote on a wide range of EU programmes, such as the Horizon Europe research programme, which among other issues will help the EU's health systems prepare for future pandemics and to decarbonise industry.

President's diary. EP President David Sassoli will meet OLAF Director-General Ville Itälä on Monday, and South Korea's Parliamentary Speaker, Park Byeong-seug on Tuesday. He will address, via video, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Wednesday. On Thursday, President Sassoli will remotely join the opening session of the conference on the new European Bauhaus as well as meet Spain's Minister of Labour Yolanda Diaz.

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Monday 19 April 2021

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

17:00 Meeting with the Director-General of the OLAF, Mr Ville Itälä

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

13:45-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on Development

Votes

- The role of the EU's development cooperation and humanitarian assistance in addressing the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic - adoption of draft report - Co-rapporteurs: Hildegard BENTELE (EPP-PPE, DE), Norbert NEUSER (S&D, DE)

Debates

Jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Budgets

- Implementation report on the EU Trust Funds and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey - draft report/draft recommendation - Co-rapporteurs: Milan ZVER (EPP-PPE, SL), György HÖLVENYI (EPP-PPE, HU), Janusz LEWANDOWSKI (EPP-PPE, PL)

13:45-18:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Subcommittee on Tax Matters

Debates

- Exchange of views with Lyudmila PETKOVA, Chair of the Code of Conduct Group on Business Taxation
- Public hearing on "The reform of the Code of Conduct Group criteria and process"

13:45-15:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Debates

- Protecting workers from asbestos - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Nikolaj VILLUMSEN (The Left, DA)

10:00-18:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C-050

Committee on Culture and Education

- Citizens' dialogues and Citizens' participation in the EU decision-making (INI) -

Rapporteur for the opinion: Irena JOVEVA (Renew, SL)- Adoption of draft opinion

- Presentation of the STOA/ESMH study on "Disinformation and Science: A survey of the gullibility of students with regard to false scientific news"

11.00 – 12.30 (in camera)

- Exchange of views on the freedom of press in Belarus

13.45 – 16.15

- Exchange of views with Commissioner Thierry BRETON
- Europe's Media in the Digital Decade: An Action Plan to Support Recovery and Transformation (INI) -Rapporteur: Dace MELBĀRDE (ECR, LV) - Exchange of views

15:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Debates

- The adequate protection of personal data by the United Kingdom - Presentation by the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) of EDPB's opinion on the Commission's draft implementing decisions pursuant to Regulation (EU)2016/679 and Directive (EU)2016/680 on the adequate protection of personal data by the United Kingdom - Rapporteur Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) **(15.50 – 16.30)**
- Annual Report 2020 of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) - Presentation by EDPS of the Annual Report 2020 **16.30 – 17.15)**
- Activities of the Frontex Scrutiny Working Group - Reporting back to committee **(17.15 – 17.45)**
- Mental health care and care for vulnerable asylum applicants in Greek reception facilities - Exchange of views with Margaritis SCHINAS, Vice President for Promoting our European Way of Life **(17.55 – 18.45)**

13:45-16:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

- Hearing on empowering EU supports for women entrepreneurs and investors, including through MFF 2021-2027 **(14.00 – 15.00)** draft programme and further information
- Equality between women and men in the European Union in 2018-2020 (INI), exchange of views - Rapporteur Sandra PEREIRA (The Left, PT) **(15.00 – 15.45)**

Tuesday 20 April 2021

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

10h00 Réunion en visioconférence avec le Président du Parlement coréen, Park Byeong-seug

12h00 Réunion Euronest en visioconférence

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

11:00-11:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Voting will be open from 11.00 to 11.30

- Preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online (COD), adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteur Patryk JAKI (ECR, PL)
 - Data Protection Commissioner v Facebook Ireland Limited, Maximillian Schrems ("Schrems II") - Case C-311/18 (RSP), Adoption of motion for a resolution - Rapporteur Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES)
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Wednesday 21 April 2021

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

10h00 Discours en visioconférence lors de la deuxième session plénière 2021 de l'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe

11h20 Participation virtuelle à la réunion du groupe GUE-The Left

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10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

“EU Climate Law”

Jytte GUTELAND (S&D, SV), rapporteur, and Pascal CANFIN (Renew Europe, FR), Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Thursday 22 April 2021

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

- 10h00 Conférence des présidents
- 14h00 Séance d'ouverture de la première conférence sur le nouveau Bauhaus européen
- 16h00 Réunion avec la troisième vice-présidente du gouvernement espagnol et ministre du travail, Yolanda Diaz
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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-09:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 7C050

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Votes

- Report on the 2019-2020 Commission Reports on Turkey - Adoption of amendments - Rapporteur: Nacho SÁNCHEZ AMOR (S&D, ES)

13:45-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Debates

- Exchange of views with Mohammad SHTAYYEH, Prime Minister of Palestine
- The Arctic: opportunities, concerns and security challenges - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Anna FOTYGA (ECR, PL)

13:45-15:15 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Committee on Development

Debates

- Structured Dialogue with Jutta URPIAINEN, Commissioner for International Partnerships

14:30-14:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G2

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Debates

- Establishing the "Fiscalis" programme for cooperation in the field of taxation - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Sven GIEGOLD (Greens/ALE, DE)
- Appointment of the Executive Director of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Irene TINIGLI (S&D, IT)

13:45-18:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Jointly with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

- Hearing on the Commission proposal for a Pay Transparency Directive (**13.45 – 16.15**) - draft programme and further information

Debate

- Adequate minimum wages in the European Union - Consideration of draft report - Co-rapporteurs: Dennis RADTKER (PPE, DE), Agnes JONGERIUS (S&D, NL)

09:00-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debates

- Exchange of views with Ms Stella KYRIAKIDES, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, as part of the structured dialogue
- Report back on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations - Establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law)
- A European strategy for critical raw materials - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Sara MATTHIEU (Greens/EFA, BE)
- Guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Marie TOUSSAINT (Greens/EFA, FR)
- Regulation on serious cross-border threats to health repealing Decision No 1082/2013/EU - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Véronique TRILLET-LENOIR (Renew, FR)
- Exchange of views with the World Health Organization on the European Union Health Union package and the WHO's global response to the pandemic

Votes

- Amending Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 September 2006 on the application of the provisions of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to Community institutions and bodies - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Christian DOLESCHAL (EPP, DE)

13:45-15:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3

Committee on Regional Development

Debates

- Dock dues scheme in the French outermost regions and amending Decision No 940/2014/EU - Approval of application of the simplified procedure without amendment - Rapporteur: Younous OMARJEE (The Left, FR)
- Establishing the Brexit Adjustment Reserve - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Pascal ARIMONT (PPE, BE)
- Guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure and repealing Regulation (EU) No 347/2013 - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Vlad-Marius BOTOS (Renew, RO)

Vote

- The gender dimension in Cohesion Policy - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Monika VANA (Greens/ALE, AT)

10:45-12:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on Legal Affairs

Debates

- Exchange of views in the context of structured dialogue with Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ, European Commission Vice-President for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight

16:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Committee on Legal Affairs

Debates

- Exchange of views in the context of structured dialogue with Didier REYNDERS, Commissioner for Justice
- Exchange of views in the context of structured dialogue with Thierry BRETON, Commissioner for Internal Market

13:45-18:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2 / 7C050

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Opening of the remote voting procedure on the FINAL TEXT

Voting will be open from 16.45 to 17.45

- Promoting gender equality in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and careers (INI), Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur Susana SOLÍS PÉREZ (Renew, ES)
 - Gender Mainstreaming Network (17.00-18.30) (*no webstreaming*)- Draft programme will be available here
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