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Europe Day on 9 May. The EU institutions will open their ‘virtual’ doors to celebrate [Europe Day](#) on 9 May. People across the EU and beyond will be able to find out more about the European Union and what it does. At 12.30 on Monday, you can join a discussion on Facebook and LinkedIn with Parliament’s Vice-Presidents Katarina Barley and Othmar Karas on “A better future together”. The Europe Day programme for the whole week is available [here](#).

Eurobarometer survey. Parliament will publish later this week an update of public opinion in the EU in light of the coronavirus pandemic and the Conference on the Future of Europe. *Friday*).

EU Social summit. EP President Sassoli and leading MEPs from the Employment and Social Affairs Committee will be participating in the EU Social Summit in Porto, hosted by the Portuguese presidency. President Sassoli will also deliver the closing speech, together with European Council President Charles Michel, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa, after which a joint press conference will follow (*Friday*).

President’s diary. President Sassoli will deliver a speech at the PES and S&D Conference on the Future of Europe, in Rome on Monday. The President will deliver the opening speech at the Committee of the Regions Plenary session on Wednesday. On Thursday, he will speak at the S&D/PES Conference at the Porto Social Summit. On Saturday, Sassoli will address the heads of state or government at the informal Meeting of the European Council.

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Monday 03 May 2021

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

10:00 Speech at the PES and S&D Conference on the Future of Europe, Rome

16:00 Web meeting with Focolare Movement, United World Week

SPECIAL EVENTS

10:00-11:30

EP press webinar on World Press Freedom Day

The EP media service organises a webinar for journalists on World Press Freedom Day on the topic “What are the main threats for journalists in Europe?”.

The Secretary General of Reporters without Borders Christophe Deloire will present the organisation’s [annual report](#) and index on press freedom, followed by a discussion in a role reversal with leading MEPs interviewing journalists.

Media registration

For journalists who wish to ask questions: please send your name and media affiliation to media-seminars@europarl.europa.eu in order to receive your connection details.

Wednesday 05 May 2021

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The President's agenda

16:30 Opening speech at the Committee of the Regions Plenary session

Thursday 06 May 2021

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19:00 Speech at S&D/PES Conference on the Porto Social Summit : from Gothenburg to Porto, the Path towards a Social Europe

Social Progress and Wellbeing for all by 2030

Friday 07 May 2021

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The President's agenda

Social Summit (Porto)

(portuguese time)

11:00 Key handing over ceremony of the town of Porto

14:00 Opening session

17:00 Closing speech at Social Summit

19:00 Press conference on Social Summit

Saturday 08 May 2021

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The President's agenda

Informal EUCO (Porto)

(portuguese time)

9:30 Opening Speech at the Informal Meeting of the Heads of State and government

Sunday 09 May 2021

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Launch of the Conference on the Future of Europe (Strasbourg)

13:30 Bilateral meeting with the President of France, Mr Emmanuel Macron

14:30 Speech on the Opening of the Conference of the Future of Europe
