The Week Ahead 05 – 11 September 2022

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

Ukraine’s Prime Minister. The Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal will meet EP President Roberta Metsola and political groups to discuss the latest developments in Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, as well as ways for the EU to continue its support for Ukraine (Monday).

Spyware in Greece. The EP Inquiry Committee on the use of Pegasus and equivalent surveillance software will discuss the Greek spyware scandal with journalist Thanasis Koukakis (TBC) and other guest speakers (Thursday).

COVID-19/pharmaceutical industry. Parliament’s special committee on COVID-19 (COVI) will hold a first debate with four pharmaceutical companies that worked on developing vaccines and therapeutics during the COVID-19 pandemic - Gilead Sciences, Sanofi, AstraZeneca and Moderna (Monday).

Czech Council Presidency. Czech ministers will outline the priorities of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU to the Civil Liberties and Legal Affairs committees (Monday).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 12-15 September session, in which they will assess the State of the European Union with Commission President von der Leyen. MEPs will debate and vote during plenary on draft legislation on renewable energy and energy efficiency, and on proposals to halt deforestation, and are set to give their final green light to new rules on the minimum wage. They will also prepare for the plenary debates on the risk of a breach of the EU’s core values in Hungary and with Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin.

SOTEU/Conference of Presidents. To prepare the State of the European Union debate, Commission President von der Leyen will join the EP Conference of Presidents, comprising President Metsola and political group presidents (Thursday).

President’s diary. EP President Roberta Metsola will join a Facebook live chat on the SOTEU and give an address at the opening of an exhibition outlining Russian war crimes on Monday. President Metsola will chair an EP Bureau working lunch with Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo, on Tuesday. On Wednesday, she will give a speech at an event with the Spanish National Organisation of the Blind (ONCE), sign a roadmap between Parliament and Council on...
the Common European Asylum System and the New European Pact on migration and asylum, and host a reception for EU correspondents. On Friday, the President will be in Cyprus, where she will meet President Nicos Anastasiades and President of Cyprus' House of Representatives Annita Demetriou, with press conferences following both meetings.

**Pre-session press briefing.** The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing with the Parliament's political group spokespersons at 11.00 on Friday (Anna Politkovskaya room, press centre, Brussels).

**Welcome briefing for EU correspondents.** A briefing for journalists recently arrived in Brussels will take place in the Anna Politkovskaya room on Wednesday from 16:00 to 18:30. Other accredited media who would like more information about the latest EP media products are also welcome to join.

**EP Press service contacts**
Monday 05 September 2022

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Monday, 5 September

8.30 Working breakfast with the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Mr Denys Shmyhal

12.30 Facebook live chat on the State of the Union

17.00 Address at the opening of the Russian War Crimes exhibition, Ukrainian Civil Society Hub at Station Europe

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

14:30-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Debates

- Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union, 2022 - Presentation by Vít Rakušan, 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior of the Czech Republic - Presentation by Pavel Blažek, Minister of Justice of the Czech Republic - Presentation by Mikuláš Bek, Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic
- Exchange of views on the state of play of the implementation of the Temporary Protection Directive - Exchange of views with Commission representatives
- Amending Council Decision 2005/671/JHA, as regards its alignment with Union rules on the protection of personal data - Rapporteur: Patryk JAKI (ECR, PL) - Consideration of draft report
- European Union Drugs Agency - Rapporteur: Isabel Santos (S&D, PT) - Consideration of draft report
- Resilience of critical entities - Rapporteur: Michal ŠIMEČKA (Renew, SK) - Reporting back to committee on the negotiations

15:00-17:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Committee on Budgetary Control

Debates

- 2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council (2021/2108(DEC)) - consideration of draft report - rapporteur: Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ (S&D, ES)
• 2020 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee (2021/2111(DEC)) - consideration of draft report - rapporteur: Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ (S&D, ES)
• 2020 discharge: European Border and Coast Guard Agency (2021/2146(DEC)) - consideration of draft report - rapporteur: Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ (EPP, CS)
• Upscaling the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework: a resilient EU budget fit for new challenges (2022/2046(INI)) - consideration of draft opinion - rapporteur for the opinion: Petri SARVAMAA (EPP, FI)
• CONT Mission to Cyprus (19-21 September 2022) - exchange of views in the light of the preparations of the mission to Cyprus

15:00-17:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Committee on Culture and Education

Debate

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Subcommittee on Human Rights

Debates

• The EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders (INI) - Rapporteur: Hannah NEUMANN (Greens/ALE, DE) - Exchange of views - Presentation of the EPRS study "EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders: European Implementation Assessment", in the presence of: Dr Richard Youngs, Senior Fellow in the Democracy, Conflict and Governance Programme of Carnegie Europe; Dr Isabelle Ioannides, Policy Analyst, Directorate for Impact Assessment and European Added Value, EPRS

In association with the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China:

• Exchange of views on the human rights developments in China and China’s action in the global human rights system, in the presence of Sophie Richardson, China Director, Human Rights Watch
• Exchange of views with Emily O'Reilly, European Ombudsman on the Strategic Initiative concerning how the European Commission ensures respect for human rights in the context of international trade agreements

In association with the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America

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• Public hearing on human rights violations by mining companies in Guatemala (see separate programme)

15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Special Committee on the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons learned and recommendations for the future

Debates

• Exchange of views with Dr Rudolf Ertl, Senior Vice-President Commercial Operations, Gilead Sciences
• Exchange of views with Thomas Triomphe, Executive Vice-President of Vaccines, Sanofi
• Exchange of views with Iskra Reic, Executive Vice-President of Europe and Canada, AstraZeneca
• Exchange of views with Stéphane Bancel, Chief Executive Officer, Moderna

17:30-17:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Joint meeting: Committee on Budgetary Control/Committee on Budgets

Vote

• Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union - Rapporteurs: Nils USAKOVS (S&D, LV), Monika Hohlmeier (EPP, DE) - Adoption of draft report - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations
Tuesday 06 September 2022

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Tuesday, 6 September
13.00 European Parliament’s Bureau’s working lunch with the Prime Minister of Belgium, Mr Alexander De Croo
Wednesday 07 September 2022

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

Wednesday, 7 September
10.00 Address at an event with the Spanish National Organisation of the Blind (ONCE)
18.30 Reception for correspondents

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3
Special Committee on the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons learned and recommendations for the future
Debates
• Exchange of views with Dr Rosa CASTRO, Senior Policy Manager for Healthcare Delivery & EPHA (European Public Health Alliance) Networks Coordinator
• Exchange of views with Ancel·la SANTOS, Senior Health Policy Officer BEUC (The European Consumer Organisation)
• Exchange of views with Emily O’Reilly, European Ombudsman

SPECIAL EVENTS

16:00-18:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, Anna Politkovskaya
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The EP press service will inform attendees about our new media products and services, including our multimedia resources, clippings service, background briefings for plenary
sessions, press room facilities, how to register for our mailing lists, and an overview of the EU legislative process.
Thursday 08 September 2022

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Thursday, 8 September
10.00 European Parliament’s Conference of Presidents

PRESS CONFERENCES

12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50
The next generation EU resources fail to reach the South of Italy
Piernicola PEDICINI (Greens/EFA, IT)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Debates

• Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions The power of trade partnerships: together for green and just economic growth - exchange of views with the Commission

Vote

• Key objectives to the CITES CoP19 meeting in Panama (2022/2681(RSP)) - adoption of motion for a resolution - co-rapporteurs: Lidia PEREIRA (EPP, PT), César LUENA (S&D, ES), María Soraya RODRIGUEZ RAMOS (Renew, ES), Ville NIINISTÖ (Greens/EFA, FI), Pietro FIOCCHI (ECR, IT), Anja HAZEKAMP (The Left, NL)
09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001

Committee of Inquiry to investigate the use of Pegasus and equivalent surveillance spyware

Debates

• Reporting back from PEGA delegation to Israel
• Exchange of views on the use of spyware in Greece

09:00-15:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Vote (9.00 - 9.15)

• General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2023 - all sections.
  Rapporteur for the opinion: Dragoș PÎSLARU (Renew, PL) - Adoption of draft opinion

Debate (9.15 - 10.00)

• With Vice-President of the European Commission Dubravka ŠUICA - Presentation of the European Care Strategy

09:00-17:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3

Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

Debates

• Jointly with the Committees on Budgets (BUDG) and Budgetary Control (CONT): Gender tracking methodology for the EU budget - Exchange of views with and in the presence of Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for Budget and Administration (9.00 – 10.30)

• Study on "The legislative frameworks for victims (including children) of gender-based violence in the 27 Member States" by Policy Department - presentation by authors Dr Claire WALKEY and Dr Katerina MANTOUVALOÚ (16.00 – 17.00)

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

Committee on Petitions

Debates

• Presentation by the European Ombudsman, Mrs Emily O’Reilly, of her Annual report 2021
• Draft mission report following the fact-finding visit to the Mar Menor (Murcia) Spain from 23 to 25 February 2022, in relation to the environmental deterioration of Mar Menor - Consideration of draft report
10:15-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Debates

- Economic Dialogue and exchange of views with Fernando MEDINA, Minister of Finance of Portugal
- Structured Dialogue with Margrethe VESTAGER, Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for Competition

14:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

- Machinery products (COD) - Rapporteur: Ivan ŠTEFANEC (EPP, SK) · Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Exchange of views on the EU Customs policies:
  * the implementation of the Union Customs Code
  * the future of the EU Customs policies
Friday 09 September 2022

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

Friday, 9 September
Visit to Cyprus

9.30 Meeting with the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Nicos Anastasiades, followed by a joint press conference

11.00 Visit to the House of Representatives:
- Meeting with the President of the House of Representatives, Ms Annita Demetriou
- 11.30 joint press conference
- 11.45 speech in the presence of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr Anastasiades

12.20 Meeting with the Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), Mr Colin Stewart

13.15 Working lunch hosted by the President of the House of Representatives, Ms Demetriou

16.00 Meeting with the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of Famagusta, in Deryneia

18.00 Public event with Youth Organisations and University Students, jointly with President Demetriou, at the Library of the University of Cyprus

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50
Pre-session briefing