The Week Ahead 07 – 13 September 2020

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

EU Long-term and recovery budget. Negotiations continue on the EU long-term budget and recovery with trilateral talks between Parliament, Commission and Council on Monday and Friday. EP’s Multiannual Financial Framework-Own Resources Contact Group, chaired by President Sassoli, will meet on Tuesday to discuss the state of play. On 1st September, the Budgets Committee approved the Own Resources Decision, paving the way to a swift implementation of the European Recovery Plan.

EU Climate Law. The Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee will hold the final vote on its draft report making the objective for the EU to become climate-neutral by 2050 legally binding and setting an interim target for 2030 (Friday).

COVID-19/REACT-EU. The Regional Development Committee will have its final vote on the proposed REACT-EU package that includes €55 billion of additional funds to be made available to EU countries, to provide assistance for fostering crisis repair and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy (Monday).

COVID-19 vaccines. Following a presentation by the Commission on the status of COVID-19 vaccines, the Environment and Public Health Committee will debate how to ensure equitable access to affordable and safe COVID-19 vaccines everywhere, for everyone who needs them (Monday).

Belarus. The Human Rights Subcommittee will debate the human rights situation in Belarus following the presidential elections of 9 August (Monday).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will focus their preparations on the annual State of the European Union debate with Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on 16 September and on the final vote on the Own Resources Decision for the upcoming EU budget. Furthermore, they will prepare votes to upgrade the EU Civil Protection Mechanism/RescEU, take stock of the economic and social impact of the Corona-virus and discuss ways to address medicine shortage. Groups will also set out the most urgent foreign affairs topics to be addressed with VP/HR Josep Borrell and prepare votes on including maritime transport in Emission Trading, improve car emission controls and combat global deforestation.

President’s diary. EP President David Sassoli will meet Georgia’s President Salomé Zourabichvili on Wednesday, and Kosovo’s Prime Minister Avdullah Hoti on Thursday. President Sassoli will join the G7 speaker’s meeting, via videoconference, on Saturday.
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

16:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Debates

- Exchange of views with the Commission on the EU vaccines strategy, including the state of play on the Vaccines Advance Purchase Agreement
- Objection pursuant to Rule 112(2) and (3) and (4)(c) : Amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for titanium dioxide (E 171) - Consideration of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Michèle RIVASI (Greens/EFA, FR), Eric ANDRIEU (S&D, FR), Eleonora EVI (NI, IT), Joëlle MÉLIN (ID, FR), Ljudmila NOVAK (EPP, SL), Mick WALLACE (GUE/NGL, IE)

Votes

- Objection pursuant to Rule 112(2) and (3) and (4)(c) : Amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for titanium dioxide (E 171) - Adoption of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Michèle RIVASI (Greens/EFA, FR), Eric ANDRIEU (S&D, FR), Eleonora EVI (NI, IT), Joëlle MÉLIN (ID, FR), Ljudmila NOVAK (EPP, SL), Mick WALLACE (GUE/NGL, IE)
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2021 - all sections - Adoption of amendments to the draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Pascal CANFIN ( Renew, FR)
- Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies - Adoption of amendments - Rapporteur for the opinion: Adam JARUBAS (EPP, PL)

13:45-14:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2
Committee on Regional Development
Votes

- Amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 as regards exceptional additional resources and implementing arrangements under the Investment for growth and jobs goal to provide assistance for fostering crisis repair in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing a green, digital and resilient recovery of the economy ( REACT-EU) - Adoption of draft report - Co-rapporteurs: Andrey NOVAKOV (EPP, BG), Constanze KREHL (S&D, DE)
- A New Industrial Strategy for Europe - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Tsvetelina PENKOVA (S&D, BG)

16:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1
Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Draft agenda
Tuesday 08/09/2020

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
14:30 Meeting with the Multiannual Financial Framework-Own Resources Contact Group
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The President's agenda
14:00 Bureau Euromed
17:00 Bilateral meeting with the President of Georgia, Ms Salomé Zourabichvili (Grand Salon Protocolaire)
Thursday 10/09/2020

THE PRESIDENT’S DIARY

The President’s agenda
10:00      Conference of Presidents
15:00      Meeting with the Prime Minister of Kosovo, Mr Avdullah Hoti (Grand Salon Protocole)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

12:00-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q1 / 4Q1
Committee on Legal Affairs

08:30-15:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Debates

- Common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (recast) (COD), consideration of draft report-rapporteur Tineke STRIK (Greens/EFA, NL) (8.35 – 9.00)
- Strengthening Media Freedom: the Protection of Journalists in Europe, Hate Speech, Disinformation and the Role of Platforms (INI), consideration of amendments - rapporteur Magdalena ADAMOWICZ (EPP, PL) (9.00 – 9.15)
- State of play of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism - presentation by Věra JOUROVÁ, Vice-President for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality (9.15 – 10.30)

(13.50 – 15.20)

Joint debate

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the following:

- EU Security Union Strategy - presentations by Margaritis SCHINAS, Vice-President for Promoting the European Way of Life and Ylva JOHANSSON, Commissioner for Home Affairs

Presentations by Ylva Johansson, Commissioner for Home Affairs on the following:

- EU strategy for a more effective fight against child sexual abuse
- EU Agenda and Action Plan on Drugs 2021-2025
- 2020-2025 EU action plan on firearms trafficking

Joint debate

• Establishing the conditions for accessing the other EU information systems and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 and Regulation (EU) 2018/xxx [ECRIS-TCN] (COD), consideration of draft report - rapporteur: Jeroen LENAERS (EPP, NL)

16:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2
Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Draft agenda
Friday 11/09/2020

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
12:45 Speech at the European Parliament Innovation Day
The President's agenda
13:00 G7 speaker's meeting (videoconference)