

The Week Ahead 16 – 22 September 2019

Agenda

Plenary session, Strasbourg

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Brexit. MEPs will discuss the current state of play of the UK's withdrawal from the EU with Brexit chief negotiator Michel Barnier, followed by a vote on a resolution. (*Wednesday*).

European Central Bank President. Christine Lagarde is expected to obtain a recommendation from the plenary to become the next ECB President. Before the secret ballot, Plenary will hold a debate on the role of the ECB in the EU's economic policy. (*Tuesday*).

Amazon forest fires. The situation and destruction of forests worldwide, as well as in the EU, will be debated with Council and Commission. In July, the Commission adopted a communication outlining action to protect and restore the world's forests (*Monday and Tuesday*).

Plant patents. MEPs will quiz the EU Commission on how to ensure that products obtained from essentially biological processes, such as crossing, cannot be patented. The debate comes ahead of the 1 October deadline for submitting statements on the patentability of naturally obtained plants to the final appellate instance in the European Patent Office (EPO) (*Monday*).

Foreign electoral interference in Europe. MEPs will hold a debate on foreign electoral interference and disinformation in national and European democratic processes, as they threaten the stability of political systems in member states and the cohesion of EU integration. Plenary will also vote on a resolution (*Wednesday and Thursday*).

Hong Kong. The latest developments in Hong Kong will be debated with the Commission and the Council. The former British colony has seen a wave of protests since the Hong Kong Parliament proposed a new law that would have allowed criminal suspects to be extradited to China (*Monday*).

Research and Erasmus. MEPs are set to approve a €100 million top-up for the EU's research programmes (€80 million for Horizon 2020) and youth mobility (€20 million for Erasmus+) (*Wednesday*).

EU aid after 2018 floods in Austria, Italy, Romania. Nearly €300 million in EU aid due to floods in 2018 will go to Austria, Italy, Romania, after a vote to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund following the extreme weather events in 2018 (*Wednesday*).

New European Commission. The EP Conference of Presidents will hold an exchange of views with European Commission President-elect Ursula von der Leyen and approve the detailed schedule for the hearings of Commissioners-designate (*Thursday*).

President's diary. EP President David Sassoli will meet Dutch Foreign Affairs Minister Stef Blok, Italy's European Affairs Minister Vincenzo Amendola, Economic and Financial Affairs Commissioner Pierre Moscovici, outgoing Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker as well as designated EU Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakides, all on Tuesday.

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Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing at 16.30 on Monday in the Daphne Caruana Galizia Press conference room, Strasbourg.

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Monday 16/09/2019

PLENARY SESSION

17:00 - 21:00 Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business
- The situation of EU forests
[2019/2807(RSP)]
- Patentability of plants and essential biological processes
Report: (O-000026/2019)
[2019/2800(RSP)]
- Situation in Hong Kong
[2019/2808(RSP)]
- One-minute speeches (Rule 172)

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

16:30 Meeting with Frate Biagio

17:30 Meeting with Ursula von der Leyen (salon protocolaire)

PRESS CONFERENCES

16:30-17:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Last minute session briefing

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

19:00-19:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- Election of the Chair

19:00-20:45 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200*

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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Vote

- ECR objection to the coordinators' recommendation regarding the possibility of drafting a legislative own-initiative report on the "Revision of the European Arrest Warrant". **(19.00-19.10)**

Debate

- Exchange of views with Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship **(19.10-20.45)**

Tuesday 17/09/2019

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 Debates

- **Preparation for the Climate Action Summit and the Sustainable Development Goals Summit in New York**

[2019/2809(RSP)]

- * • **Appointment of the President of the European Central Bank - Candidate: Ms Christine Lagarde**

Report: Roberto Gualtieri (A9-0008/2019)

[2019/0810(NLE)]

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12:00 - 14:00 VOTES

- * • **Appointment of the President of the European Central Bank - Candidate: Ms Christine Lagarde**

Report: Roberto Gualtieri (A9-0008/2019)

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- * • **Appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank**

Report: Roberto Gualtieri (A9-0007/2019)

[2019/0903(NLE)]

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- * • **Launch of automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in Ireland**

Report: Juan Fernando López Aguilar (A9-0003/2019)

[2019/0806(CNS)]

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15:00 - 21:00 Debates

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- **Foreign electoral interference and disinformation in national and European democratic processes**
[2019/2810(RSP)]
- **Amazon forest fires**
[2019/2811(RSP)]
- **Security situation in Burkina Faso**
[2019/2812(RSP)]
- **Recent developments in the political situation and the implementation of the peace process in Colombia**
[2019/2813(RSP)]
- **Situation in Kashmir**
[2019/2815(RSP)]

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- 11:00 Meeting with Stef Block, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- 11:30 Meeting with Vincenzo Amendola, Minister of European Affairs of Italy
- 15:30 Meeting with Günther Oettinger, Commissioner for Budget & Human Resources
- 16:30 Meeting with Jean-Claude Juncker
- 17:30 Meeting with Stella Kyriakides designated EU Health Commissioner

PRESS CONFERENCES

10:10-10:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

S&D Briefing

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, (ES), Chair

10:30-10:50 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

Greens/EFA Briefing

Ska KELLER (DE), and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE) Co-Chairs

11:10-11:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

EPP Briefing

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Manfred WEBER (DE), Chair

16:00-16:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

"Political rights in Turkey, dismissal of Kurdish mayors, and the role of the EU"

François ALFONSI (Greens/EFA, FR), Diana RIBA I GINER (Greens/EFA, ES), Kati PIRI (S&D, NL), Özlem DEMIREL (GUE/NGL, DE), Evin INCIR (S&D, SV), Malin BJÖRK (GUE/NGL, SV), and Sezai TEMELLI

Wednesday 18/09/2019

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 KEY DEBATE

- **The UK's withdrawal from the EU**
[2019/2817(RSP)]

12:00 - 14:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- **Draft amending budget No 1/2019: surplus from 2018**
Report: John Howarth (A9-0005/2019)
[2019/2021(BUD)]
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- **Draft amending budget No 2/2019: reinforcement of key programmes for EU competitiveness: Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+**
Report: John Howarth (A9-0004/2019)
[2019/2022(BUD)]
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- **Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria**
Report: Siegfried Mureşan (A9-0002/2019)
[2019/2023(BUD)]
[Committee on Budgets](#)
- **Draft amending budget No 3/2019: proposal to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Romania, Italy and Austria**
Report: John Howarth (A9-0006/2019)
[2019/2024(BUD)]
[Committee on Budgets](#)
- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - EGF/2019/000 TA 2019 - Technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission**
Report: Bogdan Rzońca (A9-0001/2019)
[2019/2036(BUD)]

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- **The UK's withdrawal from the EU**
[2019/2817(RSP)]

15:00 - 21:00 Debates

- **Fight against cancer**
[2019/2818(RSP)]
- **Presentation by the Council of its position on the draft general budget - 2020 financial year**
[2019/2710(RSP)]
- **Importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe**
[2019/2819(RSP)]
- **State of implementation of anti-money laundering legislation**
[2019/2820(RSP)]

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16:00 Meeting with Sylvie Goulard designated Internal Market Commissioner

16:30 Meeting with Frans Timmermans designated EU Green deal Commissioner

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:00-14:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

“Brexit Resolution”

Guy VERHOFSTADT (RE, BE)

14:30-14:50 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

RE Briefing

Dacian CIOLOȘ (RO), Chair

Thursday 19/09/2019

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 Debates

Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 144)

- **Situation in Turkey, notably the removal of elected mayors**
[2019/2821(RSP)]
- **Myanmar, notably the situation of the Rohingya**
[2019/2822(RSP)]
- **Iran, notably the situation of women's rights defenders and imprisoned EU dual nationals**
[2019/2823(RSP)]

12:00 - 14:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- **Motions for resolutions concerning debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 144)**
- **Patentability of plants and essential biological processes**
Report: (O-000026/2019)
[2019/2800(RSP)]
- **Importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe**
[2019/2819(RSP)]
- **State of implementation of anti-money laundering legislation**
[2019/2820(RSP)]

15:00 - 16:00 Debates

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- **Threats to the status of volunteer firefighters in the European Union**
[2019/2806(RSP)]

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The President's agenda

10:00 Conference of Presidents (with the attendance of President of the Commission, Ursula van der Leyen)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-09:30 *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200*

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Vote

- Vote on use of Rule 61 in relation to the three Mobility Package I files

09:00-11:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

Committee on Legal Affairs

In camera

- Examination of potential or actual conflict of interests of the Commissioners-designate

Annex VII of the Rules of Procedure - approval of the Commission and monitoring of commitments made during the hearings

Friday 20/09/2019

PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

“Presentation Solidarity Festival 'Manifiesta' with special guest Dilma Rousseff”

Marc BOTENGA (GUE/NGL, BE), and Dilma ROUSSEFF