

## The Week Ahead 26 September – 02 October 2022

### Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

**ECB President Lagarde.** European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde will hold her regular debate with the Economic Affairs Committee, the first since the ECB's decision to twice raise interest rates. MEPs are likely to quiz her on the ECB's monetary policy stance in a context of rapid inflation, and the new "Transmission Protection Instrument" (TPI) for purchasing national bonds under certain conditions. Afterwards, MEPs will discuss ongoing and upcoming taxation policy priorities with Economy Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni (*Monday*).

**Ukraine/Transport.** The Transport and Tourism Committee will talk to Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Infrastructure Mustafa Nayyem about the logistics situation in Ukraine, including the new 'grain corridor' via the Black Sea that was agreed on 27 July 2022 with Russia (*Monday*).

**Ukraine/Russian disinformation.** The EP Special Committee on Foreign Interference and Disinformation will hold a public hearing on "Russian disinformation and propaganda regarding Ukraine in the light of its war of aggression and its impact on democratic processes in the EU". Among the guest speakers is Olga Rudenko, editor-in-chief of Kyiv Independent (*Thursday*).

**Taiwan/Chinese disinformation.** The Special Committee on Foreign Interference and Disinformation will hold a debate with Taiwanese Digital Affairs Minister Audrey Tang on Taiwan's responses to Chinese interference (*Thursday*).

**2022 Sakharov Prize.** MEPs on the Development and Foreign Affairs Committees and the Human Rights Subcommittee will present the candidates for this year's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. The nominees include the people of Ukraine and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, Brazilian environmental and indigenous activist Sônia Guajajara, and Colombia's Truth Commission (*Monday*).

**Plenary preparations.** Political groups will prepare for the 3-6 October session, during which MEPs will debate and vote on rules for a common charger to reduce hassle for consumers and curb e-waste, on the EU Health Union to improve prevention, preparedness and response at EU and national levels, and adopt a resolution on the EU's response to soaring energy prices. Parliament will also discuss and vote on resolutions relating to the humanitarian situation in Pakistan following the devastating floods, the situation of Roma people living in settlements in

the EU, and ending all illegal wildlife trade by 2025.

**President's diary.** On Tuesday, EP President Roberta Metsola will meet the Executive Director of Europol, Catherine De Bolle. On Wednesday, she will meet Yulia Navalnaya and Leonid Volkov, Chief of Staff for Alexey Navalny and Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Foundation, before giving the opening address at the European Research and Innovation Days. In the evening, the President will be in Berlin for the "Night of European Ideas" and give the keynote speech.

**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).

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## Monday 26 September 2022

### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-16:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

#### Joint meeting of Committee on Foreign Affairs, Committee on Development, and Subcommittee on Human Rights

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- Sakharov Prize 2022: Presentation of candidates - hybrid meeting

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-2

#### Subcommittee on Security and Defence

##### Debates

- Exchange of views with Jan JIREŠ, Deputy Minister of Defence for Defence Policy and Planning of the Czech Republic on Czech priorities in the area of the EU security and defence
- Implementation of the common security and defence policy - annual report 2022 (2022/2050(INI)) - consideration of draft report - rapporteur: Tom VANDENKENDELAERE (EPP, BE)

##### Public hearing

- Russia's war on Ukraine - EU and Member States responses (see programme) (16.00 – 17.30)

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

#### Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

##### Debates

- Monetary Dialogue with Christine LAGARDE, President of the European Central Bank
- Structured dialogue on taxation with Paolo GENTILONI, Commissioner for Economy (17.00 – 18.30)

15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-2

#### Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- Exchange of views with the European Drought Observatory on the drought situation in Europe during last summer
- Exchange of views with Mr Hans BRUYNINCKX, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency (EEA), on EU adaptation policies

## 16.15 – 17.15

- Exchange of views with Mr Janez Lenarčič, Commissioner for Crisis Management, on the strengthening of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism

## 17.15 – 18.30

- Exchange of views with the Commission on the Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) aspects with respect to EU-UK relations

15:00-18:30

## Committee on Transport and Tourism

### Debates

- Exchange of views with Mustafa NAYYEM, Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Infrastructure
- Exchange of views with Kristian SCHMIDT, EU Coordinator for Road Safety (DG MOVE)
- Amending Directive 2010/40/EU on the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other modes of transport (2021/0419(COD)) - consideration of amendments - rapporteur: Rovana PLUMB (S&D, RO)

16:30-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

## Committee on Development

### Debates

- **Exchange of views on the situation in Ethiopia** - jointly with the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)
- **The humanitarian situation in Pakistan following the monsoon floods** - exchange of views with the European Commission

### Votes

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2023 - all sections - adoption of draft opinion - rapporteur: Antoni COMÍN I OLIVERES (NI, ES)

16:30-19:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

## Subcommittee on Human Rights

### Debates

- Human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter - annual report 2022 (2022/2049(INI)) - rapporteur: Isabel WISELER-LIMA (EPP, PT) consideration of draft report
- Exchange of views with Marcos A. ORELLANA, UN Special Rapporteur on toxics and human rights (17.00 – 17.45)

### Public hearing

- *In association with the Delegation for relations with the Federative Republic of Brazil (tbc): protecting indigenous peoples' rights in Brazil (see programme) (17.45 – 19.00)*
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## Tuesday 27 September 2022

### THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

#### The President's agenda

17.00 Meeting with the Executive Director of Europol, Ms Catherine De Bolle

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### PRESS CONFERENCES

12:30-13:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, A050

#### Women shoe makers in the EP

Miguel URBÁN CRESPO (The Left, ES)

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### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

08:00-09:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, A5G-2

#### Joint meeting of Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Security and Defence

##### Debate

- *jointly with the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) and in association with the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee (D-UA) jointly with the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) and in association with the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee (D-UA)*
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## Wednesday 28 September 2022

### THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

#### The President's agenda

11.00 Meeting with Mrs Yulia Navalnaya and Mr Leonid Volkov, Chief of Staff for Alexey Navalny and Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Foundation

13.30 Opening address at the European Research and Innovation Days

20.00 Keynote address at the Night of European Ideas, in Berlin

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## Thursday 29 September 2022

### THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

#### The President's agenda

10.00 European Parliament's Conference of Presidents

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### PRESS CONFERENCES

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

#### The march to Brussels – Rights! No deaths!

Miguel URBÁN CRESPO (The Left, ES)

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### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

#### Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

##### Debates

- European Union geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, and quality schemes for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/787 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 (2022/0089(COD)) - consideration of working document - rapporteur: Paolo DE CASTRO (S&D, IT)
  - School's scheme for fruit, vegetables, milk and dairy products foreseen by the Common Market Organisation Regulation (2021/2205(INI)) - consideration of draft report - rapporteur: Marc TARABELLA (S&D, BE) - *with a presentation by the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) on the mid-term review of the implementation of the EU school scheme for fruit, vegetables and milk products*
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## Friday 30 September 2022

### PRESS CONFERENCES

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

#### Pre-session briefing

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