The Week Ahead 12 – 18 October 2020

Committee and political groups meetings - Brussels

EU response to COVID-19/EU4Health. The Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee will vote on the proposed “EU4Health Programme”, which aims to promote health and make national health systems more resilient. Tabled amendments include measures to strengthen disease prevention, reduce health inequalities and support digitalisation in healthcare (Tuesday).

Economic policies of the euro area. Reacting to the Commission’s Spring Economic forecast and expectations of the deepest recession in EU history, the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will vote on a series of measures to be taken in the near future. Issues covered include bringing the Recovery Plan in line with the Green Deal, social rights and fundamental values, and reviewing the fiscal framework, the European Semester as well as the Monetary Union (Thursday).

Rule of Law. The first informal legislative negotiations between Parliament, Council and Commission on the rule of law conditionality regulation, which may lead to member states having their EU funding suspended or cut if they do not respect fundamental rights, will take place on Monday.

Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2020. The Foreign Affairs and Development committees will vote on a shortlist of three finalists for the 2020 Sakharov Prize. Nominations are: the democratic opposition in Belarus led by Sviatlana Tsikhanouska, the Archbishop of Mosul Mgr Najeeb Moussa Michael, Guapinol activists and Berta Cáceres in Honduras as well as a group of Polish LGBTI activists (Monday).

Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism. The new annual Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism, rewarding outstanding journalism centred on the EU’s principles and values, will be launched on 16 October, the date that Daphne Caruana Galizia, the Maltese anti-corruption investigative journalist and blogger, was killed in a car bomb attack.

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 19-23 October plenary session, where MEPs will vote on the reform of the EU’s common agricultural policy, on digital services, on artificial intelligence, on relations with Belarus, on ways to halt and reverse global deforestation and on policies for the Euro area 2020. They will also debate the Commission’s work programme for 2021, redundancies of workers due to COVID-19 and comment on the results of the 15-16 October EU summit.

President’s diary. On Monday afternoon, President Sassoli will join a meeting, via video conference, with the Multiannual Financial Framework-Own Resources Contact Group on the ongoing inter-institutional talks, and have a video call with Italy’s Foreign Affairs Minister Luigi di Maio, on Tuesday. President Sassoli will have a video meeting with the Vice-President of the Spanish government Pablo Iglesias, on Wednesday. On Thursday, the EP President will have a conference call with Portugal’s Prime Minister António Costa, as well as address, remotely, the European Council.
EP Press service contacts
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2
Committee on Foreign Affairs
Debates
(9.05 – 10.45)
• Implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy - annual report, exchange of views - rapporteur David McALLISTER (EPP, DE)
• Report on the implementation of the EU Association Agreement with Ukraine (INI), exchange of views - rapporteur Michael GAHLER (EPP, DE)

13.45 15.45
• Exchange of views with the EEAS on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire
• Exchange of views with Mohammad SHTAYYEH, Prime Minister of Palestine

16:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2
Joint meeting: Development and Foreign Affairs committees
In cooperation with the Subcommittee on Human Rights
In camera
• Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2020: Vote on a shortlist of three candidates

14:30-15:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2
Committee on Budgets
• Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - EGF/2020/001 ES/Galicia shipbuilding ancillary sectors - Spain (BUD) Rapporteur: Valérie HAYER (Renew, FR) - Adoption

13:45-15:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
• Public hearing on "Prospects and perils for the environment, public health and food safety in the future EU-UK relationship" (13.45-15.40) - draft programme is available here.

Votes
The voting session will be opened at 15:45 and will be closed at 17:45.
All Members taking part in the vote (either present in the committee meeting room or via remote participation) will vote via application iVote.
• Establishment of a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health –for the period 2021-2027 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 ("EU4Health Programme") (COD), adoption of amendments - rapporteur:Cristian-Silviu BUŞOI (EPP, RO)
• Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility (COD), adoption of amendments - rapporteur for the opinion Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR)

The final vote on the draft report and on the draft opinion will take place in writing on 13 October from 10:00 to 11:00. It will be launched per mail.

10:00-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Debates

• Update of SES 2+ legislation, Presentation by Adina-Ioana VĂLEAN, European Commissioner for Transport

Votes

• European Year of Rail (2021) - Adoption of draft report, vote on the decision to start interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Anna DEPARNAAY-GRUNENBERG (Greens/EFA, DE)
• Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility - Adoption of the draft opinion - Rapporteur: Roberts ZĪLE (ECR, LV)
• A new strategy for European SMEs - Adoption of the draft opinion - Rapporteur: João Ferreira (GUE/NGL, PT)

13:45-18:15 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Committee on Fisheries

Voting will be opened from 13.45 to 14.45.

All Members taking part in the vote either present in committee meeting room or via remote participation will vote by e-mail using printed ballot papers-voting lists.

• Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards the introduction of capacity limits for Eastern Baltic cod, data collection and control measures in the Baltic Sea, and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards permanent cessation for fleets fishing for Eastern Baltic cod (COD), vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations - rapporteur Niclas HERBST (EPP, DE)
• Agreement between the European Union and the government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications, adoption of draft opinion - rapporteur Nuno MELO (EPP, PT) (16.45)

Debates

• Implementation of the current EU fisheries control system by Member States (2014-19) - presentation by the Policy Department B
• Brexit Adjustment Reserve - exchange of views with Commission representatives (16.45)

13:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q1

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Vote

• Amendments to the Rules of Procedure in order to ensure the functioning of Parliament in extraordinary circumstances (REG), adoption of draft decision - rapporteur Gabriele BISCHOFF (S&D, DE)
**10:30-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

**Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**

- Workshop on "Women's access to abortion care in the EU" organised by the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs (10.35-11.35). Draft programme is available here.

**10:30-12:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

**Special Committee on Beating Cancer**

**Debate**

- Exchange of views on preventing and beating cancer in the EU with rapporteur Véronique TRILLET-LENOIR (Renew, FR)
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
14:30 Video Conference of MFF-OR contact group
16:30 Video call with the Foreign Affairs Minister of Italy, Mr Luigi di Maio

PRESS CONFERENCES

14:30-15:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
“COVID-19: Financing recovery of EU farmers”
Paolo DE CASTRO (S&D, IT), rapporteur
Wednesday 14/10/2020

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
10:30 Video conference with the vice-president of the Spanish government, Mr Pablo Iglesias

PRESS CONFERENCES

17:00-17:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
“Batteries – a European success story”
Ismail ERTUG (S&D, DE), and Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ, Vice-President of the European Commission
Thursday 15/10/2020

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President’s agenda
09:00 Conference call with the Prime Minister of Portugal, Mr António Costa

10:00 Conference of Presidents (remote)

15:00 European Council (remote)

PRESS CONFERENCES

10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
“A new EU-Africa partnership: The S&D's way in view of the next EU-African Union Summit”
Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, (ES), S&D Presidente, Udo BULLMANN (S&D, DE), and Simona BONAFÉ (S&D, IT)

11:30-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050
"Brexit and the Irish peace process ahead of EU Summit“
Martin SCHIRDEWAN (DE), GUE/NGL Co-President, and Mary Lou McDONALD

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G2
Subcommittee on Security and Defence
Debate
• Implementation of the Common Security and Defence Policy - annual report 2019 (INI), consideration of draft report - rapporteur: Sven MIKSER (S&D, EE)

09:00-11:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1
Committee on Budgets
• Exchange of views on the European External Action Service building policy
• MFF, Own resources and Recovery plan: state-of-play of negotiations - Exchange of views - Feedback from the Negotiating team

13:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1
Committee on Budgetary Control
• Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility - (COD) - Rapporteur for the opinion: Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE) Adoption of draft opinion
• Investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as regards cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the effectiveness of OLAF investigations (COD) - Rapporteur: Marian-Jean MARINESCU (EPP, RO) - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations

• ECA Special Report 12/2020 (Discharge 2019) : The European Investment Advisory Hub — Launched to boost investment in the EU, the Hub’s impact remains limited - Rapporteur: Maria GRAPINI (S&D, RO) Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Annemie TURTELBOOM

• ECA Special Report 09/2020 (Discharge 2019): The EU core road network: shorter travel times but network not yet fully functional - Rapporteur: Marian-Jean MARINESCU (EPP, RO) Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Ladislav BALKO

• ECA Special Report 11/2020 (Discharge 2019): Energy efficiency in buildings: greater focus on cost-effectiveness still needed - Rapporteur: Lefteris CHRISTOFOROU (EPP, CY) - Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, João FIGUEIREDO

16.45 – 16.50
Chair’s announcements: results of the votes from the first voting session

*** Opening of remote voting procedure: second voting session***

• ECA Special Report 04/2020 (Discharge 2019): Using new imaging technologies to monitor the Common Agricultural Policy: steady progress overall, but slower for climate and environment monitoring - Rapporteur: Luke Ming FLANAGAN (GUE/NGL, IE) - Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Nikolaos MILIONIS

• ECA Special Report 13/2020 (Discharge 2019) : Biodiversity on farmland: CAP contribution has not halted the decline - Rapporteur: Viola Von CRAMON-TAUBADEL (Greens/EFA, DE) - Presentation of the special report by the reporting ECA Member, Viorel ŠTEFAN

• ECA Special Report 7/2020 (Discharge 2019): Implementing Cohesion policy: comparatively low costs, but insufficient information to assess simplification savings Rapporteur: Viola Von CRAMON-TAUBADEL (Greens/EFA, DE) - Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Pietro RUSSO

13:45-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2
Committee on Regional Development
• Presentation by Isabelle BOUDINEAU, president, Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER), European Committee of the Regions

• Reporting back to committee on the negotiations for Common Provisions Regulation, European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund, Interreg, REACT-EU and Just Transition Fund"

09:00-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2 / 6Q2
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
• Hearing on European Citizens' Initiative: “Minority Safepack” JAN 4Q2 (Remote participation) (09.00-13.00) draft programme will be available here.
Organised by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and Committee on Culture and Education in association with the Committee on Petitions

Room change: JAN (6Q2) and per videoconference (16.45-18.45)

Debates

- The impact of Covid-19 measures on democracy, fundamental rights and rule of law (RSP), consideration of a draft motion for a resolution - rapporteur Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) (16.50 – 17.20)
- Common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (recast) (COD), consideration of amendments - rapporteur Tineke STRIK (Greens/EFA, NL) (17.20 – 18.00)

Joint debate

- EU information systems for ETIAS purposes and other EU information systems - establishing the conditions for accessing (COD) - consideration of amendments - two draft reports by rapporteur Jeroen LENAERS (EPP, NL) (18.00 – 18.30)
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
10:00     Video speech at the World Food Day

11:00     Speech in the Exhibiton "Femmes" in the Parlamentarium for the
          commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (TBC)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-11:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1
Joint meeting: Committee on Foreign Affairs / Subcommittee on Human
Rights
In association with the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and the
Delegation for relations with Belarus

• Exchange of views on the fight against impunity in Belarus following the
  presidential elections of 9 August 2020