The Week Ahead 21 – 27 October 2019

Plenary session, Strasbourg

**EU Summit.** MEPs will take stock of the outcome of the 17-18 October meeting of EU heads of state or government in a debate with Council President Donald Tusk and Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker. The summit focussed on Brexit, negotiations for a long-term EU budget, strategic priorities for the next five years, climate change, enlargement and foreign affairs (**Tuesday**).

**Juncker Commission.** In a debate with Jean-Claude Juncker on Tuesday morning, MEPs will take stock of the work done by the outgoing Commission during its five-year mandate.

**Turkey/ Syria.** MEPs will discuss the Turkish military operation in north-east Syria and how the EU should react on Wednesday morning, with a resolution to be put to the vote on Thursday.

**Albania and North Macedonia’s EU Accession.** MEPs will debate with Council and Commission on whether to open accession talks with the two Western Balkan countries. Parliament has, in previous resolutions, expressed its strong support to start negotiations with both countries (**Wednesday**).

**EU budget 2020.** Parliament will adopt its position on next year’s EU budget, focussing on climate change, youth unemployment, Erasmus, migration and external policies (**debate Tuesday, vote Wednesday**).

**Multinationals/Taxes.** MEPs will discuss stalled legislation obliging multinationals to disclose what taxes they pay in each country and vote on a resolution, which is likely to call on EU ministers to adopt a position to start negotiations on the new law (**debate Tuesday, vote Thursday**).

**Brexit/EU funds.** MEPs are set to approve changes to the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund to include support for workers who would lose their jobs due to a no-deal Brexit. They are also expected to endorse a measure to make sure that UK researchers, students and farmers would continue to get EU support in the event of a no-deal Brexit until the end of 2020 (**Tuesday**).

**Sakharov Prize.** Following a decision by Parliament’s Conference of Presidents, EP President Sassoli will announce the winner of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2019. The award ceremony will take place on 18 December in Strasbourg (**Thursday**).

**President’s Diary.** EP President David Sassoli will meet Klaus-Heiner Lehne, President of European Court of Auditors, on Tuesday, George Tsereteli, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE on Wednesday and the Speaker of Northern Macedonian Parliament Talat Xhaferi on Thursday.

**Pre-session press briefing.** The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing with political groups’ spokespersons at 16:00 on Monday in the Daphne Caruana Galizia Press conference room, Strasbourg.
EP Press service contacts
PLENARY SESSION

17:00 - 21:00  Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business

- Effects of the bankruptcy of Thomas Cook Group
  [2019/2854(RSP)]

- The danger of violent right-wing extremism (in the light of the recent events in Halle, Germany)
  [2019/2885(RSP)]

- One-minute speeches (Rule 172)

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
18:00  Conference of Presidents

PRESS CONFERENCES

16:00-16:30  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2
Pre-session briefing

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

19:30-19:45  Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.4
Joint meeting:  Economic and Monetary Affairs &  Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committees
Votes

- Establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Bas EICKHOUT (Greens/EFA, NL), Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI)

19:00-20:00  Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200
Committee on Regional Development
Votes
Financial assistance to Member States to cover serious financial burden inflicted on them following a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union without an agreement (COD) - adoption of draft report by Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL, FR)

19:00-21:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Votes (19.00-19.30)
- Election of the third Vice-Chair
- Search and rescue in the Mediterranean (SAR) (RSP), rapporteur Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) - adoption of motion for a resolution

Debate (19.30-20.30)
- Exchange of views with Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 12:20  Debates

- Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 17 and 18 October 2019
  [2019/2721(RSP)]

- Review of the Juncker Commission
  [2019/2831(RSP)]

12:30 - 14:30  VOTES

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  [2019/0180(COD)]
  Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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- Fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters
  [2019/0187(COD)]
  Committee on Fisheries

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- Implementation and financing of the EU general budget in 2020 in relation to the UK's withdrawal from the EU
  Report: Johan Van Overtveldt (A9-0018/2019)
  [2019/0186(APP)]
  Committee on Budgets

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  Report: Karima Delli
  [2019/0179(COD)]
  Committee on Transport and Tourism
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
15:00 Meeting with Commissioner Moscovici
16:00 Meeting with Mr Lehne, President of European Court of Auditors
18:00 Meeting with Alessandro Mahmood and Maiorino
18:30 ITW, La Bussola, Rainews24 LIVE, Lobby set

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

10:50-11:10 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*  
**RE Briefing**  
Dacian CIOLOȘ (RO), chair

11:10-11:30 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*  
**EPP Briefing**  
Manfred WEBER (DE), chair

11:30-11:50 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*  
**GUE/NGL Briefing**  
Manon AUBRY (FR), and Martin SCHIRDEWAN (DE), co-chairs
PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50  Debates

•  The Turkish military operation in northeast Syria and its consequences
  [2019/2886(RSP)]

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

•  Draft general budget of the European Union for 2020 - all sections

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  [2019/2028(BUD)]
  Committee on Budgets

•  Discharge 2017: European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
  [2018/2208(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

•  Discharge 2017: EU general budget - European Council and Council
  [2018/2168(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

15:00 - 23:00  Debates

•  Climate and ecological emergency
  [2019/2887(RSP)]

•  Presentation of the Court of Auditors' annual report - 2018
  [2019/2802(RSP)]
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
14:45       LEX signing
17:00       Meeting with Mr Tsereteli, President of the OSCE

PRESS CONFERENCES

15:00-15:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2
“Political situation in Spain“
François ALFONSI (Greens/EFA, FR)
PLENARY SESSION

10:00 - 11:50  Debates

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

- Uganda, notably the proposed bill to impose capital punishment of homosexual acts
  [2019/2879(RSP)]

- Egypt
  [2019/2880(RSP)]

- The proposed new Criminal Code of Indonesia
  [2019/2881(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)

***I  Financial assistance to Member States to cover serious financial burden inflicted on them following a UK's withdrawal from the EU without an agreement

  Report: Younous Omarjee
  [2019/0183(COD)]

  Committee on Regional Development

- Objection pursuant to Rule 112: partially granting an authorisation for a use of chromium trioxide (Cromomed S.A. and others)
  [2019/2844(RSP)]

- Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Assessment of the impact of plant protection products on honeybees
  [2019/2776(RPS)]
• Effects of the bankruptcy of Thomas Cook Group
[2019/2854(RSP)]

• State of play of the disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches - public country-by-country reporting
[2019/2882(RSP)]

• The Turkish military operation in northeast Syria and its consequences
[2019/2886(RSP)]

• Search and rescue in the Mediterranean
  Report: (O-000025/2019, O-000024/2019)
[2019/2755(RSP)]

15:00 - 16:00  Debates

• Appointment of EBA Executive Director Farkas as AFME Chief Executive
  Report: (O-000031/2019)
[2019/2888(RSP)]

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
09:00  Meeting with Speaker of Northern Macedonian Parliament Talat Xhaferi
10:00  Conference of Presidents
Friday 25/10/2019

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
09:30 Presentation "Reports on Italians in the World" - Migrantes Foundation (Rome)