

The Week Ahead 17 – 23 January 2022

Plenary Session

Memorial ceremony for David Sassoli. On *Monday* from 18.00, a ceremony will be held to honour the memory of Parliament's President David Sassoli, who passed away on 11 January. Former MEP and Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta, European Council President Charles Michel, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, French President Emmanuel Macron, and political group leaders will speak during the ceremony.

Election of EP President and Bureau. MEPs will choose Parliament's next President on *Tuesday* through remote voting. An absolute majority of votes, cast by secret vote, i.e. 50% plus one, is needed to be elected. MEPs will then elect the 14 Vice-Presidents and five Quaestors who, together with the President, comprise Parliament's Bureau. Appointments to parliamentary committees for the rest of this legislative term will also be confirmed during the session. (*Tuesday - Wednesday*)

Emmanuel Macron/French EU Presidency. On *Wednesday* at 11.30, MEPs will discuss with French President Emmanuel Macron the political strategy and aims of France's six-month Presidency of the Council of the EU. The French Presidency's motto is "Recovery, Strength and a Sense of Belonging".

Debate on EU December summit. On *Wednesday* afternoon, MEPs will discuss with European Council President Charles Michel and the Commission the outcome of the 16 December summit, which focussed on COVID-19, rising energy prices, security and defence issues and external relations.

Digital Services Act. Parliament will vote on its position on the Digital Services Act, which aims to create a safer digital space in which users' rights are protected, including through rules to tackle illegal products, services or content online. It would also enhance the accountability and transparency of algorithms, and deal with content moderation. (*debate Wednesday, vote Thursday*)

European Medicines Agency. MEPs are expected to endorse the provisional agreement on increasing the powers of the European Medicines Agency. The objective is to ensure that the EU will be better equipped to manage future health crises by tackling shortages of medicines and medical devices more effectively. (*Wednesday*)

Protecting animals better during transport. On *Thursday*, MEPs will debate and vote on how to improve animal welfare during transport, control live animal exports more effectively and limit the transport of young animals.

Ukraine/Russia. The Foreign Affairs Committee and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence will discuss with EU Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell the ongoing crisis in Eastern Ukraine and along the Russia-Ukraine border. (*Monday*)

Conference on the Future of Europe. Following the conclusion of the work of two of the four European Citizens' Panels, the Conference Plenary will now discuss the 90 recommendations in Strasbourg. Debates will cover "European democracy / Values and rights, rule of law, security" and "Climate change, environment / Health". (*Friday to Saturday*)

Last-minute briefing. On Monday at 16.30, Parliament's Spokesperson will hold a press briefing on the plenary session, which starts at 18:00.

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PLENARY SESSION

Monday 17 January 2022

18:00 - 20:00 **Debates**

Memorial ceremony for President David Maria Sassoli

Announcement of the candidates for election to the office of the President

Tuesday 18 January 2022

09:00 - 09:20 **Debates**

Short presentation by the candidates for election to the office of the President

09:30 - 10:15 **VOTES**

Election of the President of Parliament
[2021/3047(RSO)]

11:00 **Announcement of results**

15:00 - 15:45 **VOTES**

Election of the Vice-Presidents of Parliament
[2021/3045(RSO)]

16:30 **Announcement of results**

17:30 - 18:15 **VOTES**

Election of the Vice-Presidents of Parliament

19:00 **Announcement of results**

19:30 - 20:15 **VOTES**

Election of the Vice-Presidents of Parliament

21:00 **Announcement of results**

Wednesday 19 January 2022

09:00 - 09:45 **VOTES**

Election of the Quaestors of Parliament

[2021/3046(RSO)]

11:00 **Announcement of results**

11:30 **Order of business**

11:30 - 14:00 **Debate**

Presentation of the programme of activities of the French Presidency

[2021/3022(RSP)]

14:30 - 15:15 **VOTES**

Election of the Quaestors of Parliament

15:00 - 23:30 **Debates**

Digital Services Act

Report: Christel Schaldemose (A9-0356/2021)

[2020/0361(COD)]

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

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

Violations of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong

[2022/2503(RSP)]

Situation in Kazakhstan

[2022/2505(RSP)]

Political crisis in Sudan

[2022/2504(RSP)]

16:00 **Announcement of results**

18:00 - 19:15 **Voting session**

Remark: Votes will be distributed along the different voting sessions depending on the number of amendments

Proposal for a decision

Numerical strength of the standing committees
[2021/3026(RSO)]

Single votes

Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Jan Gregor
Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0002/2022)

[2021/0802(NLE)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Marek Opióła
Report: Claudiu Manda (A9-0004/2022)

[2021/0803(NLE)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Mihails Kozlovs
Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0003/2022)

[2021/0804(NLE)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Jorg Kristijan Petrovič
Report: Olivier Chastel (A9-0005/2022)

[2021/0805(NLE)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

Provisional agreement

European Medicines Agency

Report: Nicolás González Casares (A9-0216/2021)

[2020/0321(COD)]

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Single votes

Objection pursuant to Rule 111(3): Determining cases where identity data may be considered as same or similar for the purpose of the multiple identity detection pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/817

[2021/2913(DEA)]

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[2021/2912(DEA)]

Vote on amendments

Digital Services Act

Thursday 20 January 2022

09:00 **Announcement of results**

09:00 - 13:30 **Debates**

Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights in the European Union
[2022/2508(RSP)]

Joint debate - Animal transport

Protection of animals during transport

Report: Daniel Buda, Isabel Carvalhais (A9-0350/2021)

[2020/2269(INI)]

Committee of Inquiry on the Protection of Animals during Transport

Protection of animals during transport (Recommendation)

[2021/2736(RSP)]

Possibly, announcement of the appointments to committees

09:45 - 11:00 **First voting session**

Vote on amendments

Motions for resolutions - Violations of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong

Motions for resolutions - Situation in Kazakhstan

Motions for resolutions - Political crisis in Sudan

Protection of animals during transport (Recommendation)

13:00 **Announcement of results**

13:45 - 15:00 **Second voting session**

Final votes

Violations of fundamental freedoms in Hong Kong
[2022/2503(RSP)]

Situation in Kazakhstan
[2022/2505(RSP)]

Political crisis in Sudan
[2022/2504(RSP)]

Digital Services Act
Report: Christel Schaldemose (A9-0356/2021)
[2020/0361(COD)]

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Protection of animals during transport (Recommendation)
[2021/2736(RSP)]

15:00 - 16:00 **Debate**

Empowering European Youth: post-pandemic employment and social recovery
Report: (O-000075/2021, O-000077/2021)
[2021/2952(RSP)]

16:00 **Announcement of results**

PRESS CONFERENCES

Last minute session briefing

Monday 17 January 2022 16:30-17:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1

Briefing Greens/EFA

Tuesday 18 January 2022 10:30-10:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1

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

Briefing The Left

Tuesday 18 January 2022 11:00-11:20 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1

Manon **AUBRY** (FR), and Martin **SCHIRDEWAN** (DE), Co-Presidents

Briefing EPP

Tuesday 18 January 2022 11:30-11:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1

Manfred **WEBER** (DE), President

Briefing Renew Europe

Tuesday 18 January 2022 12:00-12:20 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1

Stéphane **SÉJOURNÉ** (FR), President

Briefing S&D

Tuesday 18 January 2022 14:30-14:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1

Iratxe **GARCÍAPÉREZ**, (ES), President

The French Presidency of the Council of the EU

Wednesday 19 January 2022 09:30-10:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1

David **CORMAND** (Greens/EFA,FR), Michèle **RIVASI** (Greens/EFA,FR) and Karima **DELLI** (Greens/EFA,FR)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Extraordinary joint meeting of Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Monday 17 January 2022 20:00-21:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N 1.3

Debate

- Exchange of views with Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative/Vice-President of the European Commission on the security architecture of Europe in the light of the ongoing crisis in Eastern Ukraine and along the Russia-Ukraine border