

The Week Ahead 29 January – 04 February 2024

Committee and political groups' meetings

Child Sexual Abuse online. Current derogations from EU e-privacy rules, which allow companies to voluntarily detect child sexual abuse material and remove it, will expire in August 2024. As the passage of new permanent rules before August is uncertain without a Council mandate to negotiate on it, the Civil Liberties Committee will vote on a temporary extension of the derogations (*Wednesday*).

Anti-Money Laundering Agency host city. In a public hearing organised by Parliament and Council, nine candidate cities bidding to host the future Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism Authority (AMLA) will present their proposals and answer questions. The seat will be determined for the first time by a joint vote of Parliament and Council later in spring. The cities applying are: Rome, Vienna, Vilnius, Riga, Frankfurt, Dublin, Madrid, Paris and Brussels. (*Tuesday*).

Priorities of the Belgium Presidency. Belgium's ministers will continue presenting their priorities in meetings with parliamentary committees, this time in the fields of Home Affairs, migration, health, and food safety). Belgium holds the rotating Presidency of the Council until the end of June 2024 (*Monday*).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 5 - 8 February plenary session, where MEPs will assess the results of the 1 February Special EU summit with Presidents Michel and von der Leyen, which will focus on the review of the EU's long-term budget and on aid for Ukraine. They will also debate Russia's war against Ukraine two years after the invasion and Europe's continuous support for the country, debate and vote on their position for talks with Council on a new law on plants obtained by new genomic techniques, and debate and take a final vote on instant payments in euro. MEPs will also vote on resolutions on the situation in Serbia following the elections, on the rule of law and media freedom in Greece and will debate the future of Europe with Romania's President Klaus Iohannis as part of the "This is Europe" debate series.

Pre-session press briefing. The EP's 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).

President's diary. EP President Metsola will be in Rome on Monday, where she will address the Vertice international summit "Italy – Africa. A bridge for common growth". On Tuesday she will be in Denmark for an official visit, where she will meet the Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Søren Gade, and participate in a Town Hall discussion with young people. Back in Brussels on Wednesday, she will attend a ceremony in honour of former European Commission President Jacques Delors, before addressing the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the European Union, during a New Year's Reception. On Thursday at 10.00, she will address heads of state or government at the special European Council, followed by a press conference at around 11.00.

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Monday 29 January 2024

Rome, Italy

11:00 President Metsola addresses the Vertice internazionale “Italia – Africa. Un ponte per una crescita comune”

The President's diary

Tuesday 30 January 2024

President Metsola's official visit to Copenhagen, Denmark

09:15 President Metsola meets the Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Søren Gade

11:00 President Metsola participates in a Town Hall discussion with young people in Denmark

The President's diary

Wednesday 31 January 2024

15:15 President Metsola meets the Prime Minister of Ireland, Leo Varadkar

16:00 President Metsola presides over the Conference of Presidents meeting

17:00 President Metsola attends a ceremony in honour of former European Commission President Jacques Delors

18:30 President Metsola addresses the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the European Union, during a New Year Reception

The President's diary

Thursday 01 February 2024

08:30 President Metsola participates in the EPP Summit

10:00 President Metsola participates in the European Council, followed by a press conference

PRESS CONFERENCES

Ceasefire calls with Palestinian journalist in hunger strike Omar Kreem

Tuesday 30 January 2024 11:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

Ana **MIRANDA** (Greens/EFA, ES)

The Situation of rule of law in Spain

Wednesday 31 January 2024 10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

Adrián **VÁZQUEZ LÁZARA** (Renew, ES)

Current topics on the European agenda

Wednesday 31 January 2024 11:30-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

Ryszard Antoni **LEGUTKO** (ECR, PL), ECR Co-Chair

Pre-session briefing

Friday 02 February 2024 11:00-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Monday 29 January 2024 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Jòzsef Antall, 2Q2

Debates

- Ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (recast) (2022/0347(COD)) — Rapporteur: Javi LÓPEZ (S&D, ES) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Urban wastewater treatment (recast) (2022/0345(COD)) — Rapporteur: Nils TORVALDS (Renew, FI) — Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3))
- Exchange of views with Mr Frank VANDENBROUCKE, Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, Belgian Council Presidency — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme
- Exchange of views with Mr David CLARINVAL, Belgian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Middle Class, SMEs, Self-employed, Agriculture, Social Integration and Urban Policy, Belgian Council Presidency — Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme
- Exchange of views with the Commission on Progress towards the climate targets of 2030 and 2050
 - EU Climate Action Progress Report 2023
 - EU wide assessment of the draft updated National Energy and Climate Plans An important step towards the more ambitious 2030 energy and climate objectives under the European Green Deal and RePowerEU

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Monday 29 January 2024 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Jòzsef Antall, 4Q2

Debates

- Common procedure for international protection in the Union - reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3)) - rapporteur: Fabienne KELLER (Renew, FR)
- Addressing situations of crisis and force majeure in the field of migration and asylum - reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3)) - rapporteur: Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES)
- Introducing a screening of third country nationals at the external borders and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240 and (EU) 2019/817 - reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3)) - rapporteur: Birgit SIPPEL (S&D, DE)
- Amending Regulation (EU) 2019/816 establishing a centralised system for the identification of Member States holding conviction information on third-country nationals and stateless persons (ECRIS-TCN) to supplement the European Criminal Records Information System and Regulation (EU) 2019/818 on establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems in the field of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration and amending Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) 2018/1862 and (EU) 2019/816 for the purpose of introducing a screening of third country nationals at the external borders - reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3)) - rapporteur: Birgit SIPPEL (S&D, DE)
- Asylum and migration management and amending Council Directive (EC) 2003/109 and the proposed Regulation (EU) XXX/XXX [Asylum and Migration Fund] - reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 74(3)) - rapporteur: Tomás TOBÉ (EPP,

SE)

- Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, 2024 - exchange of views with Annelies Verlinden, Minister of the Interior, Institutional Reform and Democratic Renewal - exchange of views with Nicole de Moor, State Secretary for Asylum and Migration, added to the Minister of Home Affairs, Institutional Reform and Democratic Renewal
- Mission Report following LIBE delegation to Lampedusa, Italy, 19-22 June 2023 - presentation of report on the outcome of the mission

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 29 January 2024 18:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Votes

- Amending Directive 2009/138/EC as regards proportionality, quality of supervision, reporting, long-term guarantee measures, macro-prudential tools, sustainability risks, group and cross-border supervision (2021/0295(COD)) - rapporteur: Markus FERBER (EPP, DE) - vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations
- Establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of insurance and reinsurance undertakings and amending Directives 2002/47/EC, 2004/25/EC, 2009/138/EC, (EU) 2017/1132 and Regulations (EU) No 1094/2010 and (EU) No 648/2012 (2021/0296(COD)) - rapporteur: Markus FERBER (EPP, DE) - vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations
- Amending Regulations (EU) No 1092/2010, (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) No 1094/2010, (EU) No 1095/2010 and (EU) 2021/523 as regards certain reporting requirements in the fields of financial services and investment support (2023/0363(COD)) - rapporteur: Othmar KARAS (EPP, AT) - adoption of draft report / vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Wednesday 31 January 2024 13:00-13:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001

Votes

- Amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse (2023/0452(COD)) — Rapporteur: Birgit SIPPEL (S&D, DE) — Adoption of draft report — Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations
- Combating corruption, replacing Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA and the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union and amending Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2023/0135(COD)) — Rapporteur: Ramona STRUGARIU (Renew, RO) — Adoption of draft report — Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations
- Report on the ongoing negotiations on a status agreement on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) in Senegal (2023/2086(INI)) — Rapporteur: Cornelia ERNST (The Left, DE) — Adoption of draft report

Subcommittee on Public Health

Thursday 01 February 2024 09:00-11:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Debates

- Exchange of views with Robb Butler, Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases, Environment and Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Exchange of views with Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Committee on Budgetary Control

Thursday 01 February 2024 09:30-13:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Debates

- Consideration of draft discharge reports 2022 — Rapporteur: Petri SARVAMAA (EPP)
 - Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union Agencies for the financial year 2022: performance, financial management and control (2023/2182(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for Asylum (2023/2164(DEC))
 - European Union Aviation Safety Agency (2023/2145(DEC))
 - European Banking Authority (2023/2146(DEC))
 - Agency for Support for BEREC (BEREC Office) (2023/2141(DEC))
 - European Border and Coast Guard Agency (2023/2172(DEC))
 - European Chemicals Agency (2023/2148(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) (2023/2140(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust) (2023/2168(DEC))
 - European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) (2023/2143(DEC))
 - European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (2023/2147(DEC))
 - ENISA (European Union Agency for Cybersecurity) (2023/2159(DEC))
 - European Environment Agency (2023/2149(DEC))
 - European Fisheries Control Agency (2023/2150(DEC))
 - European Food Safety Authority (2023/2151(DEC))
 - European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound) (2023/2167(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (2023/2171(DEC))
 - European Institute for Gender Equality (2023/2152(DEC))
 - European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) (2023/2154(DEC))
 - European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (2023/2153(DEC))
 - European Labour Authority (2023/2155(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) (2023/2169(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) (2023/2144(DEC))
 - European Maritime Safety Agency (2023/2158(DEC))
 - European Medicines Agency (2023/2156(DEC))
 - European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (2023/2157(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) (2023/2165(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for Railways (2023/2160(DEC))
 - European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) (2023/2166(DEC))
 - European Securities and Markets Authority (2023/2162(DEC))
 - European Union Agency for the Space Programme (2023/2170(DEC))
 - Euratom Supply Agency (2023/2161(DEC))
 - European Training Foundation (2023/2163(DEC))
 - Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (2023/2142(DEC))

- 2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - EDF (8th, 9th, 10th and 11th) (2023/2183(DEC)) — Rapporteur: Joachim KUHS (ID, DE) — Consideration of draft report
- 2022 discharge: General budget of the EU - Commission (2023/2129(DEC)) — Rapporteur: Isabel GARCÍA MUÑOZ (S&D, ES) — Consideration of draft report
- Europol report on European Financial and Economic Crime Threat Assessment 2023 (EFACTA) — Presentation of the report by Burkhard MÜHL, Head of European Financial and Economic Crime Centre