The Week Ahead 07 – 13 March 2022

Plenary session, Strasbourg

Russian invasion of Ukraine. In two debates, MEPs will discuss how to handle the increasing number of refugees fleeing from the war in Ukraine and look into the EU’s role in a changing world as well as Europe’s security situation in the wake of the Russian aggression against Ukraine. Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas will take part in this latter debate. A press conference by President Metsola and Ms Kallas is scheduled to follow the debate, at around 12.30. (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Fighting off foreign interference and disinformation. MEPs will vote on the final report by the Special Committee on Foreign Interference and Disinformation. They are set to say that a lack of EU measures and awareness allow malign foreign actors to interfere in EU democracy, and propose countermeasures such as sanctions or revoking the licenses of organisations that distribute foreign state propaganda. A press conference is scheduled for 14:30 on Tuesday. (debate Tuesday, vote Wednesday)

International Women’s Day. To mark International Women’s Day, Ukrainian writer Oksana Zaboujko will address MEPs during a solemn sitting, followed by debates on the EU’s Gender Action Plan and gender mainstreaming (Tuesday). On Monday, the EP Media Service will hold seminar for journalists on “Towards a better gender equality: Legislative work of the European Parliament”, with key MEPs. President Metsola will deliver the closing remarks.

Banning ‘Golden passports’. MEPs are set to call for a ban on ‘citizenship by investment’ and EU-wide rules for ‘residence by investment’ schemes, which would strictly limit the role of intermediaries. A press conference will take place on Wednesday morning. (debate Monday, vote results Wednesday)

Rule of law. Following last session’s debate, MEPs will vote on a resolution assessing the implications of the recent decision by the European Court of Justice to uphold the Rule of Law conditionality regulation and dismiss the appeals brought by Hungary and Poland. (vote Wednesday, results Thursday)

New EU rules for batteries. Parliament will debate and vote on new EU measures on the design, production and disposal of batteries, ahead of negotiations with EU governments. A press conference is scheduled for Wednesday at 14.00. (debate Wednesday, vote Thursday)
Setting up Special Committees and committee of inquiry. Parliament will vote on a second mandate of the Special Committee on Foreign Interference and Disinformation and decide whether to set up a special committee looking into the COVID-19 pandemic and a committee of inquiry on the Pegasus spyware affair. (Wednesday)

Conference on the Future of Europe. The fourth plenary of the Conference on the Future of Europe will take place in Strasbourg to discuss recommendations from two European Citizens’ Panels on: "EU in the world / migration" and "A stronger economy, social justice and jobs / Education, culture, youth and sport / Digital transformation" (Friday to Saturday).

President’s Diary. EP President Metsola will meet the Minister for EU Affairs of Czechia, Mikuláš Bek, before her opening address at the #EUwomen4future event. On Wednesday, President Metsola will have a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister of Estonia Kaja Kallas, before the latter’s address to plenary.

Last-minute briefing. On Monday at 16.30, Parliament’s Spokesperson will hold a press briefing on the plenary session, which starts at 17:00.

EP Press service contacts
PLENARY SESSION

Monday 07 March 2022

17:00 - 22:00  Debates

Resumption of session and order of business

Implementation of the 2021-2027 cohesion policy
Report:  (O-000002/2022)  
[2022/2527(RSP)]

Citizenship and residence by investment schemes
Report: Sophia in 't Veld (A9-0028/2022)  
[2021/2026(INL)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Shrinking space for civil society in Europe
Report: Anna Júlia Donáth (A9-0032/2022)  
[2021/2103(INI)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism
Report: Salima Yenbou (A9-0027/2022)  
[2021/2057(INI)]
Committee on Culture and Education

Short presentations of the following reports:

Cohesion policy: reducing healthcare disparities and enhancing cross-border health cooperation
Report: Tomislav Sokol (A9-0026/2022)  
[2021/2100(INI)]
Committee on Regional Development

Cohesion policy: promoting innovative and smart transformation and regional ICT connectivity
Report: Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro (A9-0010/2022)  
[2021/2101(INI)]
Committee on Regional Development

Engaging with citizens: the right to petition and refer to the European Ombudsman, the European Citizens’ Initiative

*Report: Marie-Pierre Vedrenne (A9-0018/2022)*

[2020/2275(INI)]

Committee on Petitions

One-minute speeches (Rule 172)

**Tuesday 08 March 2022**

09:00 - 11:50 **Debates**

Foreign interference in all democratic processes in the EU

*Report: Sandra Kalniete (A9-0022/2022)*

[2020/2268(INI)]

**Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation**

12:00 - 12:30 **Debates**

(International Women's Day Celebration Address by Oksana Zabuzhko, Ukrainian writer)

12:30 - 13:45 **Voting session**

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

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

The deterioration of the situation of refugees as a consequence of the Russian aggression against Ukraine

[2022/2575(RSP)]

The situation in Bosnia Herzegovina

[2022/2576(RSP)]

Rising energy prices and market manipulation on the gas market

*Report: (O-000007/2022)*
Gender mainstreaming in the European Parliament – annual report 2020

Report: Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield, Irène Tolleret (A9-0021/2022)

Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

EU Gender Action Plan III

Report: Chrysoula Zacharopoulou (A9-0025/2022)

Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality, Committee on Development

19:00 Announcement of results

Wednesday 09 March 2022

08:30 - 10:30 Debate

Joint debate - European Semester

European Semester for economic policy coordination: annual sustainable growth survey 2022

Report: Irene Tinagli (A9-0034/2022)

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

European Semester for economic policy coordination: employment and social aspects in the annual sustainable growth strategy survey 2022

Report: Helmut Geuking (A9-0040/2022)

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

10:30 - 12:30 Debate

Debate with the Prime Minister of Estonia, Kaja Kallas - The EU's role in a changing world and the security situation of Europe following the Russian aggression and invasion of Ukraine

12:30 - 13:45 First voting session
15:00 - 23:00  Debates

Batteries and waste batteries

*Report: Simona Bonafè (A9-0031/2022)*
[2020/0353(COD)]

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

General Union Environment Action Programme to 2030

*Report: Grace O'Sullivan (A9-0203/2021)*
[2020/0300(COD)]

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

A new EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post 2020

*Report: Marianne Vind (A9-0023/2022)*
[2021/2165(INI)]

*Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*

Fair and simple taxation supporting the recovery strategy

*Report: Luděk Niedermayer (A9-0024/2022)*
[2020/2254(INL)]

*Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs*

European Withholding Tax framework

*Report: Pedro Marques (A9-0011/2022)*
[2021/2097(INI)]

*Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs*

EU Citizenship Report 2020

*Report: Yana Toom (A9-0019/2022)*
[2021/2099(INI)]

*Committee on Petitions*

19:00  Announcement of results

20:00 - 21:15  Second voting session

**Thursday 10 March 2022**

09:00  Announcement of results

09:00 - 13:00  Debates (or after the announcement of results)
Transparency and administrative standards - the treatment of public access requests based on Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001
[2022/2578(RSP)]

The need for an ambitious EU Strategy for sustainable textiles
[2022/2539(RSP)]

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

The situation of journalists and human rights defenders in Mexico
[2022/2580(RSP)]

Myanmar, one year after the coup
[2022/2581(RSP)]

Destruction of cultural heritage in Nagorno-Karabakh
[2022/2582(RSP)]

09:45 - 11:00  First voting session
13:00  Announcement of results
13:45 - 15:00  Second voting session
15:00 - 16:00  Debate

A systematic EU approach to chronic kidney disease
[2022/2579(RSP)]

16:00  Announcement of results
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
Monday 07 March 2022
Plenary session - Strasbourg

16.15 Meeting with the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen

17.45 Closing address at the International Women’s Day Press Seminar “Towards a better gender equality”

18.30 European Parliament’s Bureau

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09.45 Meeting with the Minister for the EU Affairs of the Czech Republic Mikuláš Bek

11.00 Opening address at the #EUwomen4future Event

12.00 International Women’s Day Celebration

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Meeting with the Prime Minister of Estonia Kaja Kallas (timing TBC)
10.30 Debate with Prime Minister Kallas - The EU’s role in a changing world and the security situation of Europe following the Russian aggression and invasion of Ukraine - followed by a press conference

European Parliament’s Conference of Presidents (timing TBC)

The President’s agenda

Thursday 10 March 2022

12.30 Summit of the European People’s Party, in Paris
PRESS CONFERENCES

Last minute session briefing
Monday 07 March 2022 16:30-17:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201

Briefing S&D
Tuesday 08 March 2022 10:10-10:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ (S&D,ES), President

Briefing Greens/EFA
Tuesday 08 March 2022 10:30-10:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Ska KELLER (Greens/EFA,DE) and Philippe LAMBERTS (Greens/EFA, BE), Co-Presidents

Briefing The Left
Tuesday 08 March 2022 11:00-11:20 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Manon AUBRY (GUE/NGL,FR) and Martin SCHIRDEWAN (GUE/NGL,DE), Co-Presidents

Briefing EPP
Tuesday 08 March 2022 11:30-11:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201

Briefing Renew Europe
Tuesday 08 March 2022 13:00-13:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Stéphane SÉJOURNÉ (Renew,FR), President

Press conference on International Women’s Day: stepping up the fight against intimate partner violence and feminicide
Tuesday 08 March 2022 14:00-14:20 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Pina PICIERNO (S&D,IT), Luisa REGIMENTI (EPP,IT), Brando BENIFEI (S&D,IT)

Press conference on the report prepared by the Committee on Foreign Interference, including Disinformation
Tuesday 08 March 2022 14:30-15:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Sandra KALNIETE (EPP, LV) and INGE Chair Raphaël GLUCKSMANN (S&D, FR)

Press conference on the launching of the EPP Cohesion Monitoring Group
Tuesday 08 March 2022  18:00-18:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Andrey NOVAKOV (EPP,BG) Group Coordinator in REGI Committee, Siegfried MURESAN (EPP,RO), Group Vice-Chair

**Press conference on the citizenship and residence by investment schemes**

Wednesday 09 March 2022  09:30-10:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Sophie IN'T VELD (Renew, NL) Rapporteur

**Press conference on displaced populations in Ukraine - how to define our responsibility?**

Wednesday 09 March 2022  11:00-11:30
Gunnar BECK (ID, DE), Nicolaus FEST (ID, DE), Hélène LAPORTE (ID, FR), Philippe OLIVIER (ID, FR)

**Press conference by Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament, and Kaja Kallas, Prime Minister of Estonia**

Wednesday 09 March 2022  12:30-13:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201

**Press conference on batteries and waste batteries regulation, laying down a holistic set of rules to govern the entire product life cycle**

Wednesday 09 March 2022  14:00-14:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201
Simona BONAFÈ (S&D, IT), Rapporteur

Terry REINTKE(DE), Greens/EFA Vice-President and Viola VON CRAMON-TAUBADEL(Green/EFA,DE), Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Ukrainian Parliament, with Ukrainian MPs

Thursday 10 March 2022  10:30-11:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N -1/201
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Monday 07 March 2022 19:15-20:45 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.4

Debate

- Exchange of views with Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans on the effects of the war in Ukraine on climate policies and on the European Green Deal

Joint Committee on Budgets/Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 07 March 2022 19:45-21:45 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3

Debate

- Paolo Gentiloni, Commissioner for Economy
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Towards a better gender equality: Legislative work of the European Parliament

Monday 07 March 2022 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, S 1.5

On Monday 7 March at 16.15 CET in Strasbourg (WEISS building, room S1.5, and online), the EP Media Services Unit will hold seminar for journalists on “Towards a better gender equality: Legislative work of the European Parliament”. EP President Metsola will deliver the closing remarks. Participants will include Women’s Rights Committee Chair, Robert Biedroń, the rapporteurs for the Pay Transparency Directive, Samira Rafaela (Renew Europe, NL) and Kira Marie Peter-Hansen (Greens/EFA, DK), as well as external speakers.

For the full programme of the seminar, click here. If you are interested in participating in person or online in this press seminar, please send an email to media-seminars@europarl.europa.eu.