The Week Ahead 21 – 27 March 2022

Committee meetings, plenary session

Plenary session (23-24 March)

**War in Ukraine/Energy independence.** MEPs will debate with the Council and the Commission “The Power of the EU”, the joint European action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy. On 8 March, the Commission presented its strategy designed to make Europe independent from Russian fossil fuels well before 2030, starting with gas. It also includes measures to tackle the surge in energy prices and to replenish gas stocks for next winter. (*Thursday*)

**War in Ukraine/Ensuring Food Security.** The need for an urgent EU Action Plan to ensure food security inside and outside the EU in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine will be up for a debate with the Council and the Commission on Wednesday afternoon. A resolution will be put to the vote on *Thursday*.

**EU summits.** MEPs will assess the 10-11 March informal summit’s outcome in Versailles, where leaders decided on further measures in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. They will also outline their priorities for this week’s 24-25 March spring summit, which will again be dominated by the war in Ukraine. US President Joe Biden is set to participate. COVID-19 and economic recovery as well as the European Semester will also be on the agenda. (*Wednesday*)

**Roaming Charges.** Parliament will debate and vote on the deal reached with member states to renew the “Roam like at Home” scheme for another ten years, so that consumers can continue using their mobile phones when travelling in the EU with no additional fees on top of what they pay at home. The scheme abolishing mobile roaming surcharges was due to expire on 30 June 2022. (*debate Wednesday, vote Thursday*)

Committee meetings

**Artificial Intelligence.** Parliament’s Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age will wind up 18 months of work and vote on its final recommendations, establishing a 2030 AI Roadmap. Several hearings and workshops were organised during the committee's mandate to gather expertise on and insights into the various aspects of AI (*Tuesday*).
Ukraine Solidarity Days. From Monday to Thursday, Parliament is holding the “Ukraine Solidarity Days” to show its support for Ukraine's Verkhovna Rada. Different events will take place, including debates with Verkhovna Rada Speaker Ruslan Stefanchuk, Ambassador of Ukraine to the EU Vsevolod Chentsov, and 2017 Sakharov Prize Laureate Lorent Saleh.

Conference on the Future of Europe/Plenary. The fifth Plenary of Conference on the Future of Europe, taking place in Strasbourg, will meet to start work on its final proposals, which will be based on the recommendations from both national and European Citizens' Panels, the input gathered from the Multilingual Digital Platform and debates in the Conference Plenary and Working Groups (Friday and Saturday).

President’s Diary. On Monday, EP President Roberta Metsola will have a call with the Speaker of the Libyan House of Representatives Aguila Saleh Issa, and meetings with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi and Italy’s Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister Luigi Di Maio. President Metsola will be in Berlin on Tuesday to meet Germany’s President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Bundestag Speaker Bärbel Bas, Foreign Affairs Minister Annalena Baerbock and Chancellor Olaf Scholz, after which there will be a press point. On Thursday, she will meet the Chairman of Bosnia and Herzegovina’s Presidency Šefik Džaferović. In the afternoon, President Metsola will address Heads of State or Government at the European Council, followed by a press conference.

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PLENARY SESSION

Wednesday 23 March 2022
15:00 - 23:00  Debates

Resumption of session and order of business

Possibly, votes on requests for urgent procedure (rule 163)

Joint debate - European Council meetings

Debriefing of the European Council meeting in Paris on 10 March 2022
[2022/2570(RSP)]

Preparation of the European Council meeting 24-25 March 2022
[2022/2532(RSP)]

Need for an urgent EU action plan to ensure food security inside and outside the EU in light of the Russian invasion of Ukraine
[2022/2593(RSP)]

Pilot regime for market infrastructures based on distributed ledger technology
Report: Johan Van Overtveldt (A9-0240/2021)
[2020/0267(COD)]

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Roaming Regulation (recast)
Report: Angelika Winzig (A9-0286/2021)
[2021/0045(COD)]

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Suisse Secrets - How to implement anti-money laundering standards in third countries
[2022/2572(RSP)]

Macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Moldova
Report: Markéta Gregorová
[2021/0438(COD)]

Committee on International Trade
MFF 2021-2027: fight against oligarch structures, protection of EU funds from fraud and conflict of interest

Report: Petri Sarvamaa (A9-0039/2022)
[2020/2126(INI)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

One-minute speeches (Rule 172)

Thursday 24 March 2022

09:00 - 11:20  Debates

The Power of the EU – Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy
[2022/2589(RSP)]

Update from the Commission and Council on the state of play of the Energy Charter Treaty modernisation exercise

Report: (O-000008/2022, O-000009/2022)
[2022/2510(RSP)]

11:30 - 13:30  VOTES followed by explanations of votes

Announcement of the appointments to committees

Parliament's calendar of part-sessions - 2023
[2022/2591(RSO)]

Computerised system for the cross-border electronic exchange of data in the area of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters (e-CODEX system)

[2020/0345(COD)]

Committee on Legal Affairs, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Automated data exchange with regard to DNA data in Italy

Report: Juan Fernando López Aguilar
[2021/0806(CNS)]

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Italy
*Report: Juan Fernando López Aguilar*
[2021/0807(CNS)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in Italy
*Report: Juan Fernando López Aguilar*
[2021/0808(CNS)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in Greece
*Report: Juan Fernando López Aguilar*
[2021/0809(CNS)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

EU-Brazil Agreement on short-stay visa waiver for holders of ordinary passports
*Report: Paulo Rangel (A9-0029/2022)*
[2018/0084(NLE)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

EU-Brazil Agreement on short-stay visa waiver for holders of diplomatic, service or official passports
*Report: Paulo Rangel (A9-0030/2022)*
[2018/0086(NLE)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application
EGF/2021/007 FR/Selecta - France
*Report: Eider Gardiazabal Rubial*
[2022/0023(BUD)]
Committee on Budgets

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

Texts on which debate is closed
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 21 March 2022
11:00 Call with the Speaker of the Libyan House of Representatives Aguila Saleh Issa
14:00 Meeting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi
15:30 Meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy Luigi Di Maio

The President's agenda

Tuesday 22 March 2022
Official Visit to Berlin
13:00 Meeting with the Vice-President of the Bundestag Katrin Göring Eckardt
14:30 Meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock
15:30 Town Hall Event with European Movement Germany
17:00 Meeting with the Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz, followed by a Press Point

The President's agenda

Wednesday 23 March 2022
Plenary Session
15:00 Opening of the Plenary Session
17:00 Arrival of the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau, followed by a bilateral meeting
17:30 Plenary Session with the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau

The President's agenda
Thursday 24 March 2022

Plenary Session

12:30 Summit of the European People’s Party

14:45 Meeting with the Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Šefik Džaferović

15:45 Meeting with the Chancellor of Austria Karl Nehammer

16:30 Meeting with the President of the Government of Spain Pedro Sánchez

17.00 European Council

Press Conference at the European Council
PRESS CONFERENCES

Press conference on the Artificial Intelligence Act (Public Hearing)
Monday 21 March 2022 15:00-15:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, SPAAK 0A50
Brando BENIFEI (S&D, IT) and Dragoș TUDORACHE (Renew, RO), co-rapporteurs IMCO-LIBE

Plenary briefing by the Italian delegation of the EPP group
Tuesday 22 March 2022 15:15-15:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, SPAAK 0A50
Antonio TAJANI (EPP, IT)

Joint press point
Tuesday 22 March 2022 17:30-18:00
Roberta METSOLA, EP President and Olaf SCHOLZ, German Federal Chancellor, Berlin, Germany

Press conference on Parliament’s vote on Cohesion’s Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE)
Thursday 24 March 2022 13:00-13:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50
Younous OMARJEE (The Left, FR), Chair of Regional Development Committee and Elisa FERREIRA, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms

Press conference on the Digital Markets Act (DMA) – results of the trilogue
Friday 25 March 2022 10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50
Andreas SCHWAB (EPP, DE), rapporteur
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 21 March 2022 13:04-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Debate (14.10 – 14.45)

• Ensuring a global minimum level of taxation for multinational groups in the Union (2021/0433(CNS)) – consideration of draft report – rapporteur: Aurore LALUCQ (S&D, FR)

Public hearing (16.45 – 18.45)

• Solvency II

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Monday 21 March 2022 13:45-18:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50

Debates

• Exchange of views with Bujar OSMANI, Minister of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia (13.45 – 14.45)
• In association with the Delegation to the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly: Exchange of views with João VALE DE ALMEIDA, EU Ambassador to the United Kingdom (14.45 – 16.15)
• Presentation of the 2021 Annual Report of the European Endowment for Democracy (EED) by Jerzy POMIANOWSKI, Executive Director of the EED (17.45 – 18.45)

Committee on International Trade

Monday 21 March 2022 13:45-18:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Debates

• Joint debate: Feedback on the EU-Africa trade relations after the EU-AU Summit (17-18 February) – exchange of views with the Commission
• The future of EU-Africa trade relations (2021/2178(INI)) – consideration of draft report – rapporteur: Helmut SCHOLZ (The Left, DE)
• EU-India future trade and investment cooperation (2021/2177(INI)) – consideration of draft report – rapporteur: Geert BOURGOIS (ECR, BE)
• Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 (2022/0051(COD)) – presentation by the Commission
• Trade and investment aspects of the Global Gateway plan – exchange of views

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Monday 21 March 2022 13:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Debates (16.45 – 18.45)
• Exchange of views with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the situation in Ukraine (tbc)
• Implementation of the Updated New Industrial Strategy for Europe: aligning spending to policy (2022/2008(INI)) – consideration of draft report – rapporteur: Tom BERENDSEN (EPP, NL)

Joint meeting of Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Monday 21 March 2022 15:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Hearing

• Harmonised rules on Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act) and amending certain Union Legislative Acts (2021/0106(COD)) - rapporteurs: Brando BENIFEI (S&D, IT) Dragoș TUDORACHE (Renew, RO). Programme

Joint meeting of Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Tuesday 22 March 2022 08:00-10:00 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Debate

• Exchange of views with Mairead McGUINNESS, Commissioner for financial services, financial stability and Capital Markets Union on the complementary Taxonomy Delegated Act

Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age

Tuesday 22 March 2022 09:00-15:15 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Vote

• Report on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age (2020/2266(INI)) – adoption of amendments and final vote – rapporteur: Axel VOSS (EPP, DE)

Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

Tuesday 22 March 2022 09:00-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Debates

• Eurobarometer survey

• Combating violence against women and domestic violence (COD) - Presentation by the Commission

• Structured dialogue with Commissioner Helena DALLI

Votes
Voting will be open from 13:45 to 14:45

- Reaching women’s economic independence through entrepreneurship and self-employment (INI), adoption of draft report - Rapporteur Pernille WEISS (EPP, DK)

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Tuesday 22 March 2022 09:00-18:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C50

Public hearing (10.00 – 12.00)

- Strategic Partnership with the Gulf (draft programme)

Vote

- The EU and the security challenges in the Indo-Pacific (2021/2232(INI)) – adoption of draft report – rapporteur: David McAllister (EPP, DE)

Debates

- Exchange of views with Nicu POPESCU, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova (15.00 – 16.15)
- Jointly with the Committee on Development and the Delegation for relations with the Pan-African Parliament (DPAP) - meeting room: Altiero Spinelli 3G3: Exchange of views on the outcome of the EU-African Union Summit 2022 (16.45 – 18.15)

Committee on Development

Tuesday 22 March 2022 09:00-18:15 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3

Debates

- Inclusive and sustainable industrial development - Exchange of views with Gerd MÜLLER, UNIDO Director General
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Votes

- Better regulation: Joining forces to make better laws - adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Christian SAGARTZ (EPP, AT)
- The future of EU international investment policy - adoption of draft opinion - rapporteur: Benoit BITEAU (Greens/EFA, FR)
- Establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism - adoption of draft opinion - rapporteur: Evin INCIR (S&D, SV)

Committee on International Trade
Tuesday 22 March 2022 09:00-18:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Hearing

- Trade-related aspects of the Northern Ireland Protocol (programme)

Debates

- Indo-Pacific strategy in the area of trade and investment (2021/2200(INI)) – consideration of draft report – rapporteur: Jan ZAHRADIL (ECR, CS)
- The future of EU international investment policy (2021/2176(INI)) – consideration of amendments – rapporteur: Anna CAVAZZINI (Greens/EFA)
- Exchange of views on recent developments in the work of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council with Commission’s Executive Vice-Presidents Margrethe VESTAGER and Valdis Dombrovskis (13.45 – 15.45)
- Review of the 15-Point Action Plan on Trade and Sustainable Development Chapters – Exchange of views with the Comission on the review of the non-paper on improving the implementation and enforcement of Trade and Sustainable Development Chapters in EU Free Trade Agreements (16.45 – 18.45)

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Tuesday 22 March 2022 09:00-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Debates

- Establishing a carbon border adjustment mechanism (2021/0214(COD)) – consideration of amendments – rapporteur: Mohammed CHAHIM (S&D, NL)
- Exchange of views with Dr Andrea AMMON, Director of European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) (13.45 – 16.15)
- Exchange of views with the Commission on the Communication "REPowerEU: Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy"

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Tuesday 22 March 2022 09:00-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Public hearing (13.45 – 15.45)

- ITRE Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the Revision of the Third Energy Package for gas, during which Members will discuss the main aspects of the legislative proposals that form the package with experts (programme).

Debates

- Structured dialogue with Mr Thierry Breton, Commissioner for Internal Market, with particular focus on the Commission's proposals on the Secure Connectivity Programme and the Chips Act
- Presentation of the Council Presidency’s programme: exchange of views with Mr Cédric O, Minister of State for the Digital Transition and Electronic Communication (telecommunications, ICT)
Establishing the 2030 Policy Programme “Path to the Digital Decade” (2021/0293(COD)) – consideration of draft report – rapporteur: Martina DLABAJOVÁ (Renew, CS)

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
Tuesday 22 March 2022 09:00-18:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Votes
- Amending Regulation (EU) 2018/842 on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 contributing to climate action to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement - Adoption of draft opinion Rapporteur Pär HOLMGREN (Greens/EFA, SV)

Debate (13.45 – 16.15)
- Restructuring the Union framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity (recast) (2021/0213(CNS)) – consideration of draft opinion – rapporteur for the opinion: Martin HLAVÁČEK (Renew, CZ).

Joint meeting of Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Tuesday 22 March 2022 16:15-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Hearing
- Joint meeting of Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Committee on Budgetary Control
Tuesday 22 March 2022 16:45-18:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Debates
- Presentation by Joëlle ELVINGER, Member of the European Court of Auditors, of the Special Report No 20/2021 on “Sustainable water use in agriculture: CAP funds more likely to promote greater rather than more efficient water use”
- Presentation by Samo JEREB, Member of the European Court of Auditors, of the Special Report No 21/2021 on "EU funding for biodiversity and climate change in EU forests: positive but limited results"

Joint meeting of Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality
Thursday 24 March 2022 13:45-16:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Hearing
- A European Care Strategy: How to improve the lives of carers and their dependants: with the participation of Dubravka SUICA, Vice-President for Democracy and
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Thursday 24 March 2022 16:45-18:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Debate

- Presentation by the Commission on ongoing pilot projects and preparatory actions in the area of employment and social affairs
SPECIAL EVENTS

Ukraine solidarity days

Monday 21 March 2022 16:45-17:45

Wednesday 23 March 2022 14:00-23:00

Thursday 24 March 2022 13:00-15:30

With the objective to express Parliament's support to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VRU) in defending freedom, peace and democracy, this event aims to address the VRU's capacity to cope with the unprecedented circumstances and to assess its urgent needs to preserve its political as well as institutional functioning.