
The Week Ahead 16 – 22 March 2026

Committee meetings, Brussels

Digital omnibus on AI. The committees on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs will adopt their position on the digital omnibus on artificial intelligence (AI), which seeks to delay the application of certain rules on high-risk AI systems and simplify various provisions included in the AI Act. Among the amendments to be voted, is the introduction of a ban on AI “nudification” systems (*Wednesday*).

Kaja Kallas/foreign affairs. Committee on Foreign Affairs MEPs and EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas will discuss recent events at the global stage, focusing on the EU’s response and the Commission’s forthcoming initiatives in the field of EU external action (*Tuesday*).

Child sexual abuse online. Parliament and Council negotiators will try to reach a deal on the prolongation of an exemption to EU privacy legislation allowing for the voluntary detection of child sexual abuse material online (*Monday*).

European tourism. The Transport and Tourism committee is expected to propose the creation of new transport connections to less-frequented destinations and caps on visitor numbers to relieve pressure on places experiencing overtourism. Other measures MEPs may recommend for a more sustainable tourism industry include targeted support for low- or zero-emission vehicles, and high-speed and night trains (*Wednesday*).

EU Public Prosecutor’s activities in 2025. European Chief Prosecutor Laura Kövesi will present and discuss with MEPs in the Budget Control and Civil Liberties committees the 2025 activities of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (*Wednesday*).

The future of democracy support. Parliament is hosting a conference on the future of democracy support with key MEPs, representatives of the Cyprus Council Presidency, the Commission, the Council of Europe, and several experts. The event will start with a video message by Parliament’s President Roberta Metsola and an opening address by the President of Moldova’s Parliament, Igor Grosu (*Wednesday and Thursday*).

EU Tax Symposium 2026. Parliament and Commission will co-host the 2026 edition of the EU tax symposium under the headline “The future of taxation: inequality and growth in the global economy”. The symposium will bring together ministers, senior policymakers, academics, and

Nobel Prize winners (*Monday and Tuesday*).

European Council. President Metsola will address EU leaders at the 19-20 March European Council that will focus on Ukraine, the Middle East, competitiveness, the next EU multiannual financial framework, European defence and migration. President Metsola's intervention will be followed by a press conference (*Thursday*).

President's diary. President Metsola will be in Berlin on *Monday* where she will address the Federation of German Industries' managing directors' conference. On *Tuesday*, still in Berlin, the President will address the Europa 2026 Conference, meet Bundestag President Julia Klöckner and Federal Chancellor Friedrich Merz, and participate in a townhall discussion with students. On *Wednesday*, in Brussels, she will meet United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. On *Sunday*, President Metsola will participate in the commemoration ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of the 22 March 2016 terror attacks in Brussels.

A full list of parliamentary [committees' meetings](#) is available [here](#).

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Monday 16 March 2026

09:30 President Metsola meets CEOs and Chairpersons of European banks, virtual

11:30 President Metsola addresses the Mouvement des Entreprises de France (MEDEF) Executive Council

13:30 President Metsola receives Nick Thomas-Symonds, UK Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations

14:00 President Metsola participates in the EPP Summit, *online*

Berlin, Germany

19:00 President Metsola addresses the Federation of German Industries' Managing Directors' Conference

The President's diary

Tuesday 17 March 2026

Berlin, Germany

09:35 President Metsola addresses the Europa 2026 Conference

10:35 President Metsola meets with Stefanie Hubig, Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection

11:30 President Metsola meets with Julia Klöckner, President of the German Bundestag

13:30 President Metsola meets with Friedrich Merz, Federal Chancellor of Germany

15:45 President Metsola participates in a Townhall Discussion with Students

The President's diary

Wednesday 18 March 2026

10:00 President Metsola meets with Antonio Costa, President of the European Council

14:00 President Metsola meets with Emanuele Orsini, President of Confindustria

14:45 President Metsola receives Igor Grosu, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

16:15 President Metsola receives Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

17:00 President Metsola receives Andrey Gyurov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria

19:00 President Metsola addresses an event marking the 50th Anniversary of EPP

The President's diary

Thursday 19 March 2026

07:30 President Metsola participates in the EPP Summit

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

14:15 President Metsola receives the CEO of Airbus Lars Wagner

The President's diary

Friday 20 March 2026

11:00 President Metsola receives a delegation from Kunsill Nutarili ta' Malta (KNTM)

The President's diary

Sunday 22 March 2026

11:45 President Metsola participates in the Commemoration Ceremony to mark Ten years since the attacks of 22 March 2016

PRESS CONFERENCES

EU Tax Symposium 2026: The future of taxation - inequality and growth in the global economy

Tuesday 17 March 2026 16:45-17:15 Brussels, SPAAK, 0A50

Pasquale TRIDICO (The Left, IT), Chair of the Tax Matters Subcommittee and Wopke HOEKSTRA, Member of the European Commission responsible for tax matters

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety

Monday 16 March 2026 17:00-19:00 Brussels, ANTALL, 2Q2

Debate

- Exchange of views with Teresa RIBERA RODRÍGUEZ, Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, as part of the structured dialogue

Committee on Budgets

Tuesday 17 March 2026 09:00-12:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 6Q2

Debates

- Interim report on the proposal for the multiannual financial framework for 2028-2034 (2025/0571R(APP)) - Exchange of views with EESC and CoR - Co-Rapporteurs: Siegfried MUREŞAN (EPP, RO) and Carla TAVARES (S&D,PT)
- Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions in Budget 2026 and 2027 - Consideration of working document - Rapporteur: Nils USAKOVŠ (S&D,LV)
- Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2027 Section I – European Parliament (2025/2247(BUI)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Michalis HADJIPANTELA (EPP,CY)
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers following an application from Belgium – EGF/2025/008 BE/Liberty (2026/0066(BUD)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Matthias ECKE (S&D, DE)

Votes

- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers following an application from Belgium - EGF/2025/007 BE/Casa (2026/0038(BUD))- Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Hélder SOUSA SILVA (EPP,PT)
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers following an application from Austria - EGF/2025/005 AT/KTM (2026/0037(BUD)) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Janusz LEWANDOWSKI (EPP, PL)
- European Chemicals Agency and amending Regulations (EC) No 1907/2006, (EU) No 528/2012, (EU) No 649/2012 and (EU) 2019/1021 (2025/0207(COD)) - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Hélder SOUSA SILVA (EPP,PT)
- Proposals for pilot projects and preparatory actions (PPPAs) for the 2027 Union budget - Adoption of proposals for pilot projects and preparatory actions (PPPAs) for the 2027 Union budget - Rapporteur: Nils USAKOVŠ (S&D,LV)
- 2026 Budget: Section III - Commission - Any other transfer request received - Rapporteur: Andrzej HALICKI (EPP,PL)
- 2026 Budget: Other Sections - Any transfer request received - Rapporteur: Matjaž NEMEC (S&D,SL)
- Building policy - Any building request received - Rapporteur: Olivier CHASTEL (Renew,BE)

Committee on Regional Development

Tuesday 17 March 2026 09:00-17:00 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q1

Debates:

- Establishing the European Fund for Regional Development including for European Territorial Cooperation (Interreg) and the Cohesion Fund (2025/0238 (COD)) - First exchange of views - co rapporteurs : Marcos ROS SEMPERE (S&D, ES), Pascal ARIMONT (EPP, BE)
- ECA Review 5/2025 on Smart specialization strategies, presentation by Annemie TURTELBOOM
- Presentation of the study on "Navigating the European Commission's MFF proposal for 2028-2034 – Mapping risks and opportunities for Cohesion Policy and regional development" by Policy Department for Regional Development, Agriculture and Fisheries

Committee on Development

Tuesday 17 March 2026 09:00-17:45 Brussels, SPAAK, P4B001

Debates

- **Structured dialogue on the Commission Work Programme with Jozef Síkela**, Commissioner for International Partnerships
- **Structured dialogue on the Commission Work Programme with Hadja Lahbib**, Commissioner for Equality; Preparedness and Crisis Management
- Public Hearing on **Water in EU Development Cooperation: Enhancing EU Action, Sustainable Investments and Policy Coherence**
- **Implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals in view of the 2026 High-Level Political Forum** - consideration of draft report - rapporteurs: Lukas Mandl (EPP, AT), Pierfrancesco Maran (S&D, IT)
- **2026 Humanitarian Priorities and Challenges** - exchange of views with Tom Fletcher, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator for OCHA

Votes

- Budget 2027: **Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PP-PAs) for pre-assessment by the Commission**

Special Committee on the European Democracy Shield

Tuesday 17 March 2026 09:00-18:30 Brussels, SPINELLI, 3G3

Debates

- Exchange of views with Under-Secretary-General and Special Envoy for Digital and Emerging Technologies to the United Nations Mr. Amandeep SINGH GILL on the UN Global Digital Compact and AI Governance
- Findings and recommendations of the Special Committee on the European Democracy Shield (2025/2069(INI)) - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Tomas TOBÉ (EPP, SE)
- Jointly with the Committee on Security and Defence, Exchange of views with Members of the Parliament of Moldova on strengthening democratic resilience, security and defence

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Tuesday 17 March 2026 09:15-18:00 Brussels, SPAAK, 1A2

Debates

- Exchange of view with Commissioner JØRGENSEN (Commissioner for Energy and Housing) - Presentation by the Commission of the Affordable Housing Plan
- Exchange of views with Roxana MINZATU (Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness) - Exchange of views as part of the structured dialogue

Votes

- Budget 2027: Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PP-PAs) for pre-assessment by the Commission - Vote on Pilot Projects and Preparatory Actions (PP-PAs) for pre-assessment by the Commission - Rapporteur: Romana TOMC (EPP, SI)
- Amending Regulation (EU) 2021/691 as regards support to workers affected by imminent job displacement in enterprises undergoing restructuring (2025/0073(COD)) - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Liesbet SOMMEN (EPP, BE)
- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers following an application from Belgium – EGF/2025/008 BE/Liberty (2026/0066(BUD)) - Adoption of draft opinion in letter form - Responsible: BUDG (S&D)

Committee on Fisheries

Tuesday 17 March 2026 09:45-18:00 Brussels, SPINELLI, 1E-2

Debates

- Exchange of views on cormorant management with representatives from the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
- Conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Cook Islands (2025-2032) (2025/0287(NLE)) - Consideration of draft recommendation (consent) - Rapporteur: Oihane AGIRREGOITIA MARTÍNEZ (Renew, ES)

Vote

- Proposals for pilot projects and preparatory actions (PPAs) for the 2027 Union budget - Adoption of proposals for pilot projects and preparatory actions

Joint meeting of the Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety and the Committee on Transport and Tourism

Tuesday 17 March 2026 10:30-10:45 Brussels, ANTALL, 2Q2

Vote

- Accounting of greenhouse gas emissions of transport services (2023/0266(COD)) - Adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteurs: Pierfrancesco MARAN (S&D, IT), Norbert LINS (EPP, DE)

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Tuesday 17 March 2026 15:00-16:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q2

Debate

- Structured Dialogue on the Commission Work Programme: Exchange of views with Kaja KALLAS, High Representative/Vice-President for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety

Tuesday 17 March 2026 16:00-18:00 Brussels, ANTALL, 2Q2

Debates

- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism: extension of its scope to downstream goods and anti-circumvention measures (2025/0419(COD)) - Exchange of views Presentation by the Commission - Rapporteur: Mohammed CHAHIM (S&D, NL)
- Establishing the Temporary Decarbonisation Fund (2025/0418(COD)) - Exchange of views Presentation by the Commission - Rapporteur: Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR)
- Exchange of views with Inger ANDERSEN, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme and UN Under-Secretary-General

Committee on Security and Defence

Wednesday 18 March 2026 09:00-11:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 2Q2

Debate

- Ending Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: understanding and countering Russia's war economy and recruitment policies - In association with the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and with the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Committee on Public Health

Wednesday 18 March 2026 09:00-12:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q1

Debate

- An EU cardiovascular diseases strategy (2025/2132(INI)) - Consideration of amendments - Rapporteur: Romana JERKOVIC (S&D, HR)

Committee on Culture and Education

Wednesday 18 March 2026 09:00-17:00 Brussels, SPINELLI, 3G-2

Debates

- Presentation of the priorities of the Cyprus Presidency - in the fields of Education, Youth and Sport
- A new strategy for media literacy and digital learning (2025/2181 (INI)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Marcos ROS SEMPERE (S&D, ES)
- Workshop on "Artificial Intelligence in classrooms: Ethical, pedagogical and cognitive dimensions"

Votes

- Proposals for pilot projects and preparatory actions (PPAs) for the 2027 EU budget - Adoption

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Wednesday 18 March 2026 09:00-18:00 Brussels, SPINELLI, 1E-2

Debates

- Voices from Afghan women MPs in exile on the human rights situation in Afghanistan
- Public hearing on third-country nationals forced to fight in Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine - In association with the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee
- Impact on human rights of the export of pesticides forbidden in the EU: the case of South Africa - In association with the Delegation for relations with South Africa

Change to meeting room: Spinelli 3E2

- Item in association with the Conference of the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG): "The Future of Democracy Support" - Session "A battle of narratives"

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Wednesday 18 March 2026 09:00-18:00 Brussels, SPINELLI, 1G-3

Debate

- European political parties and foundations – 2026 report on the application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2025/2445 and on the activities funded (2026/2013(INI)) - Consideration of draft report - Co-rapporteurs: Loránt VINCZE (EPP, RO) and Charles GOERENS (Renew, LU) - Exchange of views

Votes

- Amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure concerning appointments to Union agencies and bodies (Rule 135) (2025/2262(REG)) -Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Sven SIMON (EPP, DE)
- Implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the EU legal framework (2025/2075(INI)) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Alessandro ZAN (S&D,IT)

Public hearing (16.30 – 18.00) (joint hearing) **ANTALL (4Q-2)**

- Public hearing (AFCO-LIBE-EUDS) on "Democracy and elections in the AI era" (programme)

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Wednesday 18 March 2026 09:00-18:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 6Q2

Debate

- Structured dialogue with Commissioner Olivér VÁRHELYI

Vote

- How to secure a sustainable future for the EU livestock sector in light of the need to ensure food security, farmers' resilience and the challenges posed by animal diseases? (2025/2053(INI)) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Carlo FIDANZA (ECR, IT)

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Wednesday 18 March 2026 10:00-18:00 Brussels, SPAAK, 3C50

Votes

- CMDI Package and confirmation of a trilogue deal - (2023/0112(COD)) (2023/0111(COD)) (2023/0115 (COD)) - Vote of draft recommendation for second reading - rapporteurs : Luděk NIEDERMAYER (EPP, CS), Irene TINAGLI (S&D, IT), Kira Marie PETER-HANSEN (Greens/EFA, DK)
- Banking Union – annual report 2025 (2025/2136(INI)) - Vote of draft report - Rapporteur : Evelyn REGNER (S&D, AT)
- Financial literacy and the rise of influencers in the context of the savings and investments union (2025/2209(INI)) - Vote of draft report - Rapporteur Lidia PEREIRA (EPP, PT)

Public Hearings

- Public Hearing with Claudia BUCH, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the ECB
- Public Hearing with Dominique LABOUREIX, Chair of the Single Resolution Board (SRB)

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Wednesday 18 March 2026 10:30-13:00 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q2

Debates

- Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Risks Arising from the Criminal Code Amendment in Slovakia in Relation with the Continued Application of the Post-War Legislation based on Collective Responsibility (The Beneš Decrees) - Exchange of views with:
 - Representatives of the European Commission
 - Dr. János Fiala-Butora, International Lawyer and research fellow at Galway University
 - Kamila Gunišová, Researcher and Katarína Medľová, Research and Advocacy Team, Amnesty International Slovakia
- Extending a temporary derogation from ePrivacy CSAM rules - Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 75(3)) - Rapporteur: Birgit SIPPEL (S&D, DE)

Votes

- Passenger Name Record (PNR) agreement between the European Union and the Iceland on the transfer data - Adoption of draft recommendation (consent) - Rapporteur: Jaroslav BŽOCH (PřE, CZ)

- Passenger Name Record (PNR) agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the transfer data - Adoption of draft recommendation (consent) - Rapporteur: Jaroslav BŽOCH (PřE, CZ)
- Extending a temporary derogation from ePrivacy CSAM rules - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations (to be confirmed) - Rapporteur: Birgit SIPPEL (S&D, DE)

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Wednesday 18 March 2026 10:30-18:30 Brussels, SPAAK, 1A002

Debates

- Amending Directive 1999/62/EC, Council Directive 1999/37/EC and Directive (EU) 2019/520 as regards the CO2 emission class of heavy-duty vehicles with trailers (2023/0134(COD)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Matteo RICCI (S&D, IT)

Votes

- Enhancing connectivity, preserving cultural heritage and driving local excellence in European tourism – destination management and regional tourism growth (2025/2120(INI)) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Daniel ATTARD (S&D, MT)

Public hearing

- Sovereignty of EU transport infrastructure, assets, and technologies - (See separate draft programme)

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

Wednesday 18 March 2026 13:00-13:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q2

Vote

- Digital omnibus on AI - 2025/0359(COD) - adoption of draft report - co-rapporteurs: Arba KOKALARI (EPP, SE), Michael MCNAMARA (Renew, IE)

Joint meeting of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Wednesday 18 March 2026 15:00-16:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q2

Debate

- The Annual Report 2025 of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) - Presentation by Laura KÖVESI, the European Chief Prosecutor

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Thursday 19 March 2026 09:00-12:00 Brussels, ANTALL, 6Q2

Debate

- Structured dialogue with Commissioner Christophe HANSEN

Committee on Security and Defence

Thursday 19 March 2026 09:00-12:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 2Q2

Debates

- Current developments on EU Security and Defence with Ambassador Lene Mandel VENSILD, Chair of the Political and Security Committee (PSC)
- Defence Scrutiny: European Defence Fund with Sylvia KAINZ-HUBER, Deputy Director – Defence Industrial Programmes, Head of Unit – Defence Industrial Programming Coordination, DG DEFIS, European Commission

Committee on Public Health

Thursday 19 March 2026 09:00-12:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q1

Debate

- EU rare disease action plan (2025/2130(INL)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Nicolás GONZÁLEZ CASARES (S&D,ES)

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Thursday 19 March 2026 10:00-12:15 Brussels, SPINELLI, 1E2

Debates

- Follow-up to DROI mission to Dhaka and Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh (15-19 September 2025)
- Human rights dimension of EU-Bangladesh relations following the general elections of 12 February 2026
- Accountability for crimes committed by Myanmar's military against the Rohingya
- Follow-up to DROI mission to Georgia (26-28 May 2025): exchange of views on the latest developments regarding the human rights situation in Georgia

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 19 March 2026 10:30-13:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q2

Debates

- The Upcoming Revision of Europol's Mandate - Exchange of views with Magnus Brunner, Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration
- What Europeans Think about Immigration and Why It Matters - Workshop organised by the Policy Department for Justice, Civil Liberties and Institutional Affairs for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs - For more information, see the event page

Joint meeting of the Committee on Public Health and the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Thursday 19 March 2026 11:00-12:30 Brussels, ANTALL, 4Q1

Debate

- Establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Union's biotechnology and biomanufacturing sectors particularly in the area of health and amending Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 1394/2007, (EU) No 536/2014, (EU) 2019/6, (EU) 2024/795 and (EU) 2024/1938 (European Biotech Act) (2025/0406(COD))- Presentation by Olivér Várhelyi, Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare - Rapporteurs: Vytenis Povilas ANDRIUKAITIS (S&D, LT) and Wouter BEKE (EPP, BE)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group

Wednesday 18 March 2026 09:00-18:00 Brussels, SPINELLI, 3E2

Debates

- Conference on the Future of Democracy Support – see separate draft agenda

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