

The Week Ahead 10 – 16 May 2021

Committee and political group meetings, Brussels

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Recovery and Resilience Facility. MEPs will discuss with Commission Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis and Commissioner Gentiloni the 672-billion-euro Recovery and Resilience Facility and the respective plans submitted by member states. The meeting will be the first of this kind in which MEPs and the Commission will meet up every two months to discuss matters concerning the implementation of the Facility. (*Monday*)

Protecting media and civil society. The Committees on Legal Affairs and Civil Liberties will debate how to better protect media and civil society organisations from so-called SLAPPs (strategic lawsuits against public participation), which are intended to silence or intimidate them. Since 2018, MEPs have been calling for legislation in this field. A press briefing with the rapporteurs will take place at 11.00 after the committee debate. More info [here](#). (*Tuesday*)

Sexual and reproductive health. In a report to be put to the vote on Tuesday, Women's Rights Committee MEPs are set to criticise the backlash against sexual and reproductive health and rights of women in the EU, which is contributing to the erosion of acquired rights and endangering women's health. (*Tuesday*)

Russian interference in EU. The Special Committee on foreign interference in all democratic processes in the EU (INGE) will discuss with Mikhail Khodorkovsky (former head of the Russian Yukos oil group now living in exile) his organisation Dossier Center's findings on Russian interference in EU affairs and in various EU member states. (*Monday*)

Migration situation in the Mediterranean. MEPs on the Civil Liberties Committee will be joined by journalists from German weekly Der Spiegel and the investigative outlet Lighthouse Reports to discuss their latest investigations into the migration situation in the Mediterranean and the alleged breaches of fundamental rights involving Frontex staff (*Monday*).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare the 17-20 May plenary session, where MEPs will debate and vote on the Just Transition Fund to mitigate the social impact of greening the economy; on companies' liability for environmental damage; on the Czech Prime Minister's conflict of interest ; on the 2019-2020 report on Turkey; on a strategy for hydrogen and

integrating the EU's energy systems, and on new ways for legal labour migration in the EU. MEPs are also set to adopt three important 2021-2027 programmes: Erasmus, Creative Europe and the European Solidarity Corps.

President's diary. On Monday, EP-President David Sassoli will meet the Prime Minister of North Macedonia, Zoran Zaev, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Anže Logar. On Tuesday, he will have a meeting with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi.

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 10 May 2021

14:00 Bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister of North Macedonia, Mr Zoran Zaev

16:00 Bilateral meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Mr Anže Logar

The President's agenda

Tuesday 11 May 2021

15:00 Meeting with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Filippo Grandi

The President's agenda

Wednesday 12 May 2021

10:00 Opening of the Webinar of the Università Federico II di Napoli - Young people, work, Europe: European employment policies after the pandemic

15:00 Conference of Presidents

The President's agenda

Friday 14 May 2021

10:15 Webinar: Cybersecurity and Next Generation EU funds

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Monday 10 May 2021 13:45-18:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2

Vote

- Recommendation to the Council on the "75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly" 2020/2128(INI) - Adoption of amendments. Rapporteur: María Soraya RODRÍGUEZ RAMOS (Renew, ES)

Debates

- Public Hearing: EU long-term strategy towards Russia. *In association with the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee (D-RU)* (draft programme). **13.50 – 15.15**
- Exchange of views with Gunnar WIEGAND, EEAS Managing Director for Asia and the Pacific, on the EU-India Leaders' virtual meeting of 8 May 2021. *In association with the Committee on International Trade (INTA) and the Delegation for relations with India (D-IN)*. **15.15 – 16.15**
- The future of EU-US relations 2021/2038(INI) - Consideration of draft report. Rapporteur: Tonino PICULA (S&D, HR). **16.45 – 17.45**
- A new EU-China strategy 2021/2037(INI) - Consideration of draft report. Rapporteur: Hilde VAUTMANS (Renew, BE) . **17.45 – 18.45**

Committee on Development

Monday 10 May 2021 16:45-18:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Votes

- Trade related aspects and implications of COVID-19 - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Anna-Michelle ASIMAKOPOULOU (EPP, EL)

Debates

- Forced displacement situation - global challenges and prospects - Exchange of views - Filippo GRANDI, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Strengthening the future European Financial Architecture for Development - Exchange of views - European Commission

Joint meeting: Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs / Committee on Budgets

Monday 10 May 2021 11:00-13:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Debates

- Report on ongoing interinstitutional negotiations
- Recovery and Resilience Dialogue with Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, Executive Vice-President for An Economy that Works for People; and Paolo GENTILONI, Commissioner for Economy

Vote (provisionally scheduled from 11:00 to 12:00)

- Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations: Public sector loan facility under the Just Transition Mechanism 2020/0100(COD) - Rapporteurs Johan VAN OVERTVELDT (ECR, BE) and Henrike HAHN (Greens/ALE, DE)

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 10 May 2021 13:45-15:10 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Votes

- Competition policy – annual report 2020/2223(INI) - Adoption of draft report. Rapporteur: Johan VAN OVERTVELDT (ECR BE)
- Commission Delegated Regulation on the annual supervisory fees charged by the European Securities and Markets Authority to trade repositories for 2021 (amending Delegated Regulations from 2013 and 2019 on fees charged by the ESMA to trade repositories) · Adoption of a Recommendation for "early non-objection"
- Commission Delegated Regulation regarding regulatory technical standards setting out the criteria to define managerial responsibility, control functions, material business units and a significant impact on a material business unit's risk profile, and setting out criteria for identifying staff members or categories of staff whose professional activities have an impact on the institution's risk profile (supplementing Directive on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms) · Adoption of a Recommendation for "early non-objection"
- Appointment of the Chairperson of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)ECON/9/05934 - Adoption of draft report (to be confirmed)

Committee on Fisheries

Monday 10 May 2021 13:45-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q1

14:30-15:45

- Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) - Monitoring the performance of the Common Fisheries Policy (Art. 50 CFP) - Presentation by STECF of the report "STECF 21-01 adhoc" - with the Commission

15:40-16:40 Final votes

- Establishing the Brexit Adjustment Reserve (COD), adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion François-Xavier BELLAMY (EPP, FR)
- Challenges and opportunities for the fishing sector in the Black Sea (INI), adoption of draft report - Rapporteur Ivo HRISTOV (S&D, BG)

Committee on Culture and Education

Monday 10 May 2021 10:00-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Voting will be open from 10:15-11:15

- 'Erasmus': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport (COD), adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteur Milan ZVER (EPP, SL)
- Establishing the Creative Europe programme (2021 to 2027) COD), adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteur Massimiliano SMERIGLIO (S&D, IT)
- Establishing the European Solidarity Corps programme (COD), adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteur Michaela ŠOJDROVÁ (EPP,)

Debates

- Presentation of the study "Education and Youth in post-COVID-19 Europe – Crisis effects and policy recommendations" by the Policy Department B
- Structured dialogue with youth

(13.45 – 16.15)

- Exchange of views with Commission Vice-President Věra JOUROVÁ
- Presentation of the House of European History's work during Covid times

Committee on Legal Affairs

Monday 10 May 2021 16:00-18:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2

16.45-17.45

- Exchange of views in the context of structured dialogue with Margrethe VESTAGER, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for A Europe Fit for the Digital Age

17.45 – 18.45

- Exchange of views in the context of structured dialogue with Věra JOUROVÁ, Vice-President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency
- Disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches(COD), reporting back - Rapporteurs Evelyn REGNER (S&D, AT) and Ibán GARCÍA DEL BLANCO (S&D, ES)

Joint meeting: Committee on Legal Affairs / Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Tuesday 11 May 2021 09:00-10:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G2

Debate

- Strengthening Democracy and Media Freedom and Pluralism in the EU: the undue use of actions under civil and criminal law to silence journalists, NGOs and civil society (INI), exchange of views - Rapporteurs Tiemo WÖLKEN (S&D, DE) and Roberta METSOLA (EPP, MT)

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Monday 10 May 2021 16:45-19:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Voting will be open from 16.50 to 17.50

Votes on final texts Tuesday, 11 May

- Election of the third Vice-Chair of the LIBE Committee
- The adequate protection of personal data by the United Kingdom (RSP), adoption of amendments - Rapporteur Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES)

Joint debate

Joint item with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the EU Strategy on Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings 2021-2025 - presentation by the Commission **(16.50 – 17.35)**
- LIBE Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights Monitoring Group activities reporting back to committee by Sophie IN'T VELD, DRFMG Chair (Renew, NL) **(17.35 – 18.00)**

Debates

- Framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery (1) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic and (2) to third-country nationals legally staying or legally residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic (Digital Green Certificate) (COD) - reporting back to committee after trilogue - Rapporteur Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) **(18.00 – 18.15)**
- Activities of the Frontex Scrutiny Working Group - exchange of views with journalists on recent investigations linked to the migration situation in the Mediterranean **(18.15 – 19.00)**

Joint meeting: Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality / Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the EU Strategy on Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings 2021-2025 - Presentation by Ylva JOHANSSON, Commissioner for Home Affairs

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Tuesday 11 May 2021 10:00-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Vote on final texts and single vote

- Implementation report on the EU Trust Funds and the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (INI), adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion Sira REGO (The Left, ES)

- Parliament's right of initiative (INI), Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion Gwendoline DELBOS-CORFIELD (Verts/ALE, FR)
- The adequate protection of personal data by the United Kingdom (RSP), adoption of motion for a resolution - Rapporteur Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES)
- Establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the 'Pericles IV programme') (COD), adoption of draft recommendation for second reading - Rapporteur Clare DALY (The Left, IE)
- Regulation extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Regulation (EU) No .../2018 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the 'Pericles IV' programme) (APP), adoption of draft regulation for second reading - Rapporteur Clare DALY (The Left, IE)

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Monday 10 May 2021 13:30-15:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Exchange of views with Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight.

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Monday 10 May 2021 13:45-15:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3

Voting on amendments 13.45 to 15.15 (final vote on Tuesday, 11 May)

- The situation of sexual and reproductive health and rights in the EU, in the frame of women's health (INI), consideration and adoption of amendments - Rapporteur Predrag Fred Matić (S&D, HR)

(13.50 – 14.50)

- Workshop on "GBV in education: Addressing behaviours and patterns of perpetrators, raising awareness among the boys" organised by Policy Department C - further information and draft programme

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Tuesday 11 May 2021 11:30-12:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G2

Vote on final text

- The situation of sexual and reproductive health and rights in the EU, in the frame of women's health (INI), Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur Predrag Fred MATIĆ (S&D, HR)

Special Committee on Beating Cancer

Monday 10 May 2021 09:00-12:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

- Financing of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan - exchange of views with the Council and the European Commission
- The Union's legislative competences in policies for fighting cancer - exchange of views with the legal services of the European Parliament and the European

Commission

- Public Consultation Synopsis Report - The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on cancer prevention, health services, cancer patients and research: lessons from a public health crisis - exchange of views with stakeholders - see separate programme