The Week Ahead 11 – 17 May 2020

Plenary Session, Brussels

Plenary Session, Brussels New EU long-term budget. MEPs will debate the post-2020 budget revision and economic recovery package plans with Commission and Council on Wednesday and vote on a resolution on Friday, to ensure that the new MFF (Multiannual Financial Framework) proposal to be tabled by the Commission turns the EU budget into an efficient tool for restarting the EU economy.

Safeguard EU budget 2021. Parliament will also vote on a legislative initiative report requesting that the European Commission submits a proposal for an MFF contingency plan by 15 June 2020 to avoid programme funding being disrupted on 1 January 2021 in the event that the approval of the long-term budget is delayed. (Wednesday) Hungary. Parliament will address the threats to democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights posed by the Hungarian government’s recently introduced emergency powers in light of COVID-19, in a debate with Council and Commission on Wednesday evening.

COVID-19 tracing apps. MEPs will discuss the use of smartphone apps in managing the spread of the pandemic and how to ensure data protection and privacy rights are fully respected. (Thursday) COVID-19 vaccines and treatments. Boosting research to ensure everyone has swift access to future vaccines and treatments for the novel Coronavirus will be at the core of a debate with Council and Commission on Thursday.

Water reuse. To remedy fresh water scarcity, MEPs will vote on new requirements to safely use recycled waste water for agricultural irrigation and other purposes. (Wednesday) 70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration. Commemorating Robert Schuman’s declaration of 9 May 1950 that set out the European Union’s founding principles, MEPs will discuss how the Conference on the Future of Europe (expected to start later this year, with citizen participation at its core) can help the EU to overcome current and future challenges. (Thursday) Committees Artificial Intelligence package. Intellectual property rights for the development of AI, ethical aspects of AI technologies and robotics, as well as the civil liability regime for AI will be debated by the Legal Affairs Committee (Tuesday). Just Transition Fund. The Regional Development Committee will hold the first debate on the proposed Just Transition Fund, the first legislative proposal implementing the priorities set out in the European Green Deal. Topics likely to be discussed include the scope of the support, the budget envelope, as well as the new Fund’s relation to existing instruments of the EU’s cohesion policy (Tuesday). Circular economy and biodiversity: The Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee will debate the new Circular Economy Action Plan and the upcoming Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 with Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius. (Tuesday) President’s Diary. The President will invite civil society actors engaged in daily solidarity actions to take the floor on Saturday 9 May, in a livestreamed event in the Brussels Chamber celebrating EUROPE DAY 2020: 70 YEARS OF SOLIDARITY. On Wednesday, he will open the plenary session in Brussels and chair the debates on the EU response to COVID-19 and the recovery plan within the long-term budget with Council President Charles Michel and Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.
Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press and Spokesperson Services will hold a virtual press briefing together with spokespersons of Parliament’s political groups (tbc), on Wednesday. A media advisory, including exact timing and technical specifications, will be published on the press-room webpage ahead of the online press conference.

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PLENARY SESSION

Wednesday 13 May 2020

15:00 Resumption of session and order of business

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15:30 - 16:30 First voting session

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

- Votes on requests for urgent procedure (Rule 163)

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- Macro-financial assistance to enlargement and neighbourhood partners in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis
  [2020/0065(COD)]
  Committee on International Trade

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- Temporary measures concerning the general meetings of European companies (SE) and of European Cooperative Societies (SCE)
  [2020/0073(APP)]
  Committee on Legal Affairs

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- Possible other requests for urgent procedures

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- Single votes

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- EU-Montenegro status agreement on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Montenegro
  Report: Bettina Vollath (A9-0018/2020)
  [2019/0043(NLE)]
  Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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- EU-Serbia status agreement on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in Serbia
  Report: Bettina Vollath (A9-0019/2020)
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

*** • Renewal of the EU-India Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation
   Report: Cristian-Silviu Buşoi (A9-0096/2020)
   [2020/0015(NLE)]
   Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

*** • Renewal of the EU-Ukraine Agreement on cooperation in science and technology
   Report: Cristian-Silviu Buşoi (A9-0095/2020)
   [2020/0016(NLE)]
   Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

*** • EU-Belarus Agreement on readmission of persons residing without authorisation
   Report: Petar Vitanov (A9-0097/2020)
   [2019/0181(NLE)]
   Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

*** • EU-Belarus Agreement on facilitation of issuance of visas
   Report: Ondřej Kovařík (A9-0090/2020)
   [2019/0182(NLE)]
   Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

*** • Amending the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) - Protocol
   Report: Rosanna Conte (A9-0089/2020)
   [2019/0225(NLE)]
   Committee on Fisheries

*** • EC-Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution. Extension of the Protocol
   Report: Clara Aguilera (A9-0088/2020)
   [2019/0210(NLE)]
   Committee on Fisheries

• Reports where no amendments are tabled
• A safety net to protect the beneficiaries of EU programmes: setting up an MFF contingency plan

Report: Margarida Marques, Jan Olbrycht (A9-0099/2020)
[2020/2051(INL)]
Committee on Budgets

***I • International road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions: cabotage operations between Germany and Switzerland

Report: Markus Ferber (A9-0006/2020)
[2019/0107(COD)]
Committee on Transport and Tourism

***I • International road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions: cabotage operations between Italy and Switzerland

Report: Markus Ferber (A9-0007/2020)
[2019/0108(COD)]
Committee on Transport and Tourism

• Possible other reports and objections where no amendments are tabled

***II • Labelling of tyres: fuel efficiency and other essential parameters

Report: Henna Virkkunen (A9-0094/2020)
[2018/0148(COD)]
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

***II • Minimum requirements for water reuse

Report: Simona Bonafè (A9-0098/2020)
[2018/0169(COD)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

• Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Genetically modified soybean MON 87708 × MON 89788 × A5547-127
[2020/2535(RSP)]

• Objection pursuant to Rule 112(2) and (3) and (4)(c) : Maximum residue levels for several substances including flonicamid, haloxyfop and mandestrobin
[2020/2603(RPS)]
• Discharge decisions

• 2018 discharge: Joint undertaking - Fuel Cells and Hydrogen (FCH)
  Report: Joachim Stanislaw Brudziński (A9-0030/2020)
  [2019/2104(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: Joint undertaking - Aeronautics and Environment (CLEAN SKY)
  Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0032/2020)
  [2019/2101(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: Joint undertaking - Bio-industries (BBI)
  Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0034/2020)
  [2019/2102(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0042/2020)
  [2019/2091(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: Electric Components & Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL joint undertaking)
  Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0045/2020)
  [2019/2106(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: Joint undertaking - Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI 2)
  Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0046/2020)
  [2019/2103(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: Joint undertaking - Shift2Rail
  Report: Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (A9-0055/2020)
  [2019/2105(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control
• 2018 discharge: European Environment Agency (EEA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0064/2020)
  [2019/2070(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: EU Agency for Railways (ERA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0061/2020)
  [2019/2081(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0066/2020)
  [2019/2076(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European GNSS Agency (GSA)
  Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0067/2020)
  [2019/2084(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0073/2020)
  [2019/2069(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)
  Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0074/2020)
  [2019/2077(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0077/2020)
  [2019/2096(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Parliament
  Report: Maria Grapini (A9-0021/2020)
  [2019/2056(DEC)]
Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Court of Justice
  Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0027/2020)
  [2019/2058(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Ombudsman
  Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0028/2020)
  [2019/2062(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Data Protection Supervisor
  Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0029/2020)
  [2019/2063(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Court of Auditors
  Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0031/2020)
  [2019/2059(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
  Report: Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (A9-0033/2020)
  [2019/2071(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT)
  Report: Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (A9-0035/2020)
  [2019/2072(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - Council and European Council
  Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0038/2020)
  [2019/2057(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control
• 2018 discharge: EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0039/2020)
  [2019/2080(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)
  Report: Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (A9-0040/2020)
  [2019/2066(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0041/2020)
  [2019/2085(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European External Action Service
  Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0043/2020)
  [2019/2064(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: Joint undertaking - Safety of Air Navigation (SESAR)
  Report: Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (A9-0044/2020)
  [2019/2100(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Training Foundation (ETF)
  Report: Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (A9-0047/2020)
  [2019/2075(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: EU Judicial Cooperation Unit (Eurojust)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0048/2020)
  [2019/2074(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: International Fusion Energy Organisation (ITER)
  Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0049/2020)
Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: Office of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC Office)
  
  *Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0050/2020)*

[2019/2094(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND)

  *Report: Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (A9-0051/2020)*

[2019/2095(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

  *Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0052/2020)*

[2019/2096(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: EU Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA)

  *Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0053/2020)*

[2019/2097(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

  *Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0054/2020)*

[2019/2098(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: Euratom Supply Agency (ESA)

  *Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0056/2020)*

[2019/2099(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs

  *Report: Michèle Rivasi (A9-0057/2020)*

[2019/2094(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control
• 2018 discharge: European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0058/2020)
  [2019/2089(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0059/2020)
  [2019/2092(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Banking Authority (EBA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0060/2020)
  [2019/2090(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: EU Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0062/2020)
  [2019/2082(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
  Report: Ryszard Antoni Legutko (A9-0063/2020)
  [2019/2086(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
  Report: Joachim Stanisław Brudziński (A9-0065/2020)
  [2019/2079(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0068/2020)
  [2019/2078(DEC)]
  Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission
  Report: Monika Hohlmeier (A9-0069/2020)
  [2019/2055(DEC)]
Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0070/2020)
  [2019/2068(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Committee of the Regions
  Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0071/2020)
  [2019/2061(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0072/2020)
  [2019/2083(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: EU Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0075/2020)
  [2019/2088(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: European Medicines Agency (EMA)
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0076/2020)
  [2019/2073(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

• 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee
  Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0078/2020)
  [2019/2060(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control

• Report on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Union agencies for the financial year 2018: performance, financial management and control
  Report: Ryszard Czarnecki (A9-0079/2020)
  [2019/2098(DEC)]

Committee on Budgetary Control
16:00 - 19:00  Debates

- Conclusions of the extraordinary European Council meeting of 23 April 2020
  [2020/2625(RSP)]

- New MFF, own resources and Recovery plan
  [2020/2631(RSP)]

- Emergency Legislation in Hungary and its impact on the Rule of Law and fundamental rights
  [2020/2620(RSP)]

19:45  Announcement of results

20:00 - 21:00  Second voting session

- Discharge resolutions where no amendments are tabled

- First batch of amendments to discharge resolutions

- Possible amendments to other reports

- Parliament’s estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2021
  [2019/2214(BUD)]

*  Committee on Budgets

- Automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in the United Kingdom
  [2019/0819(CNS)]

*  Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 14 May 2020

09:15  Announcement of results
09:30 - 10:30  First voting session

- Second batch of amendments to discharge resolutions

10:00 - 12:00  Debates

- 70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration
  [2020/2642(RSP)]

- Use of contact tracing apps in the fight against the coronavirus
  [2020/2634(RSP)]

13:15  Announcement of results

13:30 - 14:30  Second voting session

Third batch of amendments to discharge resolutions OR Final vote of discharge resolutions where amendments are tabled

Final votes

- Parliament’s estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2021
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14:30 - 15:30  Debate

- Vaccines and therapeutics in the context of Covid-19
  [2020/2643(RSP)]

17:15  Announcement of results
17:30 - 18:30  Third voting session

- (Possibly) Final vote on discharge resolutions where amendments are tabled

- Amendments to files under urgent procedure

- First batch of amendments to JMR - New MFF, own resources and Recovery plan

Friday 15 May 2020

09:15  Announcement of results

09:30 - 10:30  First voting session

- Final vote on urgent procedure files

- Second batch of amendments to JMR - New MFF, own resources and Recovery plan

13:15  Announcement of results

13:30 - 14:30  Second voting session

- (Possibly) Final vote on JMR - New MFF, own resources and Recovery plan

17:15  Announcement of results

17:30 - 18:30  (Possibly) Third voting session

- (Possibly) Final vote on JMR - New MFF, own resources and Recovery plan
THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda
Monday 11/05/2020
10:30 Virtual Meeting with SIAE member Italian Film director Ozpetek for the launch of the proposal of a day of celebration dedicated to those who work in hospitals to safeguard the health of all.
16:30 Bureau

The President's agenda
Wednesday 13/05/2020
Plenary session (Brussels)

The President's agenda
Thursday 14/05/2020
Plenary session (Brussels)
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Budgets
Monday 11/05/2020 17:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1
- Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2021 – Section I – European Parliament BUD) - Rapporteur: Olivier Chastel (Renew, BE) - Adoption of draft report

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Monday 11/05/2020 14:00-16:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1
Debates
- Exchange of views with Ms Adina VĂLEAN, Commissioner for Transport, on sustainable mobility post COVID-19 and developments related to CORSIA
- Exchange of views with the Commission on their activities related to the development of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
Tuesday 12/05/2020 14:00-16:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1
Debates
- Exchange of views with Mr Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries - Presentation of the Circular Economy Action Plan and on the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
- Exchange of views with Guido RASI, Executive Director of European Medicines Agency (EMA), on EMA activities on COVID-19 and prospects for the future.

Committee on Transport and Tourism
Monday 11/05/2020 14:00-16:00 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q-2
- Exchange of views with Vice-President Frans Timmermans on the future of transport sector in the framework of the Green Deal
- COVID-19 relief measures related to transport: Presentation of recent proposals by the European Commission

Committee on Regional Development
Tuesday 12/05/2020 14:00-16:00
- Recommendations on the negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (INI) - Rapporteur for the opinion: Pascal Arimont (EPP, BE) - Adoption of draft opinion
- Establishing the Just Transition Fund (COD) - Rapporteur: Manolis Kefalogiannis (EPP, EL) - Consideration of draft report

Committee on Legal Affairs
Tuesday 12/05/2020 09:00-11:00 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2
Debates
- Artificial Intelligence (AI):
• Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies (INL), rapporteur Ibán GARCÍA DEL BLANCO (S&D, ES)
• Civil liability regime for artificial intelligence (INL), rapporteur Axel VOSS (EPP, DE)

• Intellectual property rights for the development of artificial intelligence technologies (INI), rapporteur Stéphane SÉJOURNÉ (Renew, FR)
• AI: questions of interpretation and application of international law in so far as the EU is affected in the areas of civil and military uses and of state authority outside the scope of criminal justice (INI), rapporteur Gilles LEBRETON (ID, FR)

Draft agenda and meeting documents will be available here.

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Tuesday 12/05/2020 10:00-12:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Debates

• Internal border controls within the Schengen area - reporting back to committee by Tanja FAJON (S&D, SI) on the work of the LIBE Working Group on Schengen Scrutiny - exchange of views with Terezija GRAS, State Secretary for European and International Affairs, Ministry of the Interior, Croatian Presidency and Monique PARIAT, Director-General, DG HOME, European Commission (10.00 – 11.30)

• Community statistics on migration and international protection (COD) - rapporteur Jan-Christoph OETJEN (Renew, DE) - consideration of draft recommendation for second reading (11.30 – 12.00)

Agenda and meeting documents