

The Week Ahead 14 – 20 September 2020

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Plenary Session, Brussels

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State of the European Union. Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will give her first State of the European Union address at 9.15 on Wednesday morning. She is set to outline the impact of the Commission's work in mitigating the COVID-19 health and economic crisis, and to present her vision for economic recovery, the fight against climate change, and the situation in Europe's neighbourhood. Political group leaders will react to her speech, assess the Commission's work and set out their views on the 2021 priorities.

Recovery Plan/Own Resources. MEPs are set to accelerate the procedure that will enable the EU to borrow €750 billion for the "Next Generation EU" recovery plan. The vote on the own resources decision will make it possible to start the ratification process in 27 EU countries - so that the COVID-19 recovery plan can be launched as soon as possible (*debate Monday, vote Wednesday*).

EU Civil Protection capacity. MEPs are expected to call for the EU's Civil Protection Mechanism to be enhanced so that the EU can better respond to large-scale emergencies such as COVID-19 and to ensure that member states are not left to rely on own assets and voluntary support when dealing with such emergencies (*debate Monday, vote Wednesday*).

Just Transition Fund. MEPs will adopt Parliament's position for negotiations with EU ministers on setting up the Just Transition Fund to mitigate the social impact of greening the economy by supporting regions most affected by the energy transition (*vote Wednesday*).

COVID-19 tests/risk classification. MEPs will debate the lack of coordination regarding COVID-19 health assessments and risk classification and its consequences for the Schengen area. They are set to call for a common EU approach (*debate Tuesday, vote Thursday*).

Moria refugee camp. MEPs are expected to call for an urgent EU response to address the humanitarian crisis on the island of Lesbos following the fire that razed the Moria refugee camp (*debate Thursday*).

Foreign Affairs. In a series of debates with EU Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell, MEPs will comment on the situation in Russia and the poisoning of Alexei Navalny, on Belarus, Lebanon and on the upcoming Special EU summit, focusing on the dangerous escalation of tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean. Resolutions will be put to the vote on Russia, Belarus and the Eastern Mediterranean (*Tuesday, votes Thursday*).

Poland/Rule of law/Fundamental rights. MEPs will debate the democratic backsliding and rule of law breaches in Poland and are set to call on the Council and the Commission to act to protect fundamental rights in the country (*debate Monday, vote Thursday*).

President's diary. On Monday afternoon, President Sassoli will meet with Commission Vice-President Margaritis Schinas and on Wednesday afternoon, he will participate via video in a High-level panel on a conference about 'Upward convergence – What does it

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take in view of the crisis?' organised by the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

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PLENARY SESSION

Monday 14 September 2020

17:00 Resumption of session and order of business

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17:30 - 22:30 Debates

Joint debate - Poland

- **Determination of a clear risk of a serious breach by the Republic of Poland of the rule of law**
Report: Juan Fernando López Aguilar (A9-0138/2020)
[2017/0360R(NLE)]
[Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs](#)
- **LGBTI-free zones in Poland within the scope of the Rete Lenford case**
Report: (O-000042/2020)
[2020/2778(RSP)]
- **Strategic approach to pharmaceuticals in the environment**
Report: (O-000041/2020, O-000040/2020)
[2019/2816(RSP)]
- * • **Draft Council decision on the system of own resources of the European Union**
Report: José Manuel Fernandes, Valérie Hayer (A9-0146/2020)
[2018/0135(CNS)]
[Committee on Budgets](#)
- ***] • **Amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism**
Report: Nikos Androulakis (A9-0148/2020)
[2020/0097(COD)]
[Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety](#)

- ***] • **Global data collection system for ship fuel oil consumption data**
Report: Jutta Paulus (A9-0144/2020)
[2019/0017(COD)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- **Arms export: implementation of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP**
Report: Hannah Neumann (A9-0137/2020)
[2020/2003(INI)]
Committee on Foreign Affairs

- **Implementation of the EU Association Agreement with Georgia**
Report: Sven Mikser (A9-0136/2020)
[2019/2200(INI)]
Committee on Foreign Affairs

19:15 - 20:30 Voting session

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

- **Secret votes**

- **Appointment of the Chair of the CCP Supervisory Committee**
Report: Irene Tinagli (A9-0152/2020)
[2020/0906(NLE)]
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- **Appointment of an Independent Member of the CCP Supervisory Committee**
Report: Irene Tinagli (A9-0151/2020)
[2020/0907(NLE)]
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- **Appointment of an Independent Member of the CCP Supervisory Committee**
Report: Irene Tinagli (A9-0153/2020)
[2020/0908(NLE)]
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

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- **Votes on requests for urgent procedure (Rule 163)**

- ***I • **Sustainable rail market in view of COVID-19 outbreak**
[2020/0127(COD)]
Committee on Transport and Tourism

- **Draft amending budget no 8: Increase of payment appropriations for the Emergency Support Instrument to finance the COVID-19 vaccines strategy and for the impact of the Corona Response Investment Initiative Plus**
Report: Monika Hohlmeier
[2020/1997(BUD)]
Committee on Budgets

- **Single votes**

- * • **Proposal for a Council decision authorising Portugal to apply a reduced rate of excise duty on certain alcoholic products produced in the autonomous regions of Madeira and the Azores**
Report: Younous Omarjee (A9-0140/2020)
[2020/0118(CNS)]
Committee on Regional Development

- **Effective measures to “green” Erasmus+, Creative Europe and the European Solidarity Corps**
Report: Laurence Farreng (A9-0141/2020)
[2019/2195(INI)]
Committee on Culture and Education

- **Votes on amendments**

- **Stanislav Polčák (ENVI A9-0143/2020) - The EU’s role in protecting and restoring the world’s forests**

- **Javier Nart (AFET A9-0129/2020) - EU-African security cooperation in the Sahel region, West Africa and the Horn of Africa**

Tuesday 15 September 2020

09:00 Announcement of results

09:15 - 13:00 Debates

- **Preparation of the Special European Council, focusing on the dangerous escalation and the role of Turkey in the Eastern-Mediterranean**

[2020/2774(RSP)]

Joint debate - Statements by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

- **Situation in Belarus**

[2020/2779(RSP)]

- **Situation in Lebanon**

[2020/2775(RSP)]

- **Situation in Russia, the poisoning of Alexei Navalny**

[2020/2777(RSP)]

10:30 - 11:45 First voting session

- **Votes on amendments**
- **Nikos Androulakis (ENVI A9-0148/2020) - Amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism**
- **Jutta Paulus (ENVI A9-0144/2020) - Global data collection system for ship fuel oil consumption data**
- **José Manuel Fernandes, Valerie Hayer (BUDG A9-0146/2020) - Draft Council decision on the system of own resources of the European Union**
- **Sven Mikser (AFET A9-0136/2020) - Implementation of the EU Association Agreement with Georgia**

14:15 Announcement of results

14:30 - 15:30 Debate

- **Covid-19: EU coordination of health assessments and risk classification and the consequences on Schengen and the single market**
[2020/2780(RSP)]

17:00 - 18:15 Second voting session

- **Final votes**
- **The EU's role in protecting and restoring the world's forests**
Report: Stanislav Polčák (A9-0143/2020)
[2019/2156(INI)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- **EU-African security cooperation in the Sahel region, West Africa and the Horn of Africa**
Report: Javier Nart (A9-0129/2020)
[2020/2002(INI)]
Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **Votes on amendments**
- **Esther de Lange (ENVI A9-0139/2020) - Type approval of motor vehicles (Real Driving Emissions)**
- **Manolis Kefalogiannis (REGI A9-0135/2020) - Establishing the Just Transition Fund**
- **Hannah Neumann (AFET A9-0137/2020) - Arms export: implementation of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP**

Wednesday 16 September 2020

09:00 Announcement of results

09:15 - 12:30 Debate

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- **State of the Union**

[2020/2696(RSP)]

13:00 - 14:15 First voting session

- **Final votes**

- ***] • **Amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism**

Report: Nikos Androulakis (A9-0148/2020)

[2020/0097(COD)]

[Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety](#)

- ***] • **Global data collection system for ship fuel oil consumption data**

Report: Jutta Paulus (A9-0144/2020)

[2019/0017(COD)]

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- * • **Draft Council decision on the system of own resources of the European Union**

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- **Implementation of the EU Association Agreement with Georgia**

Report: Sven Mikser (A9-0136/2020)

[2019/2200(INI)]

[Committee on Foreign Affairs](#)

- **Votes on amendments**

- **Juan Fernando López Aguilar (LIBE A9-0138/2020) - Determination of a clear risk of a serious breach by the Republic of Poland of the rule of law**

- **Motion for a resolution - Strategic approach to pharmaceuticals in the environment**

- **Ciarán Cuffe (ITRE A9-0134/2020) - Maximising the energy efficiency potential of the EU building stock**

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- **Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé (ENVI A9-0142/2020) - Shortage of medicines - how to address an emerging problem**
- **Romeo Franz (LIBE A9-0147/2020) - Report on the implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies: Combating negative attitudes towards people with Romani background in Europe**

16:45 Announcement of results

17:30 - 18:45 Second voting session

- **Final votes**
- ***I • **Type approval of motor vehicles (Real Driving Emissions)**
Report: Esther de Lange (A9-0139/2020)
[2019/0101(COD)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- ***I • **Just Transition Fund**
Report: Manolis Kefalogiannis (A9-0135/2020)
[2020/0006(COD)]
Committee on Regional Development
- **Arms export: implementation of Common Position 2008/944/CFSP**
Report: Hannah Neumann (A9-0137/2020)
[2020/2003(INI)]
Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **Votes on amendments**
- **(TRAN) - Regulation establishing measures for a sustainable rail market in view of the COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Motions for resolutions - Preparation of the Special European Council, focusing on the dangerous escalation and the role of Turkey in the Eastern-Mediterranean**
- **Motions for resolutions - Situation in Belarus**

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- **Motions for resolutions - Situation in Russia, the poisoning of Alexei Navalny**

Thursday 17 September 2020

08:30 Announcement of results

08:45 - 13:00 Debates

- **Combatting the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children**
[2020/2702(RSP)]
- **The importance of urban and green infrastructure - European Year of Greener Cities 2022**
Report: (O-000039/2020)
[2019/2805(RSP)]
- **The need for an immediate and humanitarian EU response to the current situation in the refugee camp in Moria**
[2020/2781(RSP)]

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

- **The situation in the Philippines, including the case of Maria Ressa**
[2020/2782(RSP)]
- **The case of Dr. Denis Mukwege in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**
[2020/2783(RSP)]
- **The humanitarian situation in Mozambique**
[2020/2784(RSP)]

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Report: Juan Fernando López Aguilar (A9-0138/2020)
[2017/0360R(NLE)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- **Strategic approach to pharmaceuticals in the environment**
Report: (O-000041/2020, O-000040/2020)
[2019/2816(RSP)]
- **Maximising the energy efficiency potential of the EU building stock**
Report: Ciarán Cuffe (A9-0134/2020)
[2020/2070(INI)]
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- **Shortage of medicines - how to address an emerging problem**
Report: Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé (A9-0142/2020)
[2020/2071(INI)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- **Implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies: combating negative attitudes towards people with Romani background in Europe**
Report: Romeo Franz (A9-0147/2020)
[2020/2011(INI)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- **Preparation of the Special European Council, focusing on the dangerous escalation and the role of Turkey in the Eastern-Mediterranean**
[2020/2774(RSP)]
- **Situation in Belarus**
[2020/2779(RSP)]
- **Situation in Russia, the poisoning of Alexei Navalny**
[2020/2777(RSP)]
- **Votes on amendments**

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- **Motions for resolutions - The situation in the Philippines, including the case of Maria Ressa**
- **Motions for resolutions - The case of Dr. Denis Mukwege in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**
- **Motions for resolutions - The humanitarian situation in Mozambique**
- **Motions for resolutions - Covid-19: EU coordination of health assessments and risk classification and the consequences on Schengen and the single market**
- **Motions for a resolution - The importance of urban and green infrastructure - European Year of Greener Cities 2022**

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13:00 - 14:15 Second voting session

- **Final votes**
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[2020/2782(RSP)]
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[2020/2783(RSP)]
- **The humanitarian situation in Mozambique**
[2020/2784(RSP)]

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Report: Monika Hohlmeier

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[2020/1997(BUD)]

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- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112(2) and (3) and (4)(c): Maximum residue levels for several substances including flonicamid, haloxyfop and mandestrobin**

[2020/2734(RPS)]

- **Cultural recovery of Europe**

[2020/2708(RSP)]

- **Covid-19: EU coordination of health assessments and risk classification and the consequences on Schengen and the single market**

[2020/2780(RSP)]

- **The importance of urban and green infrastructure - European Year of Greener Cities 2022**

Report: (O-000039/2020)

[2019/2805(RSP)]

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 14/09/2020

14:00 Meeting with the Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr Margaritis Schinas

17:00 Plenary

18:30 Bureau meeting

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14:00 Video Conference 'High-level panel: Upward convergence – What does it take in view of the crisis?' organised by German Federal Ministry of Labour and social affairs

15:00 Conference of Presidents

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Thursday 17/09/2020

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PRESS CONFERENCES

Greens/EFA Briefing

Tuesday 15/09/2020 09:00-09:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Ska KELLER (DE), and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE), Co-Chairs

S&D Briefing

Tuesday 15/09/2020 09:45-10:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, (ES), Chair

GUE/NGL Briefing

Tuesday 15/09/2020 14:00-14:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Manon AUBRY (FR), and Martin SCHIRDEWAN (DE), Co-Chairs

“the rule of law situation in Poland”

Tuesday 15/09/2020 15:00-15:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES), rapporteur

“the vote on the legislative opinion on the Own Resources Decision”

Wednesday 16/09/2020 14:30-15:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Valérie HAYER (Renew Europe, FR), José Manuel FERNANDES (EPP, PT), rapporteurs