

The Week Ahead 16 – 22 September 2024

Plenary session, Strasbourg

Ursula von der Leyen/college of Commissioners. On Tuesday at 9.00, Commission President-elect Ursula von der Leyen is set to present the structure of the new Commission as well as the allocation of portfolios for the Commissioners-designate to Parliament's Conference of Presidents (President Metsola and political group leaders).

Mario Draghi/competitiveness. On *Tuesday* at 13.30, Mario Draghi will outline to plenary his blueprint for boosting Europe's competitiveness. MEPs will debate the report's findings after his address, from 14.00.

War against Ukraine. In a resolution to be put to vote on *Thursday*, MEPs are expected to urge EU countries to continue to provide military and financial support for Kyiv. A debate with the Commission will take place on *Tuesday morning*.

Gaza/Middle East. MEPs will discuss the war in the Gaza Strip and the situation in the Middle East with the Commission on *Tuesday*. Parliament has repeatedly called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire and the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

Hungarian residence permits. On *Wednesday*, MEPs will discuss with the Commission and Council the Hungarian National Card residence permit scheme to include nationals of Russia and Belarus. MEPs have raised concerns over the possible security risks the scheme poses for the entire Schengen free-travel area.

Venezuela. Following presidential candidate Edmundo González flight from the country, plenary will discuss the EU's response to the situation in Venezuela with the Commission on *Tuesday* and vote on a resolution on *Thursday*.

EU 2025 Budget. In a debate on *Wednesday* on Council's position on next year's EU budget, MEPs are set to criticise planned cuts to EU funding for 2025. In October, Parliament will set out its own detailed position for the budgetary negotiations taking place in November. The budget for 2025 has to be agreed between the Council and the Parliament by the end of this year.

LUX Audience Award. On *Wednesday afternoon*, the five films nominated for the 2025 LUX Audience Award will be unveiled in Strasbourg, during a press conference in the presence of the directors of the nominated films.

Last-minute briefing. On *Monday* at 16.30, Parliament will hold a press briefing on the plenary session, which starts at 17.00.

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PLENARY SESSION

Monday 16 September 2024

17:00 - 22:00 **Debates**

Resumption of session and order of business

Outcome of the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU Agriculture
[2024/2797(RSP)]

Need to prevent security threats like the Solingen attack through addressing illegal migration and effective return
[2024/2798(RSP)]

Persistent problems of anti-Semitism in Europe and of other forms of hate speech and hate crimes
[2024/2812(RSP)]

One-minute speeches (Rule 179)

Tuesday 17 September 2024

09:00 - 13:30 **Debates**

Continued financial and military support to Ukraine by EU Member States
[2024/2799(RSP)]

Global measures towards social media platforms - Strengthening the role of DSA and protecting democracy and freedom in the online sphere
[2024/2806(RSP)]

13:30 - 14:00 **Address**

Address by Mario Draghi - Presentation of the report on the Future of European competitiveness

14:00 - 15:30 **Debate**

The future of European competitiveness
[2024/2802(RSP)]

15:30 - 22:00 **Debates**

State of the Energy union
[2024/2813(RSP)]

War in the Gaza Strip and the situation in the Middle-East
[2024/2809(RSP)]

Situation in Venezuela
[2024/2810(RSP)]

Outcome of G20 ministerial meeting in Rio-de-Janeiro and fighting inequality
[2024/2811(RSP)]

Wednesday 18 September 2024

09:00 - 11:50 **KEY DEBATE**

The devastating floods in Central and Eastern Europe, the loss of lives and the EU's preparedness to act on such disasters exacerbated by climate change
[2024/2817(RSP)]

12:00 - 13:00 **VOTES**

Numerical strength of interparliamentary delegations
[2024/2814(RSO)]

Objection pursuant to Rule 115(2) and (3), and (4)(c): Maximum residue levels for carbendazim and thiophanate-methyl
[2024/2758(RPS)]

Objection pursuant to Rule 115(2) and (3), and (4)(c): Maximum residue levels for cyproconazole
[2024/2759(RPS)]

13:00 - 22:00 **Debates (or at the end of the votes)**

Topical debate (Rule 169) - Organised crime, a major threat to the internal security of the European Union and European citizens

Presentation by the Council of its position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2025 - all sections

[2024/2713(RSP)]

The Hungarian “National Card” scheme and its consequences for Schengen and the area of freedom, security and justice

[2024/2800(RSP)]

EU response to the Mpox outbreak and the need for continuous action

[2024/2801(RSP)]

Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 150)

The deteriorating situation of women in Afghanistan due to the recent adoption of the law on the “Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice”

[2024/2803(RSP)]

The severe situation of political prisoners in Belarus

[2024/2804(RSP)]

The case of José Daniel Ferrer García in Cuba

[2024/2805(RSP)]

Thursday 19 September 2024

09:00 - 11:50 **Debates**

Droughts and extreme weather events as a threat to local communities and EU agriculture in times of climate change

[2024/2807(RSP)]

The historic CJEU ruling on the Apple state aid case and its consequences

[2024/2815(RSP)]

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[2024/2805(RSP)]

EU/USA Agreement on launch of Galileo satellites from U.S. territory

Report: Borys Budka (A10-0001/2024)

[2024/0046(NLE)]

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Continued financial and military support to Ukraine by EU Member States

[2024/2799(RSP)]

Situation in Venezuela

[2024/2810(RSP)]

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[2024/2817(RSP)]

15:00 - 16:00 **Debates**

Possible extradition of Paul Watson: the danger of criminalisation of environmental defenders and whistle-blowers, and the need for their protection in the EU

[2024/2808(RSP)]

Explanations of votes

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

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Monday 16 September 2024

European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg

17:00 President Metsola presides over the opening of the part-session

16:15 President Metsola meets with the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen

18:00 President Metsola presides over the European Parliament's Bureau

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Tuesday 17 September 2024

European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg

09:00 President Metsola presides over the Conference of Presidents meeting

15:00 President Metsola participates in the Conference of Committee Chairs

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Saturday 21 September 2024

United Nations General Assembly, in New York, USA (local time)

15:10 President Metsola addresses the Summit of the Future Action Days: 'How can parliaments close the SDG financing gap?'

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Sunday 22 September 2024

United Nations General Assembly, in New York, USA (local time)

12:00 President Metsola addresses an event at the Consulate of Italy in New York, with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic Antonio Tajani

14:00 President Metsola addresses the event 'New Beginning for Multilateralism: the Role of Parliaments'

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Friday 20 September 2024

11:30 President Metsola meets with the President-elect of the European Council, António Costa

PRESS CONFERENCES

Last minute session briefing

Monday 16 September 2024 16:30-17:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing S&D

Tuesday 17 September 2024 12:00-12:20 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, (S&D,ES), President

Briefing Renew Europe

Tuesday 17 September 2024 12:20-12:40 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Valérie HAYER (Renew,FR), President

Briefing Greens/EFA

Tuesday 17 September 2024 12:40-13:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Bas EICKHOUT (Greens/EFA,NL) and Terry REINTKE (Greens/EFA,DE), Co-Presidents

Briefing The Left

Tuesday 17 September 2024 13:00-13:20 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, WEISS N-1/201

Manon AUBRY (The Left,FR) and Martin SCHIRDEWAN (The Left,DE), Co-Presidents

Human rights in Afghanistan: Afghan women testify in the European Parliament

Tuesday 17 September 2024 18:00-18:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Mounir SATOURI (Greens/EFA, FR), Chair of the DROI Subcommittee

Procedures assessing potential conflict of interests of Commissioners-designate

Wednesday 18 September 2024 13:00-13:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Ilhan KYUCHYUK (Renew, BG), JURI Chair

Announcement of films nominated for the 2025 LUX Film Award

Wednesday 18 September 2024 15:00-15:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Sabine VERHEYEN (EPP, DE), 1st Vice Chair of the EP and Nela RIEHL (Greens/EFA, DE), Chair of the CULT Committee

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Thursday 19 September 2024 09:00-10:00 Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200

Debate

- Council Presidency - Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme by Mr János BÓKA, Minister for European Union Affairs of the Republic of Hungary