

The Week Ahead 23 – 29 September 2019

Committees' meetings, Brussels

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Mario Draghi. European Central Bank President Mario Draghi will attend his last "monetary dialogue" with the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, to debate the ECB's monetary policy in the euro area. Mr Draghi will also make his final appearance as Chair of the European Systemic Risk Board (*Monday*).

UN Summit. MEPs from the Environment and Development committees will attend the UN Summit on Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Action. The objectives are two-fold: to come up with realistic plans to reach the target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45 per cent and to net zero emissions by 2050, and focus on accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (*Monday to Wednesday*).

European elections/Eurobarometer. The Parliament will publish the full results of a post-electoral Eurobarometer survey, one of the most comprehensive, publicly available quantitative surveys on the last European elections (*Tuesday*).

Multilingualism Day. Parliament will hold its third Multilingualism Day, where various activities will be organised to mark European Day of languages (26 September), Europe's linguistic diversity and show how interpreters and translators work. Events will take place in Parliament's buildings and hemicycle as well as the European House of History. (*Saturday*)

President's diary. EP President David Sassoli will meet outgoing ECB President Mario Draghi, 12 Rabbis from different European countries as well as Austria's National Council Speaker Wolfgang Sobotka, on Monday. On Tuesday, he will meet European Ombudsman O'Reilly and on Wednesday, he will attend the European Economic and Social Committee plenary session and meet SIAE (Italian society of authors and publishers) President Mogol. The next day, he will meet Croatia's Prime Minister Andrej Plenković. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday President Sassoli will meet with a number of Commissioners-designate.

Press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on the week's activities at 11.00 a.m. on Monday, in the "Anna Politkovskaya" EP press conference room.

Briefing on Commissioners' hearings. The EP Press service will hold a technical briefing on the upcoming hearings of Commissioners-designate on Thursday at 11.00, in the "Anna Politkovskaya" room.

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 23/09/2019

- 13:40 Meeting with Mr Draghi - handover of thank you present (President's office)
- 15:00 Meeting with 12 Rabbis (Salon protocolaire, 9th floor)
- 16:00 Meeting with MEP Mr Guy Verhofstadt
- 17:00 Meeting with the CEO of ANSA
- 18:00 Meeting with Speaker of the Austrian National Council Mr Wolfgang Sobotka (Grand salon protocolaire)

The President's agenda

Tuesday 24/09/2019

- 10:00 Meeting with Commissioner-designate Mr Didier Reynders (President's office)
- 11:00 Meeting with Commissioner-designate Mr Janusz Wojciechowski (President's office)
- 11:15 Meeting with Commissioner-designate Mr Sinkevicius
- 12:00 Meeting with commissioner-designate Mr Nicolas Schmit (President's office)
- 15:30 Meeting with Commissioner-designate Ms Elisa Ferreira (President's office)
- 16:00 Meeting with Italian Minister for Economic Development
- 16:30 Photo with Mr Boris Pistorius, German minister Niedersachsen (SPD)
- 17:00 Meeting with Commissioner-designate Mr László Trócsányi (President's office)

The President's agenda

Thursday 26/09/2019

- 09:00 Meeting with SIAE President Mr Mogol (President's office)
- 10:00 Meeting with Ms Pivetti (ASSOFER) (President's office)
- 12:00 Meeting with commissioner-designate Ms Vera Jourova (President's office)
- 15:00 Meeting with commissioner-designate Mr Schinas (President's office)
- 16:00 Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia Mr Andrej Plenković (Grand salon protocolaire)

PRESS CONFERENCES

Briefing on parliamentary agenda

Monday 23/09/2019 11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50*

“Shared Future: Cross-Party Brexit Hearing”

Wednesday 25/09/2019 13:30-14:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Naomi LONG (RE, UK)

“A European Court of Justice to defend health and environment: a proposal to change Europe”

Wednesday 25/09/2019 15:00-15:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Fabio Massimo CASTALDO, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Tiziana BEGHIN (NI, IT), Laura FERRARA (NI, IT), Piernicola PEDICINI (NI, IT), Jacopo BERTI, Antonino ABRAMI, and Marie-Odille BERTELLA GEOFFREOY

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Wednesday 25/09/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

Debates

- Presentation of the “Normandy Index” measuring threats to peace and security
- Debate with Front Line Defenders and Protectdefenders.eu in the presence of two human rights defenders

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Thursday 26/09/2019 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

Debate

- Exchange of views on the situation in Myanmar with Marzuki DARUSMAN, President of the UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar (FFM)

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Thursday 26/09/2019 09:00-12:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2

- Debate with Jacek BYLICA, Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (Head of Division SECPOL.1, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and arms export control, EEAS), William ALBERQUE, Director of NATO's Arms Control, Disarmament and WMD Non-Proliferation Centre and with Bruno LÉTÉ, Senior Fellow at The German Marshall Fund of the United States on the post INF Non-Proliferation regime
- Debate with Pierre DELSAUX, Deputy Director General, (DG GROW, European Commission) on the defence and security aspects of EU space policy

Committee on International Trade

Tuesday 24/09/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

- Debate with EUROFER and European Aluminium on the current situation on the EU steel and aluminium sectors
- Discussion on EU-Africa trade relations
- The EU strategy against deforestation: the trade dimension. (Commission presentation)
- New developments in research on trade in services and procurement (Commission presentation)

Committee on Budgets

Tuesday 24/09/2019 11:00-18:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2

- Presentation of Brexit contingency plan

15.00 – 18.00

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections (BUD) - Co- rapporteurs: Monika Hohlmeier (EPP, DE), Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D, ES) - Exchange of views on Budgetary amendments

Committee on Budgetary Control

Wednesday 25/09/2019 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B-001*

Committee on Budgetary Control

Thursday 26/09/2019 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B-001*

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Monday 23/09/2019 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

- Monetary Dialogue with Mario DRAGHI, President of the European Central Bank (15.00-17.00)
- Public Hearing with Mario DRAGHI, Chairman of the European Systemic Risk Board (17.00-18.00)

Votes (18.00-18.30)

- European Crowdfunding Service Providers (ECSP) for Business (COD) - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations. Report by Eugen JURZYCA (ECR, SK)
- Markets in financial instruments (COD) - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations. Report by Caroline NAGTEGAAL (Renew, NL)

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Tuesday 24/09/2019 14:30-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

- Exchange of views with Niels THYGESEN, Chair of the European Fiscal Board on the European Fiscal Board's assessment of the general orientation of fiscal policy in the euro area for 2020 (16.30-17.30)

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Tuesday 24/09/2019 09:00-18:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

Debates

- Exchange of views with the Directors of the Agencies under the EMPL remit

Votes

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections - Rapporteur for the opinion: Lucia Ďuriš NICHOLSONOVÁ (ECR, SK)

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Wednesday 25/09/2019 10:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

Votes (10.00-12.30)

- Establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Coordination Centres (COD) - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations. Rapporteur Rasmus ANDRESEN (Greens/EFA, DE)
- Labelling of tyres with respect to fuel efficiency and other essential parameters (COD) - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations. Report by Adina-Ioana VĂLEAN (EPP, RO)
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections (BUD) - Vote for a draft opinion. Report by Adina-Ioana VĂLEAN (EPP, RO)

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- 2019 UN Climate Change Conference in Santiago de Chile, Chili (COP25) -Vote on a draft opinion in letter form (to be confirmed). Report by Adina-Ioana VĂLEAN (EPP, RO)
- Presentation of the Policy department study on "How to tackle challenges in a future-oriented EU industrial strategy" by Julie PELLEGRIN **(10.00-11.30)**
- Presentation of the STOA study on "Galileo Satellite Navigation System: Space applications on earth" by Ulf BESTEMANN **(11.30-12.30)**

- Presentation of the EU Space Programmes as enablers for policies covered by the ITRE Committee - additional information in Annex **(14.30-15.45)**
- Presentation of the European Court of Auditors Special Report "Wind and solar power for electricity generation" **(15.45-16.45)**
- Presentation by the Commission of the report on the implementation of the work under the nuclear decommissioning assistance programmes to Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovakia **(16.45-17.30)**

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Wednesday 25/09/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Votes

- Type-approval requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers, and systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, as regards their general safety and the protection of vehicle occupants and vulnerable road users - Examination and vote of a corrigendum (possibly)
- Better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules - Examination and vote of a corrigendum (possibly)

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Tuesday 24/09/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations :

- Common rules for the allocation of slots at European Union airports (Recast) (COD), Rapporteur Dominique Riquet (Renew, FR)
- Amendment of Regulation (EC) No 261/2004 establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delay of flights and amendment of Regulation (EC) No 2027/97 on air carrier liability in respect of the carriage of passengers and their baggage by air (COD) Rapporteur Pablo Arias Echeverría (EPP, ES)
- Implementation of the Single European Sky (recast) (COD) Rapporteur: Marian-Jean Marinescu (EPP, RO)
- Use of vehicles hired without drivers for the carriage of goods by road (COD), Rapporteur: Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar (EPP, PT)
- Charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures (COD)
- Enforcement requirements and specific rules for posting drivers in the road transport sector (COD), Rapporteur: Kateřina Konečná (GUE/NGL, CZ)
- Amending Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 as regards on minimum requirements on maximum daily and weekly driving times, minimum breaks and daily and weekly rest periods and Regulation (EU) 165/2014 as regards positioning by means of tachographs (COD), Rapporteur: Henna Virkkunen (EPP, FI)
- Amending Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 and Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 with a view to adapting them to developments in the sector (COD) - Rapporteur: Ismail Ertug (S&D, DE)

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- Rail passengers' rights and obligations (recast) (COD), Rapporteur: Bogusław Liberadzki (S&D, PL)
- Common rules for access to the international market for coach and bus services (COD)
- Common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States (COD)
- Streamlining measures for advancing the realisation of the trans-European transport network (COD), Rapporteur: Dominique Riquet (Renew, FR)
- Electronic freight transport information (COD), Rapporteur: Andor Deli (EPP, HU)
- Discontinuing seasonal changes of time (COD)

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Wednesday 25/09/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

- Exchange of views with Commission representatives (DG AGRI and DG TRADE) on the agricultural component of the Mercosur Free Trade Agreement and other relevant issues of trade policy

Committee on Fisheries

Tuesday 24/09/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

- European Union preparedness for changes to the EU fishing sector in the event of Brexit

Committee on Culture and Education

Tuesday 24/09/2019 09:30-16:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3

- European Day of Languages - exchange of views on multilingualism in the EU

Committee on Legal Affairs

Wednesday 25/09/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

In camera

- Examination of potential or actual conflict of interests of the Commissioners-designate

Debate

- Commission's presentation on new priorities on intellectual property policy - exchange of views (**16.30-17.30**)

Committee on Legal Affairs

Thursday 26/09/2019 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Draft agenda will be available [here](#)

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Tuesday 24/09/2019 14:30-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Votes (18.00-18.30)

Vote in each case on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations and on the composition of the negotiating team for the following:

- Temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders (COD) - rapporteur Tanja FAJON (S&D, SI),

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- Visa Information System (COD) - rapporteur Paulo RANGEL (EPP, PT)
- Community statistics on migration and international protection (COD) - rapporteur Jan-Christoph OETJEN (Renew, DE)
- Establishing the Pericles IV programme (COD) - rapporteur Clare DALY (GUE/NGL, IE)
- Establishing the Rights and Values programme (COD) - rapporteur Alice KUHNKE (Greens/EFA, SE)
- Establishing the Asylum and Migration Fund (COD), rapporteur Miriam DALLI (S&D, MT)
- Establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the instrument for financial support for border management and visa (COD) - rapporteur Tanja FAJON (S&D, SI)
- Establishing the Internal Security Fund (COD) - rapporteur Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE)
- Preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online (COD) - rapporteur Patryk JAKI (ECR, PL)
- Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Kosovo (COD) - rapporteur Tanja Fajon (S&D, SI)

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Wednesday 25/09/2019 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Agenda will be available [here](#)

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Monday 23/09/2019 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E2

Debate

- Priorities of the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the EU - presentation by Thomas BLOMQUIST, Finnish Minister for Nordic Cooperation and Equality **(15.00-16.00)**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol

Monday 23/09/2019 14:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Tuesday 24/09/2019 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

23-24 September

The Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) brings together Members of national parliaments and the European Parliament to fulfill the scrutiny and oversight on the activities of Europol including on fundamental rights. The JPSG meets at least twice a year. It is co-chaired by the European Parliament and the country holding the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union, currently Finland.

The agenda includes interventions by Europol Executive Director, Catherine De BOLLE, Minister of Interior of Finland, Maria OHISALO, Chairperson of the Europol Management Board, Andrei LINTA, and assistant EDPS, Wojciech WIEWIÓROWSKI. There are as well high profile discussions on topics such as the findings by the Europol Cooperation Board, the Europol's information management priorities in 2019, review of the Rules of Procedure, as well as a keynote speech by the Commissioner for the Security Union, Julian KING.

[Draft agenda and background documents](#)