

The Week Ahead 07 – 13 October 2019

Commissioners-designate hearings, plenary and committee meetings, Brussels

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Hearings of Commissioners-designate. On Monday and Tuesday, MEPs will continue the public hearings of Commissioners-designate in the parliamentary committees, to examine whether a candidate is qualified both to be Member of the College of Commissioners, and to carry out their assigned duties. MEPs will also assess their ability and willingness to address citizens' concerns and deliver on the programme that President-elect Ursula von der Leyen presented to MEPs in July. Among those to be heard are the three executive Vice Presidents-designate and the High representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The detailed schedule of the [hearings can be found here](#).

Plenary

EU summit. MEPs will debate the 17/18 October EU summit, the agenda of which includes the EU long-term budget, Brexit and follow-up to the UN Climate Action Summit (*Wednesday*).

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). MEPs will debate and vote on a resolution on the EU long-term budget for 2021-2027 and the reform of the EU's own budgetary resources. In the draft resolution, MEPs say they want the new MFF to go beyond what was previously planned on climate action, to reflect the European Green Deal promised by Commission President-elect von der Leyen (*Wednesday and Thursday*).

Green investments. Measures to make EU investments more environmentally-friendly will be debated with Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank (*Thursday*).

Foreign electoral interference in Europe. MEPs will vote on a resolution on foreign electoral interference and disinformation in national and European democratic processes, as they threaten the stability of political systems in member states and the cohesion of EU integration (*Thursday*).

Committees



Agenda

2019 Sakharov Prize. The Foreign Affairs and Development committees, together with the Human Rights Subcommittee, will vote to shortlist the three finalists for the 2019 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. The final laureate will be chosen by the Conference of Presidents on 24 October and announced in plenary by President Sassoli immediately after.

President's Diary. EP President David Sassoli will be in Paris to meet President of the Republic of France Emmanuel Macron and National Assembly President Richard Ferrand as well as visit a "Resto du Coeur". On Tuesday, President Sassoli will be first in Berlin to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Bundestag President Wolfgang Schäuble, and then in London to meet UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Pre-session press briefing. The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on the week's activities at 11.00 on Monday (*Anna Politkovskaya room, press centre, Brussels*).

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PLENARY SESSION

Wednesday 09 October 2019

15:00 - 23:00 Debates

- **Resumption of session and order of business**
- **Preparation of the European Council meeting of 17 and 18 October 2019**
[2019/2711(RSP)]
- **Greening the European Investment Bank**
[2019/2835(RSP)]
- **Preventing conflicts of interests in the EU**
[2019/2853(RSP)]
- **US tariffs on European goods following WTO's decision on the Airbus dispute**
[2019/2846(RSP)]
- **Situation in Northern Syria**
[2019/2847(RSP)]
- **Situation in Ukraine**
[2019/2834(RSP)]
- **Authorization of GMOs**
[2019/2849(RSP)]
- **Fight against cancer**
[2019/2852(RSP)]
- **One-minute speeches (Rule 172)**

Thursday 10 October 2019

09:00 - 11:20 Debates

- **Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and own resources: time to meet citizens' expectations**
[2019/2833(RSP)]
- **Employment and social policies of the euro area**
Report: Yana Toom (A9-0016/2019)
[2019/2111(INI)]
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

11:30 - 13:30 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- ***I • **Periods of application of Regulation (EU) 2019/501 and Regulation (EU) 2019/502**
Report: Karima Delli
[2019/0179(COD)]
Committee on Transport and Tourism
- * • **Eurojust and Serbia Cooperation Agreement**
Report: Juan Fernando López Aguilar (A9-0009/2019)
[2019/0807(CNS)]
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- **Draft amending budget No 4/2019: reduction of commitment and payment appropriations in line with updated needs of expenditure and update of revenue (own resources)**
Report: John Howarth (A9-0012/2019)
[2019/2037(BUD)]
Committee on Budgets
- **Adjustments to the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2019 to be used for migration, refugee inflows and security threats**
Report: John Howarth (A9-0013/2019)
[2019/2039(BUD)]
Committee on Budgets

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- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Active substances, including flumioxazine**
[2019/2825(RSP)]
- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Active substances, including chlorotoluron**
[2019/2826(RSP)]
- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Genetically modified maize MZHG0JG (SYN-ØØØJG-2)**
[2019/2830(RSP)]
- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Genetically modified soybean A2704-12 (ACS-GMØØ5-3)**
[2019/2828(RSP)]
- **Objection pursuant to Rule 112: Genetically modified maize MON 89034 × 1507 × MON 88017 × 59122 × DAS-40278-9 and genetically modified maize combining two, three or four of the single events MON 89034, 1507, MON 88017, 59122 and DAS-40278-9**
[2019/2829(RSP)]
- **Foreign electoral interference and disinformation in national and European democratic processes**
[2019/2810(RSP)]
- **Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and own resources: time to meet citizens' expectations**
[2019/2833(RSP)]
- **Employment and social policies of the euro area**
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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 07/10/2019

10:30 Paris, Visit to Resto du Coeur

12 :00 Paris, meeting with Mr. Richard Ferrand, President of the French National Assembly

15 :30 Paris, Meeting with Emmanuel Macron, President of the Republic of France

The President's agenda

Tuesday 08/10/2019

11:00 Berlin, meeting with Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel

12:15 Berlin, meeting with Mr Schäuble, President of the Bundestag (the German federal parliament)

17:00 London, meeting with Prime Minister Boris Johnson

The President's agenda

Wednesday 09/10/2019

15:00 Brussels, Opening the Plenary and debate on Council conclusions

The President's agenda

Saturday 12/10/2019

11:30 18th International Forum on agriculture and food, organised by Coldiretti (Italy's National Confederation of Farmers) in Cernobbio

PRESS CONFERENCES

Briefing on parliamentary agenda

Monday 07/10/2019 11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

“Erasmus Days”

Thursday 10/10/2019 10:00-10:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Sabine VERHEYEN (EPP, DE), Chair of the CULT Committee, Laure COUDRET-LAUT, Alessandra CECCHERELLI, and Catherine DEVLAMMINCK

“Turkish aggression against the allies of Europe in the fight against DAESH”

Thursday 10/10/2019 10:30-11:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Nikolaj VILLUMSEN (GUE/NGL, DK), Özlem DEMIREL (GUE/NGL, DE), and Ilham AHMED

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Tuesday 08/10/2019 10:00-12:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

- Debate with Sakharov Prize winners Salih Osman (Sudan) and Lorent Saleh (Venezuela)
- Discussion on Human rights and democracy in the world and the European Union's policy on the matter – annual report 2018. Rapporteur Isabel Wiseler-Lima (EPP, LU)

Committee on Foreign Affairs with Committee on Development and Subcommittee on Human Rights

Tuesday 08/10/2019 15:00-16:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Votes

- Decision to start dialogues on Establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument. Co-rapporteurs: Michael GAHLER (EPP, DE - AFET); Maria ARENA (S&D, BE - AFET); Rasa JUKNEVIČIENĖ (EPP, LT - DEVE); Charles GOERENS (RE, LU - DEVE). *Jointly with the Committee on Development, Rule 58*
- Decision to start dialogues on Establishing the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III). Co-Rapporteurs: Željana ZOVKO (EPP, HR); Tonino PICULA (S&D, HR)

Debate

- Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2019: Vote on a shortlist of 3 candidates. *Jointly with the Committee on Development and in cooperation with the Subcommittee on Human Rights*

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Tuesday 08/10/2019 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

Debates

- Debate on the state and outlook of the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) project
- Debate on military mobility
- Debate on coordinated maritime presences

Committee on Development

Tuesday 08/10/2019 09:00-13:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1E-2

Votes

- Amendments to the document for the 25th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP25)
- Draft opinion to the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 (BUDG file). Rapporteur for the opinion: Charles Goerens (Renew, LU)

Committee on Budgetary Control

Tuesday 08/10/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Monday 07/10/2019 15:30-17:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Debates

- Hearing of candidates to be designated as experts to the Management Boards of Cedefop, Eurofound, EU-OSHA and ELA

Votes

- Appointment of candidates to be designated as experts to the Management Boards of Cedefop, Eurofound, EU-OSHA and ELA
- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections - Retabling of EMPL budgetary amendments to Plenary - Rapporteur: Lucia ĎURIŠ NICHOLSONOVÁ (ECR, SK)

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Tuesday 08/10/2019 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Votes

- Establishing the Programme for single market, competitiveness of enterprises, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and European statistics - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Brando BENIFEI (S&D, IT)
- Establishing the 'Customs' programme for cooperation in the field of customs - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Maria GRAPINI (S&D, RO)
- Establishing, as part of the Integrated Border Management Fund, the instrument for financial support for customs control equipment - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Jiří POSPÍŠIL (EPP, CZ)

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Monday 07/10/2019 16:30-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

- Conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Ukraine amending the trade preferences for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations provided for by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part (NLE) - consideration of draft opinion by Zbigniew Kuźmiuk (ECR, PL)
- Conclusion of an agreement with the United States of America on the Allocation to the United States of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota provided for by Regulation (EC) No 617/2009 of 13 July 2009 opening an autonomous tariff quota for imports of high-quality beef (NLE) - consideration of draft opinion by Herbert Dorfmann (EPP, IT)

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Tuesday 08/10/2019 10:30-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

- Exchange of views with Commission representatives (DG AGRI, DG COMP and DG TRADE) on the long-term prospects for the European beef sector

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Tuesday 08/10/2019 14:30-17:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B1

Agenda

Debate

- Brexit: Hearing with organisations representing EU citizens in UK and British citizens in EU - exchange of views with organisations and campaigners representing the interests of different groups of citizens affected by Brexit