

# The Week Ahead 12 – 18 October 2020

## Agenda

### Committee and political groups meetings - Brussels

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**EU response to COVID-19/EU4Health.** The Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee will vote on the proposed “EU4Health Programme”, which aims to promote health and make national health systems more resilient. Tabled amendments include measures to strengthen disease prevention, reduce health inequalities and support digitalisation in healthcare (*Tuesday*).

**Economic policies of the euro area.** Reacting to the Commission’s Spring Economic forecast and expectations of the deepest recession in EU history, the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will vote on a series of measures to be taken in the near future. Issues covered include bringing the Recovery Plan in line with the Green Deal, social rights and fundamental values, and reviewing the fiscal framework, the European Semester as well as the Monetary Union (*Thursday*).

**Rule of Law.** The first informal legislative negotiations between Parliament, Council and Commission on the rule of law conditionality regulation, which may lead to member states having their EU funding suspended or cut if they do not respect fundamental rights, will take place on Monday.

**Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2020.** The Foreign Affairs and Development committees will vote on a shortlist of three finalists for the 2020 Sakharov Prize. Nominations are: the democratic opposition in Belarus led by Sviatlana Tsikhanouska, the Archbishop of Mosul Mgr Najeeb Moussa Michael, Guapinol activists and Berta Cáceres in Honduras as well as a group of Polish LGBTI activists (*Monday*).

**Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism.** The new annual Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism, rewarding outstanding journalism centred on the EU’s principles and values, will be launched on 16 October, the date that Daphne Caruana Galizia, the Maltese anti-corruption investigative journalist and blogger, was killed in a car bomb attack.

**Plenary preparations.** Political groups will prepare for the 19-23 October plenary session, where MEPs will vote on the reform of the EU’s common agricultural policy, on digital services, on artificial intelligence, on relations with Belarus, on ways to halt and reverse global deforestation and on policies for the Euro area 2020. They will also debate the Commission’s work programme for 2021, redundancies of workers due to COVID-19 and comment on the results of the 15-16 October EU summit.

**President’s diary.** On Monday afternoon, President Sassoli will join a meeting, via video conference, with the Multiannual Financial Framework-Own Resources Contact Group on the ongoing inter-institutional talks, and have a video call with Italy’s Foreign Affairs Minister Luigi di Maio, on Tuesday. President Sassoli will have a video meeting with the Vice-President of the Spanish government Pablo Iglesias, on Wednesday. On Thursday, the EP President will have a conference call with Portugal’s Prime Minister António Costa, as well as address, remotely, the European Council.



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## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's agenda

**Tuesday 13/10/2020**

14: 30 Video Conference of MFF-OR contact group

16:30 Video call with the Foreign Affairs Minister of Italy, Mr Luigi di Maio

### The President's agenda

**Wednesday 14/10/2020**

10:30 Video conference with the vice-president of the Spanish government, Mr Pablo Iglesias

14:00 Video Meeting with the Conference of Committee Chairs on Multiannual Financial Framework-Own Resources Contact Group

### The President's agenda

**Thursday 15/10/2020**

09:00 Meeting with the Prime Minister of Portugal, Mr António Costa, SPAAK protocol entry

10:00 Conference of Presidents

15:00 European Council

15:30 Press Conference, European Parliament

### The President's agenda

**Friday 16/10/2020**

10:00 Video speech at the World Food Day

11:00 Speech in the Exhibiton "Femmes" in the Parliamentarium for the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

## PRESS CONFERENCES

### **“COVID-19: Financing recovery of EU farmers”**

**Tuesday 13/10/2020 14:30-15:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050**

Paolo DE CASTRO ( S&D, IT), rapporteur

### **“Batteries – a European success story”**

**Wednesday 14/10/2020 17:00-17:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050**

Ismail ERTUG (S&D, DE), and Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ, Vice-President of the European Commission

### **“The 'Africa Week' and a new EU-Africa partnership”**

**Thursday 15/10/2020 10:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050**

Carlos ZORRINHO (S&D, PT), Chair of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, and Udo BULLMANN (S&D, DE)

### **"Brexit and the Irish peace process ahead of EU Summit"**

**Thursday 15/10/2020 11:30-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050**

Martin SCHIRDEWAN (DE), GUE/NGL Co-President, and Mary Lou McDONALD

### **David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament, on “the European Summit”**

**Thursday 15/10/2020 15:30-16:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050**

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

### Committee on Foreign Affairs

**Monday 12/10/2020 09:00-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

#### Debates

**(9.05 – 10.45)**

- Implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy - annual report, exchange of views - rapporteur David McALLISTER (EPP, DE)
- Report on the implementation of the EU Association Agreement with Ukraine (INI), exchange of views - rapporteur Michael GAHLER (EPP, DE)

**13.45 15.45**

- Exchange of views with the EEAS on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire
- Exchange of views with Mohammad SHTAYYEH, Prime Minister of Palestine

### Subcommittee on Security and Defence

**Thursday 15/10/2020 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G2**

#### Debate

- Implementation of the Common Security and Defence Policy - annual report 2019 (INI), consideration of draft report - rapporteur: Sven MIKSER (S&D, EE)

### Joint meeting: Development and Foreign Affairs committees

**Monday 12/10/2020 16:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

***In cooperation with the Subcommittee on Human Rights***

#### *In camera*

- Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2020: Vote on a shortlist of three candidates

### Committee on Budgets

**Monday 12/10/2020 14:30-15:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2**

- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund - EGF/2020/001 ES/Galicia shipbuilding ancillary sectors - Spain (BUD) Rapporteur: Valérie HAYER (Renew, FR) - Adoption

### Committee on Budgets

**Thursday 15/10/2020 09:00-11:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1**

- Exchange of views on the European External Action Service building policy
- MFF, Own resources and Recovery plan: state-of-play of negotiations - Exchange of views - Feedback from the Negotiating team

### Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

**Monday 12/10/2020 13:45-15:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3**

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- Public hearing on "Prospects and perils for the environment, public health and food safety in the future EU-UK relationship" (13.45-15.40) - draft programme is available here.

## Votes

**The voting session will be opened at 15:45 and will be closed at 17:45.**

*All Members taking part in the vote (either present in the committee meeting room or via remote participation) will vote via application iVote.*

- Establishment of a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health –for the period 2021-2027 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 (“EU4Health Programme”) (COD), adoption of amendments - rapporteur:Cristian-Silviu BUȘOI (EPP, RO)
- Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility (COD), adoption of amendments - rapporteur for the opinion Pascal CANFIN (Renew, FR)

**The final vote on the draft report and on the draft opinion will take place in writing on 13 October from 10:00 to 11:00. It will be launched per mail.**

## Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

**Thursday 15/10/2020 11:30-15:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2 and JAN 2Q2**

**11.30-12.30 - PHS 1A2**

- New Circular Economy Action Plan (INI), consideration of draft report - rapporteur Jan HUIJTEMA (Renew, NL)

**13.45 – 15.45 - JAN 2Q2**

- Exchange of views with Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries on the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability
- Implementation session on air quality - second exchange of views

## Joint meeting: Committee on Foreign Affairs / Subcommittee on Human Rights

**Friday 16/10/2020 09:00-11:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

**In association with the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and the Delegation for relations with Belarus**

- Exchange of views on the fight against impunity in Belarus following the presidential elections of 9 August 2020

## Committee on Budgetary Control

**Thursday 15/10/2020 13:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1**

- Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility - (COD) - Rapporteur for the opinion: Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE) Adoption of draft opinion
- Investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as regards cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the effectiveness of OLAF investigations (COD) - Rapporteur: Marian-Jean MARINESCU (EPP, RO) - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- ECA Special Report 12/2020 (Discharge 2019) : The European Investment Advisory Hub — Launched to boost investment in the EU, the Hub's impact

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remains limited - Rapporteur: Maria GRAPINI (S&D, RO) Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Annemie TURTELBOOM

- ECA Special Report 09/2020 (Discharge 2019): The EU core road network: shorter travel times but network not yet fully functional - Rapporteur: Marian-Jean MARINESCU (EPP, RO) Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Ladislav BALKO
- ECA Special Report 11/2020 (Discharge 2019): Energy efficiency in buildings: greater focus on cost-effectiveness still needed - Rapporteur: Lefteris CHRISTOFOROU (EPP, CY) - Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, João FIGUEIREDO

16.45 – 16.50

Chair's announcements: results of the votes from the first voting session

\*\*\* Opening of remote voting procedure: second voting session\*\*\*

- ECA Special Report 04/2020 (Discharge 2019): Using new imaging technologies to monitor the Common Agricultural Policy: steady progress overall, but slower for climate and environment monitoring - Rapporteur: Luke Ming FLANAGAN (GUE/NGL, IE) - Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Nikolaos MILIONIS
- ECA Special Report 13/2020 (Discharge 2019) : Biodiversity on farmland: CAP contribution has not halted the decline - Rapporteur: Viola Von CRAMON-TAUBADEL (Greens/EFA, DE) - Presentation of the special report by the reporting ECA Member, Viorel ȘTEFAN
- ECA Special Report 7/2020 (Discharge 2019): Implementing Cohesion policy: comparatively low costs, but insufficient information to assess simplification savings Rapporteur: Viola Von CRAMON-TAUBADEL (Greens/EFA, DE) - Presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Pietro RUSSO

## Committee on Transport and Tourism

**Monday 12/10/2020 10:00-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

### Debates

- Update of SES 2+ legislation, Presentation by Adina-Ioana VĂLEAN, European Commissioner for Transport

### Votes

- European Year of Rail (2021) - Adoption of draft report, vote on the decision to start interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Anna DEPARNAY-GRUNENBERG (Greens/EFA, DE)
- Establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility - Adoption of the draft opinion - Rapporteur: Roberts ZÍLE (ECR, LV)
- A new strategy for European SMEs - Adoption of the draft opinion - Rapporteur: João Ferreira (GUE/NGL, PT)

## Committee on Regional Development

**Thursday 15/10/2020 13:45-15:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q-2**

- Presentation by Isabelle BOUDINEAU, president, Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget (COTER), European Committee of the Regions

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- Reporting back to committee on the negotiations for Common Provisions Regulation, European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund, Interreg, REACT-EU and Just Transition Fund"

## Joint meeting: Budgetary Control, Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and Agriculture and Rural Development

Thursday 15/10/2020 16:45-17:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

### Presentations

- ECA Special Report 13/2020 (Discharge 2019) : Biodiversity on farmland: CAP contribution has not halted the decline, presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Viorel ȘTEFAN - rapporteur Viola Von CRAMONTAUBADEL (Greens/EFA, DE)
- ECA Special Report 04/2020 (Discharge 2019): Using new imaging technologies to monitor the Common Agricultural Policy: steady progress overall, but slower for climate and environment monitoring, presentation of the special report by reporting ECA Member, Nikolaos MILIONIS - rapporteur Luke Ming FLANAGAN (GUE/NGL, IE)

## Committee on Fisheries

Monday 12/10/2020 13:45-18:15 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

**Voting will be opened from 13.45 to 14.45.**

*All Members taking part in the vote either present in committee meeting room or via remote participation will vote by e-mail using printed ballot papers-voting lists.*

- Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 as regards the introduction of capacity limits for Eastern Baltic cod, data collection and control measures in the Baltic Sea, and Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards permanent cessation for fleets fishing for Eastern Baltic cod (COD), vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations - rapporteur Niclas HERBST (EPP, DE)
- Agreement between the European Union and the government of the People's Republic of China on cooperation on, and protection of, geographical indications, adoption of draft opinion - rapporteur Nuno MELO (EPP, PT) **(16.45)**

### Debates

- Implementation of the current EU fisheries control system by Member States (2014-19) - presentation by the Policy Department B
- Brexit Adjustment Reserve - exchange of views with Commission representatives **(16.45)**

## Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 15/10/2020 09:00-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2 / 6Q2

- Hearing on European Citizens' Initiative: "Minority Safepack" **JAN 4Q2** (Remote participation) **(09.00-13.00)** draft programme will be available [here](#).

*Organised by Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and Committee on Culture and Education in association with the Committee on Petitions*

**Room change: JAN (6Q2) and per videoconference (16.45-18.45)**

### Debates



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- The impact of Covid-19 measures on democracy, fundamental rights and rule of law (RSP), consideration of a draft motion for a resolution - rapporteur Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) **(16.50 – 17.20)**
- Common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (recast) (COD), consideration of amendments - rapporteur Tineke STRIK (Greens/EFA, NL) **(17.20 – 18.00)**
- Implementation of Council Directive 2000/78/EC establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation in light of the UNCRPD (INI), consideration of draft opinion - rapporteur for the opinion Lucia Ďuriš NICHOLSONOVÁ (ECR, SK) **(18.30 – 18.40)**

## **Joint debate**

- EU information systems for ETIAS purposes and other EU information systems - establishing the conditions for accessing (COD) - consideration of amendments - two draft reports by rapporteur Jeroen LENAERS (EPP, NL) **(18.00 – 18.30)**

## **Committee on Constitutional Affairs**

**Monday 12/10/2020 13:45-18:45 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q1**

### **Vote**

- Amendments to the Rules of Procedure in order to ensure the functioning of Parliament in extraordinary circumstances (REG), adoption of draft decision - rapporteur Gabriele BISCHOFF (S&D, DE)

## **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**

**Monday 12/10/2020 10:30-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

- Workshop on "Women's access to abortion care in the EU" organised by the Policy Department on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs **(10.35-11.35)**. Draft programme is available [here](#).

## **Special Committee on Beating Cancer**

**Monday 12/10/2020 10:30-12:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

### **Debate**

- Exchange of views on preventing and beating cancer in the EU with rapporteur Véronique TRILLET-LENOIR (Renew, FR)