The Week Ahead 12 – 18 October 2020

Committee and political groups meetings - Brussels

**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.
EP Press service contacts
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

The President's agenda
Thursday 15/10/2020
09:00 Conference call with the Prime Minister of Portugal, Mr António Costa
10:00 Conference of Presidents (remote)
15:00 European Council (remote)

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 Parlamentarium for the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (TBC)
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), 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
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs
Monday 12/10/2020 09:00-15:45 Brussels, Jòzsef 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

Joint meeting: Development and Foreign Affairs committees
Monday 12/10/2020 16:45-18:45 Brussels, Jòzsef 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

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)

Committee on Budgets
Monday 12/10/2020 14:30-15:00 Brussels, Jòzsef 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, Jòzsef 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
• 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 BUŞOI (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.

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 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
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 ŞTEFAN

- 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 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 HUITEMA (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: 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 ŞTEFAN - rapporteur Viola Von CRAMON-TAUBADEL (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 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 ZĪLE (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

- 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

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)

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

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
• 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 Šuriš 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)