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## [The United Kingdom and artificial intelligence](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 19-04-2024

Author SZCZEPANSKI Marcin

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** The United Kingdom (UK) has so far taken a light-touch regulatory approach to its strong artificial intelligence (AI) sector. While the lack of horizontal laws may create a complicated legislative patchwork, the government argues that this is conducive to innovation and agile technology. With its new broad AI Act, the EU has taken a different path, but despite diverging approaches there are some promising signs for future cooperation.

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## [Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights April 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 17-04-2024

Author OSTANSKA KINGA | SANDERSKI ANDRZEJ

Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Employment | Energy | Foreign Affairs | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity | Industry | Transport

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## [Microplastic pollution from plastic pellet losses](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

**Summary** During its April II session, Parliament is expected to adopt its first-reading position on a proposal aimed at preventing plastic pellet losses to reduce microplastic pollution. The Council has yet to agree its position.

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## [Extension of EU trade benefits to Ukraine](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Policy area Foreign Affairs | International Trade

**Summary** During its April II plenary session, Parliament is expected to vote on the extension for an additional year of the autonomous trade measures (ATM) that liberalised Ukrainian exports to the EU, to support Ukraine's economy. The proposal includes reinforced safeguards to protect EU farmers in case of market disruption.

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## [Revising rules on packaging and packaging waste](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Environment

**Summary** In November 2022, the European Commission presented a proposal for a revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD – Directive 94/62/EC). During its April II 2024 plenary session, Parliament is due to vote on the political agreement reached by Council and Parliament negotiators on 4 March 2024.

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## [Establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** The Reform and Growth Facility for the Western Balkans has been designed to support internal reforms in the Western Balkan countries, by providing certain benefits of EU membership even before EU accession. The Facility will provide up to €6 billion over the 2024-2027 period. Parliament is scheduled to vote on the agreed text, resulting from interinstitutional negotiations, during its April II 2024 plenary session.

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## [EU directive on platform work](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author PAPE Marketa

Policy area Employment | Social Policy

**Summary** The Parliament is due to vote on the agreement reached with the Council on a new directive that sets minimum standards to improve working conditions for people who work through digital labour platforms. It introduces the first-ever EU rules regulating algorithmic management in the workplace. The directive is the outcome of difficult negotiations and sends a signal to taxi and food delivery drivers and domestic workers that the EU is determined to set straight platforms' use of gig work, albeit with less ambition than in the initial proposal.

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## [European disability card and European parking card](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author LECERF Marie

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

**Summary** Over time, the European Union has come to pay increasing attention to the issue of free movement for persons with disabilities, which amount to one in four people in the EU. On 6 September 2023, the European Commission launched a legislative initiative to create a European disability card and European parking card, to be recognised in all Member States. The final text agreed in trilogue is to be voted during the April II plenary session.

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## [Interinstitutional body for ethical standards](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author KOTANIDIS Silvia

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

**Summary** Parliament is expected to vote during the April II plenary session on the draft agreement reached on creating an interinstitutional body for ethical standards, following a recommendation due to be debated in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) on 22 April. The agreement is the result of negotiations between eight EU institutions and bodies, based on a Commission proposal responding to Parliament's request. The interinstitutional body for ethical standards would strengthen EU institutions' ethics, integrity and transparency, by ensuring their rules converge, ensuring an institutional ethics culture, and increasing ethical awareness.

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## [Revised rules on advance passenger information](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author DUMBRAVA Costica

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In December 2021, the European Commission proposed to revise the EU legal framework on the collection and transfer of advance passenger information (API). The current API Directive will be replaced by two regulations: one on the collection and transfer of API for border management purposes, and another on the collection and transfer of API for law enforcement purposes. Following the co-legislators reaching of provisional agreements in March 2024, the Parliament is due to vote on the proposals during its April II plenary session.

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## [Draft amending budget No 1/2024: Amendments required following MFF revision](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author MAZUR Sidonia

Policy area Budget

**Summary** The revision of the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework (MFF) necessitates amendments to the EU's 2024 general budget. Draft amending budget No 1/2024 (DAB 1/2024) will raise the 2024 budget by €5.83 billion in commitment appropriations and €4.14 billion in payment appropriations. The MFF headings affected are Heading 5 (Security and defence – €376 million) and Heading 6 (Neighbourhood and the world – €501 million). The new Ukraine Reserve will also be mobilised, with €4.8 billion in commitment appropriations and €3.8 billion in payment appropriations. Parliament's plenary vote on the Council's position is planned for the April II session.

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## Promoting the repair of goods

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author SPINACI STEFANO

Policy area Consumer Protection | Internal Market and Customs Union

**Summary** In March 2023, the European Commission proposed a directive on promoting the repair of goods, seeking to mitigate current linear business and consumption patterns, marked by frequent and premature replacement and discarding of goods. The provisional political agreement reached in February 2024 by the Parliament and Council is scheduled for a vote during the April II plenary session.

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## Ban on products made using forced labour

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author SPINACI STEFANO

Policy area Internal Market and Customs Union

**Summary** In September 2022, the Commission proposed a regulation to ban products made using forced labour from the EU internal market. Alongside national authorities, it will investigate suspicious products posing a higher and more impactful risk of forced labour. Those found to be made with forced labour will be withdrawn from the market. After reaching a provisional agreement on the text with the Council in March 2024, Parliament is due to vote on it during the April II plenary session.

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## The transfer of proceedings in criminal matters

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author PRPIC Martina

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In April 2023, the European Commission proposed a regulation on the transfer of criminal proceedings between Member States. The European Parliament is due to vote on the agreement reached between the Parliament and Council during its April II session.

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## Gigabit infrastructure act

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author DE LUCA Stefano

Policy area Competition law and regulation | Industry

**Summary** In February 2023, the European Commission proposed a regulation aimed at reducing the cost of deploying gigabit electronic communications networks, and repealing Directive 2014/61/EU (the Broadband Cost Reduction Directive). After three rounds of trilogue meetings, the Parliament and Council reached a provisional agreement on the text in February 2024, and now need to formally adopt it. Parliament is scheduled to vote on the text during its second April plenary session.

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## Anti-money-laundering package

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author BAKOWSKI Piotr

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** During the April II plenary session, Parliament is due to vote on provisional agreements resulting from interinstitutional negotiations on three related EU acts concerning money laundering and terrorist financing.

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## Cyber solidarity act

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author CAR POLONA

**Summary** In April 2023, the European Commission proposed a regulation to strengthen solidarity and capacities in the EU to detect, prepare for and respond to cybersecurity threats and incidents ('cyber solidarity act'). During its April II part-session, the Parliament is set to vote on the agreement reached in negotiations with the Council.

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## [New economic governance framework](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author HOFLMAYR MARTIN

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

**Summary** On 10 February 2024, the Council and Parliament reached a provisional agreement on a new economic governance framework for the EU, seeking to balance national debt sustainability with sustainable and inclusive growth in all Member States. Parliament is due to vote on the final texts during the April II 2024 session.

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## [Net-zero industry act](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Industry

**Summary** In March 2023, the European Commission proposed a regulation to strengthen the EU's ecosystem for net-zero technology products manufacturing ('net-zero industry act' – NZIA). During its April II plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote on the political agreement reached by the co-legislators on 6 February 2024.

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## [Banking union](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author HALLAK ISSAM

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | Financial and Banking Issues

**Summary** Parliament is expected to vote on provisional agreements on amendments to the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD) and to the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) during the April II plenary session. The CRD and CRR provide the prudential framework in the EU banking single rulebook. The Commission tabled a package of two interconnected proposals to amend the CRR and the CRD in 2021. The objective is two-fold: (i) implement final Basel Agreement arrangements; and (ii) enhance harmonisation of banking supervision in the EU.

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## [Seeds and other plant and forest reproductive material](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author SAJN Nikolina

Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

**Summary** On 5 July 2023, the European Commission proposed regulations on the production and marketing of plant reproductive material (PRM) and of forest reproductive material (FRM). The proposals aim to ensure the availability of high quality PRM and FRM, improved sustainability of new varieties and the preservation of genetic diversity that could be vital for adapting EU agriculture and forests to future climate change. The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) adopted its reports on 19 March 2024. Parliament is expected to vote on its first-reading position during the April II plenary session.

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## [Revision of the Human Trafficking Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author PRPIC Martina

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In December 2022, the European Commission proposed to revised Directive 2011/36/EU, the EU's main instrument to combat trafficking in human beings. During its April II session, the European Parliament is due to vote on the agreement reached between Parliament and Council negotiators on the proposal.

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## [Revision of the Schengen Borders Code](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author DUMBRAVA Costica

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In December 2021, the European Commission proposed to revise the Schengen Borders Code, with a view to strengthening the Schengen area. The revision introduces new rules to address challenges relating to irregular migration, security and public health emergencies. Following the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators in December 2023, Parliament will vote on the proposal during its April II part-session.

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## [EU rules on combating violence against women](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author ZAMFIR Ionel

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

**Summary** In March 2022, the Commission proposed a directive to combat violence against women and domestic violence in the EU, and the co-legislators agreed on a compromise text in early 2024. Parliament is set to vote on the text during its April II part-session. The new directive would set minimum standards for criminalising severe forms of violence and for enhancing prevention, access to justice and protection of victims.

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## [Current membership of the European Council](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-04-2024

Author DRACHENBERG Ralf

Policy area Democracy

**Summary** The European Council consists of the 27 Heads of State or Government of the EU Member States, who are voting members, together with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission, who have no vote (Article 15(2) Treaty on European Union). The chart shows the current members, the national office they hold, their most recent European political affiliation, and the year their membership began.

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## [Outlook for the special European Council meeting on 17-18 April 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-04-2024

Author DRACHENBERG Ralf | PAPUNEN Annastiina

Policy area Democracy | Economics and Monetary Issues | Foreign Affairs | Security and Defence

**Summary** The special European Council meeting on 17-18 April will be an important step towards agreeing on the EU's political priorities for the 2024-2029 period. The three main priorities are likely to centre on 'a strong and secure Europe', 'a prosperous and competitive Europe' and 'a free and democratic Europe'. EU leaders are also expected to adopt lengthy conclusions related to competitiveness, notably addressing the single market and the capital markets union. They will also address the war in Ukraine, and hold a strategic debate on EU-Türkiye relations. They may also discuss developments in the Middle East following Iran's attack on Israel.

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## [North Macedonia](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2024

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** North Macedonia gained independence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991. The country applied for EU membership in March 2004 and was granted EU candidate status in December 2005. As part of the June 2018 Prespa Agreement, the country changed its name to the Republic of North Macedonia, in exchange for Greece ending its veto on its EU and NATO accession. The first intergovernmental conference on 19 July 2022 marked the beginning of accession negotiations. The Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, led by Prime Minister Talat Xhaferi since January 2024, continues to deepen relations with the EU. This 'At a glance' note has been produced at the request of a member of the European Committee of the Regions, in the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Parliament and the Committee.

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## [Serbia](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2024

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** Serbia, with a population of 6.9 million, has been advancing towards EU accession since 2012, when it received candidate country status. Despite some progress, Serbia still has three major hurdles to overcome: improving internal political dialogue and reforms, reaching a comprehensive normalisation agreement with Kosovo\* and ensuring better alignment with EU foreign policy. Although Serbia voted for Russia's suspension from the UN Human Rights Council, it has not applied any of the EU's sanctions on Russia. In April 2022, Aleksandar Vučić was elected for a second term as President, and the Serbian Progressive Party (SNS) coalition, led by Vučić, won the parliamentary elections. Snap elections in December 2023 brought the SNS a larger-than-expected victory. This 'At a glance' note has been produced at the request of a member of the European Committee of the Regions, in the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Parliament and the Committee.

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## [Montenegro](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2024

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** Montenegro began EU accession negotiations in 2012. The European Commission's latest report notes tensions leading to a blocked political system. On 2 April 2023, after securing 59 % of votes in a presidential election run-off, Montenegro's former Economy Minister Jakov Milatović declared victory over the incumbent, Milo Đukanović, who had been president or prime minister for more than three decades. The current pro-European Prime Minister, Milojko Spajić, took office in October 2023. Spajić's government replaced the technical mandate of the previous government, which faced a vote of no confidence in August 2022. This 'At a glance' note has been produced at the request of a member of the European Committee of the Regions, in the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Parliament and the Committee.

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## [Plenary round-up – April I 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2024

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

**Summary** Approaching the end of the mandate, a number of debates on important legislative proposals took place during the April I 2024 plenary session: on the migration and asylum package, reform of the EU electricity market, and the pharmaceutical package. Members also debated Russia's undemocratic elections, and in particular their extension to the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, allegations of Russian interference in the European Parliament, Chinese police activity in Europe, the rule of law in Hungary, and the rule of law and media freedom in Slovakia. His Majesty King Philippe, King of the Belgians, addressed the Parliament to mark his country's presidency of the Council. Finally, President Roberta Metsola made a statement for International Roma Day.

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## [Türkiye](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2024

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** Türkiye has long been a strategic European Union partner on migration, security, and trade. However, following the attempted coup in 2016, Türkiye's democratic backsliding led the Council to freeze accession negotiations in 2018. Although relations have thawed, the EU is exploring a more realistic framework for bilateral relations. This 'At a glance' note has been produced at the request of a member of the European Committee of the Regions, in the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Parliament and the Committee.

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## [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2024

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a population of 3.2 million, became independent from the former Yugoslavia on 3 March 1992, following a referendum that was boycotted by ethnic Serbs. Bosnia and Herzegovina was offered a European Union membership perspective at the EU-Western Balkans summit in Thessaloniki in 2003. Building on the European Commission's recommendation of 12 March 2024, the European Council decided on 21 March to open accession negotiations with Bosnia and Herzegovina. This 'At a glance' note has been produced at the request of a member of the European Committee of the Regions, in the framework of the cooperation agreement between the Parliament and the Committee.

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## [Quantum: What is it and where does the EU stand?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-04-2024

Author DE LUCA Stefano

Policy area Industry | Security and Defence

**Summary** The emergence of quantum information science and technologies marks a pivotal moment in technological progress. As the strategic importance of quantum gains global recognition, efforts are intensifying to harness its potential while also addressing security and regulatory challenges. With China, the United States and the European Union investing heavily in quantum, the race for technological dominance is well under way.

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## [Recast Eurodac Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author ORAV Anita

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** Eurodac is a biometric database in which Member States are required to enter the fingerprint data of asylum-seekers or irregular migrants in order to identify where they entered the EU, and whether they have previously submitted asylum applications elsewhere in the EU. In 2016, the Commission proposed to review the Eurodac Regulation to enhance the practical implementation of the Dublin system, facilitate returns and use the database to tackle irregular migration. During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote its first-reading position on the agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations.

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## [Amending ECRIS-TCN and the interoperability regulations for the purpose of screening](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author DUMBRAVA Costica

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** The Commission's proposal to introduce screening of third-country nationals at the external borders provides for identity and security checks based on the consultation of relevant national and European information systems. To implement these checks, the legal bases of the relevant EU systems for border management and security need to be amended, and Parliament is due to vote on a trilogue agreement on this in April.

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## [Qualification Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author RADJENOVIC Anja

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** The 2015 migration crisis in Europe called into question existing EU legislation on asylum, in particular the criteria according to which asylum applicants can qualify for international protection status, as recognised in the Qualification Directive. In July 2016, the Commission put forward a proposal to replace the directive with a regulation, setting uniform standards for the recognition of people in need of protection and for the rights granted to beneficiaries of international protection. The December 2023 trilogue agreement is scheduled to be voted by Parliament at first reading during the April I plenary session.

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## [Asylum and migration management regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author RADJENOVIC Anja

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In September 2020, as part of the EU pact on migration and asylum, the European Commission adopted a proposal on asylum and migration management. It would replace the 2013 Dublin Regulation that determines the EU Member State responsible for examining asylum applications. While the proposal 'essentially preserves' the current criteria for determining this responsibility, it would also make additions to the existing regulation, in particular on solidarity and responsibility-sharing for asylum-seekers among Member States. During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote its first-reading position on the December 2023 agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations.

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## [Screening of third-country nationals at the EU's external borders](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author DUMBRAVA Costica

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** Sustained pressure at the EU's external borders and high numbers of asylum applications have revealed shortcomings at the borders and deficiencies in and imbalances between Member States' asylum systems. In December 2020, the Commission presented a pact on migration and asylum, including a proposal for a regulation establishing a screening procedure for third-country nationals who arrive irregularly at the EU's external borders. The aim is to streamline the EU migration and asylum processes by swiftly identifying and channelling irregular migrants and asylum-seekers into the appropriate procedures. Parliament is to vote in April on the agreement reached by the co-legislators in December.

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## [Soil monitoring and resilience](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

**Summary** Highly diverse, soils host more than 25 % of all biodiversity and are the second largest carbon pool on the planet. During its first April 2024 session, the European Parliament is expected to adopt its position at first reading on a European Commission proposal aimed at establishing the first-ever EU-wide common framework on soils.

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## [Stricter CO standards for heavy-duty vehicles](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author ERBACH Gregor

Policy area Environment | Transport

**Summary** In February 2023, the European Commission proposed a revision to Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 on CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for new heavy-duty vehicles in the EU. The proposed changes would broaden the scope of the regulation to include urban buses, coaches, trailers and additional types of lorries. The goal is to reduce, by 2040, the average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of new heavy-duty vehicles by 90 % compared to 2019 levels. Council adopted its position in October 2023 and Parliament at its November II 2023 session. After a trilogue agreement was reached in January 2024, Parliament is set to vote on the agreed text during its April I 2024 plenary session.

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## [Improving EU electricity market design](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author WIDUTO Agnieszka

Policy area Energy

**Summary** On 14 March 2023, the European Commission proposed an electricity market reform to reduce price volatility for consumers and improve conditions for investors in low-carbon energy. The co-legislators reached a provisional agreement on the proposal to improve the EU's electricity market design in December 2023. The European Parliament will now vote on the agreed text during its April I 2024 plenary session.

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## [EU certification framework for carbon removals](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author JENSEN LISELOTTE

Policy area Environment

**Summary** Delivering climate neutrality by 2050 will require carbon removals to cover remaining hard-to-abate emissions and to deliver, from 2050, negative emissions as per the EU Climate Law. The proposed certification framework seeks to ensure a transparent and credible governance framework for building trust in EU-certified carbon removals and to incentivise further deployment. The co-legislators reached a provisional agreement in February 2024. The European Parliament is expected to vote on the final text during its April I plenary session.

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## [New EU standards for equality bodies](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author ZAMFIR Ionel

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

**Summary** During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote on two proposals to strengthen national equality bodies' powers and mandate to fight discrimination on grounds of sex, race, religion or belief, disability, age and sexual orientation.

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## [Revision of EU pharmaceutical legislation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author AMAND-EECKHOUT Laurence

Policy area Public Health

**Summary** During its April I plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to adopt its position at first reading on two Commission proposals to revise the EU's pharmaceutical legislation. The revision seeks to enhance the security of supply of medicine, making medicines more available, accessible and affordable across EU countries, while supporting the attractiveness of the EU pharmaceutical industry by fostering research and innovation.

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## [Discharge for 2022 budget – EU institutions other than the European Commission](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author PETERS TIM ULRICH

Policy area Budgetary Control

**Summary** During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is scheduled to vote on the discharge for the implementation of the 2022 EU budget. Its Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) recommends granting discharge for the implementation of eight administrative sections of the EU budget and for the European Public Prosecutor's Office. CONT recommends postponing the decision to grant discharge for the European Council and the Council.

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## [Discharge for 2022 budget: Commission \(including RRF\), executive agencies and EDFs](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author KOWALD KAROLINE

Policy area Budgetary Control

**Summary** During the April I plenary session, Parliament is to decide on granting discharge for the 2022 financial year to the different institutions and bodies of the EU. As part of this procedure, it will vote on the report covering the Commission. Since 2021, the discharge procedure also applies to the grant component of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) under the recovery instrument. A chapter on the RRF is thus included in the report on the Commission. Separate discharge is granted to the Commission concerning the management of the European Development Funds (EDFs). The Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) recommends that Parliament grant discharge to the Commission, all six executive agencies and the EDFs for the implementation of the 2022 budget.

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## [New procedural rules to strengthen GDPR enforcement in cross-border cases](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author LUYTEN KATRIEN

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** Ever since the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) became applicable in 2018, the European Parliament and civil society organisations have been flagging shortcomings regarding enforcement procedures in cases of cross-border processing of personal data. The European Commission has therefore proposed new rules to address the disparate procedural approaches followed by the different national data protection authorities. Parliament is due to vote on its position during the April I plenary session.

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## [Common procedure for asylum](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author ORAV Anita

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** The 2020 European Commission proposal for a common asylum procedure regulation seeks to establish a harmonised common EU procedure for asylum, to reduce differences in recognition rates between Member States, discourage secondary movements, and ensure the same procedural guarantees across the EU. Processing asylum claims should be faster, with shorter limits for manifestly unfounded or inadmissible asylum requests made at EU borders. During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote its first-reading position on the December 2023 agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations.

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## [Crisis and force majeure regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author ORAV Anita

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In 2020, the European Commission proposed a new pact on asylum and migration, which includes a proposal for a regulation dealing with crisis and force majeure in the area of migration and asylum. The aim is to establish a mechanism for dealing with mass irregular arrivals of migrants in a Member State. The December 2023 agreement is scheduled to be voted by Parliament at first reading during the April I plenary session.

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## [Reform of the Reception Conditions Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author RADJENOVIC Anja

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** The 2015 migration crisis in the EU revealed wide divergence in the level of reception conditions provided to asylum-seekers by Member States. In July 2016, the Commission put forward a proposal to replace the current Reception Conditions Directive, to ensure that asylum-seekers can benefit from harmonised and dignified reception standards throughout the EU. Parliament is due to vote its first-reading position on the text, provisionally agreed with the Council in December 2023, during its April I plenary session.

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## [EU resettlement framework](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author RADJENOVIC Anja

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** Many migrants and refugees trying to come to Europe risk their lives by embarking on perilous sea journeys to escape persecution, conflict, instability and poverty. On 13 July 2016, as part of the reform of the Common European Asylum System, the European Commission presented a proposal for a regulation establishing an EU resettlement framework, to provide safe and legal ways into the EU for displaced persons in clear need of international protection. During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote its first-reading position on the December 2023 agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations.

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## [Implementing the 'Parliament 2024' reforms](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author MANKO Rafał

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

**Summary** During its April I session, Parliament is due to vote on amendments to its Rules of Procedure on the basis of the report adopted by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO). The report translates into legal rules the recommendations made by the 'Parliament 2024' working group after discussion throughout 2023.

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## [Maritime accident investigation review](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author GULLENTOPS Mathias Mathieu

Policy area Transport

**Summary** On 1 June 2023, the European Commission presented the maritime safety package, including a proposal to amend Directive 2009/18/EC establishing the fundamental principles governing the investigation of accidents in the maritime transport sector. The aim of this revision is to take account of legal, environmental and technological developments since the adoption of the directive. Parliament is expected to vote on the provisional agreement reached during trilogue negotiations during its April I 2024 plenary session.

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## [Discharge for 2022 budget: EU decentralised agencies and joint undertakings](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author TOFT SØREN SEBASTIAN

Policy area Budgetary Control

**Summary** During the April I plenary session, as part of the discharge procedure for the 2022 financial year, the European Parliament is due to vote on discharge for 33 EU decentralised agencies and 9 joint undertakings. The Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) recommends granting discharge to all decentralised agencies, bodies and joint undertakings, and presents some observations to further improve sound financial management.

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## [Hydrogen and decarbonised gas market package](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author DULIAN Monika

Policy area Energy | Environment | Internal Market and Customs Union

**Summary** During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to vote on two provisional agreements reached with the Council on the hydrogen and decarbonised gas markets package, which would recast the 2009 EU Gas Directive and the 2009 EU Gas Regulation. These agreements resulting from interinstitutional negotiations, endorsed by the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) in January 2024, substantially amend the texts originally proposed by the European Commission.

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## [Establishing a return border procedure](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-04-2024

Author ORAV Anita

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In 2020, the European Commission presented a revised proposal for an asylum procedure regulation, which seeks to establish a harmonised common EU procedure. During interinstitutional negotiations, a separate act was agreed for the return border procedure. During the April I plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote its first-reading position on the December 2023 political agreement reached by the co-legislators.

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## [EU-Egypt Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-04-2024

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen met with President Abdel Fatah al-Sisi of Egypt, in Cairo on 17 March 2024, joined by the prime ministers of Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece and Italy. This meeting sealed the €7.4 billion EU-Egypt Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership (the Partnership) to help boost Egypt's faltering economy and avert another migration crisis in Europe. Critics have raised concerns over the declared urgency of disbursing funds under this partnership without the approval of the European Parliament, as well as over Egypt's poor human rights record and the dubious effects of such partnerships on irregular migration.

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## [AI investment: EU and global indicators](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-03-2024

Author MADIEGA Tambiama André

Policy area Internal Market and Customs Union

**Summary** Economic indicators show that the United States (US) is the front-runner for both private investment in artificial intelligence (AI) and venture capital in generative AI, followed by China. US companies are also developing most of the large languages models (LLMs) underpinning AI innovation. EU start-ups are beginning to scale up.

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## [Haiti in a spiral of violence](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 20-03-2024

Author JUTTEN Marc

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** The multidimensional crisis and spiralling violence in Haiti has reached its peak, with criminal gangs in control of 80 % of the capital Port-au-Prince. On 11 March 2024, Prime Minister Ariel Henry announced his resignation. Hopes lie with a transitional governance arrangement that was agreed at a meeting in Jamaica between Haitian stakeholders, CARICOM and representatives from the international community. The installation of the Transitional Presidential Council is a precondition set by Kenya to lead the Multinational Security Support Mission to Haiti authorised by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in October 2023.

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## [Research for PECH Committee - Policy options for strengthening the competitiveness of the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-03-2024

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Policy area Consumer Protection | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Fisheries | Food Safety | Forward Planning | Internal Market and Customs Union | International Trade

**Summary** The EU fisheries and aquaculture products (FAPs) market is largely dependent on external producers. Some of the imports entering the EU market come from countries with lenient regulations. This study gives an overview on existing competitiveness indicators. It shows main trends in the EU's FAPs supply through extra-EU imports and identifies the main internal and external factors affecting the sector's competitiveness. The research presents four case studies and an assessment of options for adaptations to the internal and external policy framework. Finally, it provides a series of recommendations for strengthening the competitiveness of the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector in the future.

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## [Plenary round-up – March 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-03-2024

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

**Summary** Among the highlights of the March 2024 plenary session were the debates on preparation of the European Council meeting on 21 and 22 March 2024; the need to address urgent concerns regarding Ukrainian children forcibly deported to Russia, and the need to ensure the stability of EU agricultural production and impose sanctions on imports of Russian and Belarussian food and agricultural products to the EU. Members also debated the return of Romanian national treasure illegally appropriated by Russia. Other important debates took place, inter alia, on: deteriorating living conditions in the EU; a healthy lifestyle and active ageing; the inclusion of the right to abortion in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, rising anti-LGBTIQ rhetoric and violence; and EU climate risk assessment. Members also discussed the annual designation of European capitals for children, and the Commission's treatment of requests for public access to documents. Representatives of the world cup-winning Spanish women's national football team participated in Parliament's official celebration to mark International Women's Day. The last 'This is Europe' debate for this term followed a speech by Petteri Orpo, Prime Minister of Finland.

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## ['This is Europe' debate in the European Parliament: Speech by Petteri Orpo, Prime Minister of Finland, 13 March 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 14-03-2024

Author DRACHENBERG Ralf

Policy area Democracy

**Summary** 'This is Europe' – an initiative proposed by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola – consists of a series of debates with EU leaders to discuss their visions for the future of the European Union. The trilogy of resilience, competitiveness and security was at the centre of the vision of Europe that the Prime Minister of Finland, Petteri Orpo, shared with the European Parliament on 13 March 2024. Regarding competitiveness, he mentioned the single market, State aid, trade and economic governance. On security, he argued that the concept not only included security and defence, but also border protection and preparedness to make the EU more resilient. Orpo also emphasised that, for Finland, 'the EU is the most important political and economic frame of reference and community of values', and stressed that EU leaders had to 'fight against any pessimism and show an example and leadership'.

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## [EU defence industry programme and strategy](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 14-03-2024

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Security and Defence

**Summary** On 5 March 2024, the Commission adopted the first-ever European defence industrial strategy (EDIS), which sets a long-term goal of achieving EU defence industrial readiness, and proposed a defence industry programme (EDIP) regulation. Experts laud its ambition, noting that its success will require political and financial buy-in.

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## [President Biden's 2024 State of the Union address](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 14-03-2024

Author GRIEGER Gisela

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** On 7 March 2024, the President of the United States (US), Joe Biden, used his State of the Union (SOTU) address to a joint session of the 118th US Congress (2023-2024) to start his re-election campaign in earnest. Biden has been trailing Donald Trump, his only remaining Republican challenger in the presidential race, in polls in six swing states that Biden won in 2020 and where several thousand voters are expected to decide the outcome of the US elections on 5 November 2024. The SOTU was an opportunity for the President to tout his achievements and set out his vision for a second term in stark contrast to that of Trump, whom he referred to as his 'predecessor' rather than by name. With his age seen by many as a liability, Biden's performance seemed more relevant than the substance of his speech, and was widely perceived as a forceful demonstration of his readiness to fight.

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## [Maritime security: Situation in the Red Sea and EU response](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 14-03-2024

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Foreign Affairs | Security and Defence

**Summary** The Iran-backed Houthi militia, which controls large parts of Yemen, has attacked numerous commercial ships in the Red Sea since mid-November 2023 'in solidarity with the Palestinians'. This poses a significant threat to the global economy, and has led to an escalation of tensions in the Middle East. The United States has launched an international operation in the Red Sea to protect commercial vessels and keep this vital shipping route open. The EU launched its own 'purely defensive' mission, EUNAVFOR Operation ASPIDES, on 19 February 2024.

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## [EU-US Trade and Technology Council](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 14-03-2024

Author SZCZEPANSKI Marcin

Policy area International Trade

**Summary** The EU-US Trade and Technology Council (TTC) has met five times since 2021, aiming to boost transatlantic cooperation and alignment. The latest meeting on 30-31 January 2024 was a lower-key interim event paving the way for the next TTC in April. Experts see its usefulness, but call for reform of the TTC so that it can be permanent.

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## [EU-Taiwan ties after Taiwan's 2024 elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-03-2024

Author GRIEGER Gisela

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** The EU adheres to a one-China policy that recognises the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) as the sole legitimate government of China. It does not therefore maintain diplomatic ties with Taiwan. The EU nonetheless shares with Taiwan common interests and values, including democracy, the rule of law and human rights. The general elections held in Taiwan in January 2024 once again testified to the maturity of the island's democracy. The EU engages Taiwan in a number of policy areas, notably on trade and investment. In its resolutions, the European Parliament has, among other things, called repeatedly for closer cooperation with Taiwan, notably for the negotiation of agreements on supply chain resilience and bilateral investment relations.

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## [Victims of terrorism: EU response](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2024

Author LUYTEN KATRIEN

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Keyword** area of freedom, security and justice | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | civil law | cooperation policy | criminal law | crisis management | cross-border cooperation | directive (EU) | EC Directive | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EP Committee | EP resolution | EU institutions and European civil service | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | exchange of information | fight against crime | help for victims | indemnification | information and information processing | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | management | POLITICS | politics and public safety | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | terrorism

**Summary** On 11 March, Europe honours all those who have lost their lives or loved ones to terror. The European Day of Remembrance of Victims of Terrorism was inaugurated after the 2004 Madrid bombings. Protecting victims of terrorism is an essential part of the EU's efforts to address all dimensions of the terrorist threat. In response to the attacks that have hit Europe over the past two decades, the EU has strengthened its rules and sanctions relating to terrorist activities. Ongoing EU action seeks to ensure better protection and support for victims of terrorism (regardless of their nationality or where in the EU they were attacked), to promote remembrance practices as a tool for countering radicalisation, and to improve information exchange regarding cross border victims in the event of a terrorist attack.

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## [Foreign interference and EU preparedness](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2024

Author MILDEBRATH Hendrik Alexander

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** Amid escalating geopolitical tensions, deepening political polarisation and widespread adoption of advanced technology, the EU faces the threat of foreign interference. Elections to the European Parliament and in many Member States emphasise the need to defend against foreign interference in a critical time for our democracies.

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## [Research for the AGRI Committee - The dependency of the EU's food system on inputs and their sources.](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2024

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development | Budget | International Trade | Transport

Summary This study analyses the vulnerabilities of the EU food system regarding inputs, describing the tools to secure those inputs and make the EU less dependent on foreign suppliers. It provides recommendations for appropriate measures to increase the EU food system's resilience to disruptions in trade flows and price increases of imported inputs.

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## [Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights March 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-03-2024

Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development | Budget | Budgetary Control | Development and Humanitarian Aid | Employment | Fisheries | Food Safety | Foreign Affairs | Human Rights | Social Policy

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## [EU's financial rules \(recast\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author PARI MARIANNA

Policy area Budget

Summary In May 2022, the European Commission published a proposal to adjust and align the EU's financial rules to the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework. The Parliament and Council have now reached a provisional agreement on a new version of the EU's financial rules, enhancing the EU's financial interests. The new rules will ensure that EU funding is more transparent, more digital and clearly reflects the Union's values, as defended by Parliament. Parliament is due to vote on the provisional agreement during its March plenary session.

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## [Parliament's guidelines for the 2025 EU budget: Section III – European Commission](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author MAZUR Sidonia

Policy area Budget

Summary The 2025 EU budget will be the fifth under the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2021 to 2027. It will also be the first annual procedure that will fully apply and implement the new provisions under the recently revised MFF. The European Parliament contributes to the shaping of proposals for the forthcoming year's European Union budget through the adoption of its 'guidelines'. The draft guidelines, as adopted by the Committee on Budgets on 4 March 2024, outline Parliament's goals and priorities, in particular to have a people-centred 2025 budget. Parliament is expected to adopt its guidelines during the March plenary session, before the Commission adopts its proposal with the draft 2025 budget in late spring or early summer.

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## [Design package](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

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Policy area Industry

Summary In November 2022, the European Commission tabled a pair of proposals as part of a 'design package', as a step towards coherent rules fit for purpose in today's digital age and more efficient for applicants. The first proposal was the amendment of the Community Design Regulation and the second, the recast of the Design Directive. During its March 2024 plenary session, the European Parliament is set to vote on the political agreement on both files reached in trilogue negotiations with the Council.

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## [Amending the Waste Framework Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author KATSAROVA Ivana

Policy area Food Safety

**Summary** In March, Parliament is due to vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on a proposal for a targeted revision of EU waste rules to speed up the fight against food waste and to involve textile producers in the fight against the waste of used clothes and shoes.

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## [European media freedom act](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author LAANINEN Tarja

Policy area Culture

**Summary** On 15 December 2023, the co-legislators reached a provisional agreement on a regulation establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act). The Committee on Culture and Education has endorsed the text which is now due to be voted in plenary in March. The EMFA is a historic step, as it will set the first EU-level rules on media freedom, pluralism and the protection of journalists.

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## [European cross-border associations](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author MAŃKO Rafał

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Contract Law, Commercial Law and Company Law | Private international law and judicial cooperation in civil matters | Social Policy

**Summary** Responding to repeated calls from the European Parliament to propose common Union-wide rules to facilitate the cross-border activity of non-profit organisations (NPOs), the Commission has proposed a directive on European cross-border associations (ECBAs). Parliament is due to vote on the report on this proposal, submitted by its Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI), during its March plenary session.

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## [Freezing and confiscation of criminal money](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author MURPHY COLIN MICHAEL

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** The European Commission proposed to amend Directive 2014/42 on the freezing and confiscation of the proceeds of crime in order to strengthen the EU's asset recovery and confiscation rules. The aim is to modernise the legal framework in order to tackle the low rates of freezing and confiscation of criminal profits. After three rounds of interinstitutional negotiations, the Parliament and Council reached a provisional agreement on the draft directive on 12 December 2023. Parliament is due to vote in plenary in March on the provisional agreement.

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## ['Green claims' directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Environment

**Summary** In March 2023, the Commission proposed a directive on green claims. During its March plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote on the report adopted jointly on 14 February 2024 by its Committees on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).

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## [Compulsory licensing of patents](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author MANKO Rafał

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In 2023, the Commission submitted six patent-related legislative initiatives aimed at helping companies, in particular SMEs, make the most of their inventions and of new technologies, and contribute to the EU's competitiveness and technological sovereignty. In March, Parliament is due to adopt its first-reading position on one of these initiatives, a new regulation on the compulsory licensing of patents for crisis management.

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## [Establishing an EU customs data hub and an EU customs authority](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author BAERT Pieter

Policy area Internal Market and Customs Union

**Summary** In May 2023, the European Commission tabled a customs reform package. Key to the reform is the proposal to establish an EU customs authority, which would oversee a new EU customs data hub. This would entail a more centralised and digitalised approach to customs, which should lower compliance costs for traders and ensure a more efficient, fraud-proof customs union. The proposal follows the ordinary legislative procedure. Parliament is due to vote on its first-reading report during the March plenary session.

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## [Harmonisation of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of EU sanctions](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** In December 2022, the European Commission tabled a proposal for a directive laying out harmonised rules on criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union (EU) restrictive measures. During its March plenary session, Parliament is due to vote on the political agreement reached in negotiations with the Council.

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## [Revised rules on the European Maritime Safety Agency \(EMSA\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author GULLENTOPS Mathias Mathieu

Policy area Transport

**Summary** On 1 June 2023, the European Commission presented the maritime safety package, which includes a proposal to revise the framework of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and repeal its founding regulation, Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002. The proposal would update EMSA's mandate to better reflect the agency's evolving role in different areas of maritime transport, and to secure adequate human and financial resources to fulfil this role. Parliament is due to vote its first-reading position on the file during its March 2024 plenary session.

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## [Revised EU rules on industrial pollution](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

**Summary** During its March plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote on the provisional political agreement reached with the Council on updated EU rules to prevent and control pollution from industry. The agreement, endorsed by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on 11 January 2024, substantially amends the text originally proposed by the European Commission.

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## [Toy safety](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2024

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Policy area Consumer Protection

**Summary** On 28 July 2023, the European Commission adopted a proposal to revise EU toy safety legislation. It has two main objectives: achieving a higher level of child protection, and reducing the number of non-compliant and unsafe toys on the EU market. The European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) adopted its report on the proposal unanimously in February 2024. The report is scheduled for a plenary vote in March, which would set Parliament's first-reading position.

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## [Gender equality in sport](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 04-03-2024

Author ZAMFIR Ionel

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

**Summary** Strongly associated with masculinity, sport is one of the most gender unequal social institutions in modern society and has traditionally been dominated by men in terms of both participation and governance. Women were excluded from the first modern Olympic Games, held in Athens in 1896, and were only allowed to gradually start joining in four years later. Even though women's presence and involvement in the Olympic Movement have progressively evolved, girls and women across the world still get fewer opportunities and less investment, training and corporate and media attention when they play sport.

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## [What if the problem with cars was not their method of propulsion?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 04-03-2024

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Policy area Environment | Industry | Internal Market and Customs Union | International Trade | Research Policy | Transport

**Summary** The European automotive industry is striving to adapt to market changes driven by the dual green and digital transition. Electrification has become the main strategy for reducing CO2 emissions, especially in urban traffic. At the same time, the average size and weight of cars have greatly increased. Big electric cars are the trend, but are they really the solution? Could better planning and optimisation of resources help?

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## [Renewable energy in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Energy

**Keyword** directive (EU) | ENERGY | energy crisis | energy market | energy policy | EU action | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | price increase | price of energy | prices | renewable energy | soft energy

**Summary** Due to the recent energy crisis, there is a growing focus on renewable energy sources within the European Union (EU) as a possible solution to challenges such as energy security and high prices. The 2023 Renewable Energy Directive (RED) requires the EU to achieve a 42.5 % share of renewable energy sources (RES) in gross final energy consumption by 2030. As of 2022, the EU has reached a 23 % share of renewables in its energy consumption. In analysing the EU's energy landscape, it is crucial to note that the EU currently produces less than half of the energy required to meet domestic demand. In 2022, 62.5 % of energy consumed in the EU was imported. While the EU lacks a specific target for the share of renewables in production, in 2022, renewable sources already accounted for 43.2 % of the EU's primary energy production. Ongoing efforts aim to accelerate the rollout of renewables, including by simplifying permit-granting procedures. This infographic presents the share of renewables consumed and produced across the EU's energy market – compared with other energy sources and, where possible, by renewable energy source. Boosting investment in renewables is also an important part of the electricity market reform, therefore the infographic illustrates the share of different renewable energy sources in the EU electricity mix.

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## [European capability development planning](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 04-03-2024

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Security and Defence

**Summary** Defence planning (including capability development planning) is the process of establishing the military forces and equipment that a state or alliance determines are required to meet its objectives or to counteract threats. There are three major capability development processes within the European Union: each Member State's national planning; the NATO defence planning process, where applicable; and the EU's planning, which has evolved gradually since the 1999 Helsinki European Council meeting and now consists of numerous components.

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## [Combating foreign interference in elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-03-2024

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Summary** Although it has always existed, foreign interference in election processes has become increasingly prevalent, exacerbated by new technologies and widespread social media use and increased geopolitical rivalry. The EU and UK have recently increased efforts – also involving other partners – to combat foreign interference.

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## [Skyrocketing obesity in children: why everybody should be concerned?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-03-2024

Author KATSAROVA Ivana

Policy area Public Health

**Summary** Nearly 400 million children around the world are projected to live with obesity by 2035. Worryingly, that is double the number in 2020. 'Our children are increasingly growing up in environments that make it very difficult for them to eat well and be active. This is a root cause of the obesity epidemic', argued Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, Regional Director for the World Health Organization (WHO) in Europe. Worryingly, child obesity often carries through to adolescence and is likely to endure into adulthood. Based on current trends and looking exclusively at obesity in the WHO European region, which covers 53 countries across Europe and Central Asia, the World Obesity Atlas 2023 projects that between 2020 and 2035, there will be a 61 % increase in the number of boys living with obesity and a 57 % increase in the number of girls living with obesity. A total of 17 million boys and 11 million girls aged 5-19 in the region will be living with obesity in 2035.

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## [EU-UK cooperation on migration and asylum](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-03-2024

Author ORAV Anita

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

**Summary** The free movement of people between the EU and the UK ended on 1 January 2021, with the end of the transitional period set out in the Withdrawal Agreement, signed in January 2020. The EU and UK both apply their own migration and asylum systems, with ad hoc cooperation on various aspects of migration.

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## [Plenary round-up – February II 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-03-2024

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

**Summary** The highlight of the February II 2024 plenary session was the address by Yulia Navalnaya, widow of the assassinated Russian opposition activist and 2021 Sakharov Prize laureate Alexey Navalny. Important debates took place on European security and defence and the war in Gaza. Members adopted a large number of provisional agreements reached in interinstitutional negotiations. Members also adopted several agreements at first reading, on which negotiations with the Council would be required in the new legislative term.

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## [Blueprint for a future joint European degree](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-02-2024

Author BINDER Krisztina

Policy area Education

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | diploma | documentation | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | education policy | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | higher education | organisation of teaching | student mobility | teaching | thesis

Summary The European Commission plans to adopt a communication on a European degree in the first quarter of 2024. A future joint European degree could provide a framework to facilitate the development of joint programmes and the delivery of joint degrees offered by multiple higher education institutions across Europe. As a first step, a joint European degree label based on co-created European criteria is being piloted through Erasmus+ projects. Any further steps towards the development of a possible joint degree based on co-created European criteria will be explored with the Member States and stakeholders.

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## [Alexei Navalny: Anti-corruption campaigner, opposition leader and Kremlin victim](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 23-02-2024

Author CAPRILE ANNA

Policy area Human Rights

Keyword economic geography | Europe | GEOGRAPHY | political geography | Russia

Summary The sudden death of political activist and Sakharov Prize laureate Alexei Navalny on 16 February 2024, in a maximum-security Russian penal colony where he was serving a draconian jail sentence, has met with widespread international condemnation and a wave of mourning both inside and outside the Russian Federation. Yulia Navalnaya – Navalny's widow – is due to address the European Parliament during the February II plenary session, and MEPs will subsequently debate and vote on a resolution on Navalny's murder and the need for the EU to support political prisoners and oppressed civil society in the Russian Federation.

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## [People with disabilities and the European elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 23-02-2024

Author LECERF Marie

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | disabled person | electoral law | electoral procedure and voting | European construction | European election | EUROPEAN UNION | human rights | LAW | POLITICS | right to vote | rights and freedoms | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary People with disabilities still find it hard to participate in elections in the European Union. This infographic compares national practices aimed at helping people with disabilities exercise their electoral rights in the EU.

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## [Establishing the Ukraine Facility](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-02-2024

Author PETERS TIM ULRICH

Policy area Budget

Keyword common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | financial aid | foreign aid | GEOGRAPHY | humanitarian aid | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | political geography | Russo-Ukrainian issue | Ukraine | war

Summary The Ukraine Facility will support Ukraine, its recovery and its path to EU accession, with up to €50 billion in grants and loans provided in the years 2024 to 2027. On 6 February 2024, the European Parliament and the Council came to a political agreement on the establishment of the Ukraine Facility, following up on the agreement in the European Council on the revision of the EU's multiannual financial framework (MFF). The MFF should finance the grants and guarantee the loans of the Facility. Additional financing is expected to come from frozen Russian assets. The European Parliament managed to secure an enhanced role for the European and Ukrainian Parliaments as well as Ukrainian civil society in scrutinising the use of the Facility.

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## [Parliament's consent to the revision of the 2021-2027 MFF](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-02-2024

Author PARI MARIANNA

Policy area Budget

Keyword EU finance | EU financial instrument | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | financing and investment | free movement of capital | medium-term financing | multiannual financial framework

Summary During the February II session, Parliament is due to vote on giving consent to the first-ever revision of the EU's multiannual financial framework (MFF). That revision will provide €21 billion of additional funds, including €17 billion for Ukraine. Parliament has repeatedly demanded that the EU's long-term budget be revised urgently, to enable the EU to rise effectively to the challenges it faces. The agreement reached between Parliament and the Council ensures stable medium-term financial support to Ukraine and additional funds for migration. It also establishes a mechanism to secure the repayments related to the EU recovery instrument. Parliament's consent requires a majority of its component Members, i.e. 353 votes.

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## [Strategic technologies for Europe platform](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-02-2024

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Policy area Budget | Industry

Keyword biotechnology | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | fund (EU) | globalisation | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | proposal (EU) | technology | technology and technical regulations

Summary In June 2023, the European Commission published a proposal for a regulation establishing a new platform for strategic technologies for Europe (STEP). After three rounds of trilogue meetings, the Parliament and Council reached a provisional agreement on the text on 7 February 2024, and now need to formally adopt it. Parliament is due to vote on the text during its second February plenary session.

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## [New EU-UK customs controls: The Border Target Operating Model](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-02-2024

Author SZCZEPANSKI Marcin

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword agreement (EU) | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION

Summary Following the entry into force of the EU-UK Trade Cooperation Agreement (TCA) in 2021, and the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU customs union, the trading of goods between the parties has become more burdensome. This has been manifested in trade figures, with UK imports to and exports from the EU both shrinking after Brexit. This year marks another phase in the introduction of administrative burdens on trade – in the form of additional customs rules and checks when exporting goods, particularly agricultural goods, to the UK – with the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM) being gradually implemented by the UK.

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## [Commission's fourth annual rule of law report](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-02-2024

Author MAŃKO Rafał

Policy area Democracy | EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | communications | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | freedom of the press | human rights | LAW | pluralism in the media | rights and freedoms

Summary In July 2023, the Commission adopted its fourth annual rule of law report, covering judicial independence, the anti-corruption framework, media freedom and checks and balances in all Member States. As in previous years, the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) has tabled a motion for a resolution on the report, highlighting progress and identifying areas for possible further improvement.

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## [Annual report on implementation of the common security and defence policy, 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Security and Defence

Keyword air and space transport | common security and defence policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | maritime safety | Palestine question | Russo-Ukrainian issue | space technology | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary During the second February plenary session, the European Parliament will vote on its 2023 annual report on implementation of the common security and defence policy (CSDP). This year's report reflects ground breaking developments in EU defence since 2022. Its main areas of focus include Russia's war on Ukraine and the EU's response, the situation in the Middle East, implementation of the Strategic Compass and EU defence initiatives.

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## [Parliament's negotiating position on the standard essential patents regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author MADIEGA Tambiana André

Policy area Intellectual Property Law

Keyword directive (EU) | EU institutions and European civil service | European patent | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union Intellectual Property Office | European Union law | patent law | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | technology | technology and technical regulations

Summary On 27 April 2023, the Commission submitted its proposal for a regulation on standard essential patents (SEPs). During its second February 2024 plenary session, Parliament is to vote on the report adopted by its Committee on Legal Affairs. This would set Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations with the Council on the proposal.

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## [Transparency and targeting of political advertising](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author BARANÍK Kamil

Policy area Democracy

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | democracy | digital technology | election campaign publicity | electoral procedure and voting | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | multiparty system | political framework | political parties | political party | POLITICS | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology and technical regulations

Summary On 6 November 2023, the Parliament and Council reached a provisional political agreement on a draft regulation on transparency and targeting of political advertising. The Parliament is due to vote at first reading during its February II plenary session. The Council is then expected to finalise the legislative procedure at first reading. Following their formal adoption, the new rules will start applying 18 months after their entry into force. However, those on the non-discriminatory provision of cross-border political advertising (including for European political parties and political groups) will take effect in time for the forthcoming European Parliament elections.

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## [Protecting the environment through criminal law](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author CIRLIG Carmen-Cristina

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Summary Environmental crime is a serious, organised criminal activity in the European Union. To tackle the problem more effectively, in 2021, the European Commission proposed a revision of Directive 2008/99/EC on the protection of the environment through criminal law. Parliament is expected to vote on the political agreement reached with the Council on the proposed directive during its February II plenary session.

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## [Faster and safer tax excess relief \('FASTER'\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author BAERT Pieter

Policy area Financial and Banking Issues | Taxation

Keyword capital markets union | digital technology | FINANCE | financing and investment | foreign investment | free movement of capital | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | stock exchange | tax harmonisation | tax system | taxation | technology and technical regulations

Summary In June 2023, the Commission tabled a proposal ('FASTER') to make withholding tax procedures in the EU more efficient and secure for cross-border investors and Member State tax administrations, to the benefit of the EU capital markets union. The Council must vote unanimously, after consulting the Parliament, to adopt the directive. Parliament is due to vote its (non-binding) report during the February II plenary session.

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## [Nature restoration regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

Keyword biodiversity | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | natural environment | nature restoration

Summary During its February II plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to vote on the provisional agreement reached in trilogue on the 'nature restoration law', which aims to bring degraded ecosystems back to health across the EU. The agreement, endorsed by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on 29 November 2023, substantially amends the text originally proposed by the European Commission.

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## [Regulation on detergents and surfactants](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Environment

Keyword biodegradability | chemistry | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental risk prevention | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | food safety | health | INDUSTRY | polishing and scouring preparations | public hygiene | regulation (EU) | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | waste

Summary On 28 April 2023, the Commission made a proposal to update the EU framework on detergents and surfactants. During its February II plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote on the report adopted on 14 February 2024 by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI).

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## [Data collection and sharing relating to short-term accommodation rental services](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author Niestadt Maria

Policy area Consumer Protection | Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword collaborative economy | construction and town planning | digitisation | documentation | economic structure | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | hotel industry | labour market | online platform worker | property leasing | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary During the February II plenary session, Parliament is set to vote on a provisional agreement reached between the European Parliament and the Council on the proposed regulation on data collection and sharing relating to short-term accommodation rental services. The proposal aims to facilitate registration of hosts and their short-term rental units (such as houses, apartments and rooms). It also aims to reduce inconsistencies in how online platforms share data with public authorities, and help to increase consumer confidence in these services.

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## [Supplementary protection certificates for plant protection products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author BARANÍK Kamil

Policy area Democracy

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | approval | chemistry | cultivation of agricultural land | INDUSTRY | intellectual property | means of agricultural production | pesticides industry | plant health product | plant health treatment | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | technology and technical regulations

Summary During the February II plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to adopt its first-reading positions on two legislative files – a proposed regulation on the unitary supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products and a proposed recast regulation on supplementary protection certificates for plant protection products. The proposals are part of a broader initiative to harmonise patent protection within the single market.

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## [Revision of the Driving Licence Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author KISS Monika

Policy area Transport

Keyword freedom of movement | land transport | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public safety | rights and freedoms | road safety | road transport | sustainable mobility | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary As part of the EU's Vision Zero (zero deaths on EU roads by 2050) and the European sustainable and smart mobility strategy, the European Commission proposed to revise the Driving Licence Directive. The aim is to find the right balance between improving road safety for all road users, ensuring freedom of movement, and easing the administrative burden through harmonising Member States' procedures. In the European Parliament, the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) adopted its report on 7 December 2023, and Members are expected to agree the Parliament's position on the file during the February II plenary session, which would enable Parliament's negotiators to open discussions with the Council on the proposal.

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## [EU-Chile agreements](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

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Policy area International Trade

Keyword association agreement (EU) | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION

Summary On 13 December 2023, the EU and Chile signed an advanced framework agreement (AFA) with a view to modernising and replacing the 2002 association agreement which currently governs their relations. During its February II plenary session, the European Parliament will decide on whether to consent to the EU's conclusion of the AFA, which has two parts: i) political dialogue and cooperation; and ii) trade and investment. As the AFA falls under shared competence, ratification by each EU Member State is also required. Parliament will also vote on giving consent to conclusion of an interim trade agreement (ITA), with the trade and investment provisions of the AFA under the EU's exclusive competence. The ITA would apply until the AFA's ratification is completed.

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## [Human rights and democracy in the world: Assessing EU action in 2022](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author SHREEVES Rosamund

Policy area Democracy | Human Rights

Keyword common foreign and security policy | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION

Summary The latest annual review of EU external action to promote human rights and democracy, covering 2022, highlights a worsening environment, marked by Russia's war on Ukraine, multiple conflicts and emerging challenges. During its February II plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote on its own yearly report on human rights and democracy in the world, responding to the annual report from the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and recommending future EU action.

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## [Geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author SAJN Nikolina

Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

**Summary** On 31 March 2022, the Commission proposed a regulation on geographical indications (GIs) for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products. The proposal aims to replace three regulations that currently govern the rules on GIs, with the aim of simplifying and expediting the procedures, increasing sustainability of GI products, and improving their protection online. During the February II plenary session, Parliament is due to debate and vote on the provisional agreement on the proposal reached with the Council.

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## [Annual report on implementation of the common foreign and security policy, 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Security and Defence

Keyword EU finance | EUROPEAN UNION | multiannual financial framework

**Summary** The EU's common foreign and security policy (CFSP) contributes to the Union's objectives of preserving peace, strengthening international security, promoting international cooperation, and developing and consolidating democracy, the rule of law, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. The European Parliament's Committee for Foreign Affairs (AFET) adopted its annual report on the implementation of the CFSP on 28 November 2023. The report highlights the need for stronger, more ambitious and credible EU action on the world stage, in the face of the threat posed to the rules-based international order and peace by autocratic regimes and their alliances. Parliament is scheduled to hold a debate and vote on the report during its second February 2024 plenary session.

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## [Supplementary protection certificates for medicinal products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author LECLERC GABIJA

Policy area Consumer Protection | Public Health

Keyword approval | falsified medicine | health | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | technology and technical regulations

**Summary** During its February II session, the European Parliament is expected to vote its first-reading position on two legislative proposals: a draft recast regulation on the supplementary protection certificate (SPC) and a draft regulation on the unitary SPC, both concerning medicinal products. These parallel proposals are part of a broader package on improving intellectual property rights.

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## [Protection against wholesale energy market manipulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author WIDUTO Agnieszka

Policy area Industry

Keyword ENERGY | energy market | energy policy | renewable energy | soft energy

**Summary** The electricity market reform proposed in the aftermath of the energy crisis includes a proposal to improve energy market transparency, enhance the role of regulatory bodies and ensure protection against market manipulation. The co-legislators reached a provisional agreement in November 2023. The European Parliament is due to vote on the agreed text during its February II 2024 plenary session.

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## [Ukraine: Military state of play – February 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN | PRZETACZNIK Jakub

**Summary** Two years after the start of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, the war appears to be at a stalemate. While Ukraine successfully recaptured large parts of its territory in the summer and autumn of 2022, the 2023 counter-offensive was not successful in liberating the whole of Ukraine and the war has turned into one of attrition. The European Union and United States have provided Ukraine with substantial military assistance, but continued military support is facing political challenges in both the EU and the US and its fate remains uncertain.

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## [EU-Seychelles Agreement: Access for Seychelles fishing vessels to the waters of Mayotte](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-02-2024

Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | fisheries | fishing agreement | fishing regulations | sea fish

Summary During its February II part-session, the European Parliament is due to vote on giving its consent to the conclusion of a fisheries agreement granting Seychelles vessels access to the waters of the French overseas department of Mayotte. The new 6-year agreement continues the existing reciprocal fisheries arrangements between the EU and Seychelles.

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## [European Peace Facility: Continued EU military assistance to Ukraine](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 20-02-2024

Author BILQUIN Bruno

Policy area Foreign Affairs | Security and Defence

Keyword common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | defence | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | financial aid | firearms and munitions | foreign aid | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | military cooperation | Russo-Ukrainian issue | war

Summary Almost two years since Russia began its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, EU military assistance under the European Peace Facility (EPF) is lagging. The special European Council meeting of 1 February 2024 invited the Council to agree by early March 2024 to amend the regulation establishing the EPF, in order to increase its financial ceiling.

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## [EU and US strategies towards sub-Saharan Africa: EU-US Explainer](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 19-02-2024

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Summary Conflict, food insecurity and climate shocks, among other crises, have destabilised African countries in recent years and curbed economic activity. Nevertheless, sub-Saharan Africa is seen as an emerging geopolitical force; and the European Union (EU) and the United States (US) are actively reframing their partnerships with the region.

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## [Research for PECH Committee - Increasing selectivity in EU fisheries - State of play and best practices](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-02-2024

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Policy area Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Fisheries

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | aquatic ecosystem | catch of fish | catch quota | common fisheries policy | ENVIRONMENT | fisheries | fishing area | fishing net | natural environment

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study 'Increasing selectivity in EU fisheries – State of play and best practices'. The note highlights the main findings of the study, in particular as regards the existing technical and tactical selectivity measures to reduce unwanted catches, the best practices identified from projects that have successfully improved selectivity, and the analysis of the use of EU funding for promoting selectivity developments. The note also provides policy recommendations on potential actions to improve the selectivity of EU fisheries.

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## [The European Social Security Pass \(ESSPASS\) - A Digital Enforcement Tool for Labour Rights?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-02-2024

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Keyword European social policy | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

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## [Research for REGI committee - Regional connectivity through an adequate transport infrastructure](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-02-2024

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development | Ex-ante Impact Assessment | Industry | Regional Development | Social Policy | Transport

Keyword Cohesion Fund | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU policy | EU regional policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | land transport | rail network | regional development | regions and regional policy | road network | trans-European network | TRANSPORT | transport infrastructure | transport policy

Summary This At a glance note summaries the study focusing on regional connectivity through an adequate transport infrastructure. The study provides an overview of the aspects of regional connectivity through adequate cohesion policy investments in rail and road transport infrastructures, mostly in the programming period 2014-2020. In detail, this analysis covers all types of transport-related investments (for goods and people) financed from the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund. Moreover, the study provides concrete policy recommendations relevant to EU decision-makers on how to improve future EU Cohesion Policy investment in the domain of regional connectivity.

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## [EU 'farm to fork' strategy: State of play](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-02-2024

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development | Food Safety

Keyword agri-foodstuffs | agri-foodstuffs | AGRI-FOODSTUFFS | agricultural policy | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | common agricultural policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EU initiative | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | food security | foodstuff | foodstuff | health | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | supply chain | sustainable agriculture | sustainable development | trade agreement (EU)

Summary The 'farm to fork' strategy is about building sustainable EU food systems, in line with the EU's Green Deal. Launched in May 2020, its elements are moving at different speeds, with much debate on its objectives and priorities. The EU institutions are helping to shape the various elements of the strategy. This is an update of an 'at a glance' note first published in October 2021.

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## ['This is Europe' debate in the European Parliament: Speech by Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania, 7 February 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-02-2024

Author DRACHENBERG Ralf

Policy area Democracy

Keyword democracy | electoral procedure and voting | EU strategy | European construction | European election | EUROPEAN UNION | political framework | POLITICS

Summary 'This is Europe' – an initiative proposed by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola – consists of a series of debates with EU leaders to discuss their visions for the future of the European Union. EU unity was a central theme in the address of the President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis, to the European Parliament on 7 February 2024. Iohannis also emphasised the EU's values and model of democracy, pointing to the European elections as a key moment in the continent's democratic process. For the Romanian President, the EU must assume a leading global role in maintaining the international order, as a precondition for preserving our way of life and the EU's values. In that context, he sees the strengthening of the EU's internal resilience as a fundamental condition for a stronger Union and for its increased geopolitical role. Iohannis stressed the benefits of EU membership whilst outlining how enlargement makes the EU more attractive. Finally, he emphasised the need to streamline the EU's decision-making capacity and – without excluding changes to the Treaties eventually – to use all available possibilities under the existing Treaties to smooth decision-making.

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## [Plenary round-up – February I 2024](#)

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Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword agricultural policy | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | common agricultural policy | common foreign and security policy | EU budget | EU finance | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION

**Summary** A highlight of the February I 2024 plenary session was the debate on the conclusions of the special European Council meeting on 1 February, at which leaders reached agreement on EU funding, in particular for Ukraine. That was followed by a debate with the Council and Commission on the need for unwavering EU support for Ukraine, after two years of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. Members also debated empowering farmers and rural communities and ensuring sustainable and fairly rewarded EU agriculture. Further debates took place on the Commission's new communication on the EU2040 climate target, the state of EU solar industry in the light of unfair competition, and water crisis and droughts in the EU and the need for a sustainable, resilient water strategy for Europe. Members discussed the Dentsu tracking case and the Commission's lack of transparency with regard to the tobacco industry. They discussed the situation of prisoners in Hungarian jails, allegations of Russian interference in EU democratic processes and the need to fight rising antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred. Debates took place on quality traineeships in the EU and the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Abbé Pierre's appeal to address homelessness. Other debates took place on international issues: the situation in Haiti on the eve of the deployment of the United Nations Multinational Security Support Mission, further repression against democracy in Venezuela, the state of play of the implementation of the Global Gateway, and multilateral negotiations in view of the World Trade Organization's 13th Ministerial Conference, in Abu Dhabi. Finally, a 'This is Europe' debate was held with the President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis.

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## [EU tax achievements: Looking back \(and forward\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-02-2024

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Policy area Taxation

Keyword economic conditions | economic policy | economic recession | economic recovery | ECONOMICS | FINANCE | public finance | public finance and budget policy | State aid | tax law | tax relief | taxation

**Summary** EU Member States' public finances have been under considerable strain owing to both the COVID-19 pandemic and the twin energy-cost-of-living crisis. To bolster EU economies in the wake of these challenging times, various initiatives were taken forward at EU level to simplify tax compliance for businesses operating across borders, and to ensure that taxpayers were paying their fair share. As the current Commission's mandate approaches its conclusion, this briefing looks at some notable achievements and anticipates potential future action in the field of taxation.

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## [EU – UK rules of origin for electric vehicles and batteries](#)

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Date 07-02-2024

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Policy area International Trade

Keyword designation of origin | economic geography | electric vehicle | electricity storage device | electronics and electrical engineering | Europe | GEOGRAPHY | INDUSTRY | international trade | marketing | organisation of transport | originating product | political geography | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy | TRANSPORT | United Kingdom

**Summary** The EU and the UK are key automotive trading partners. After the UK left the EU, the two parties concluded a Trade and Cooperation Agreement, committing them among other things to a progressive increase in the EU and UK content in the electric vehicles (EVs) and EV batteries they trade, to avoid tariffs. As the European EV batteries sector is not sufficiently developed, the parties have agreed to extend the current rules until 2027.

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## [Nomination for a Member of the European Court of Auditors: Italy](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-02-2024

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Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword economic geography | EU body | EU institutions and European civil service | Europe | European Court of Auditors | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | Italy | political geography

**Summary** This note describes the treaty provisions and appointment procedure for ECA members at EU level. In addition, it provides information on the national nomination procedure for the ECA member in Italy and the country's candidate.

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## [Preview of the World Trade Organization's 2024 Ministerial Conference](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-02-2024

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Keyword climate change | deterioration of the environment | electronic commerce | ENVIRONMENT | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | marketing | summit meeting | TRADE

**Summary** The World Trade Organization (WTO) will hold its 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) in Abu Dhabi from 26 to 29 February 2024. Priority items on the MC13 agenda are likely to include the reform of the WTO's dispute settlement function; new disciplines to eliminate fisheries subsidies that encourage overfishing and overcapacity, to complement the multilateral Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies adopted at MC12 in June 2022 and currently under ratification; the integration of the plurilateral Investment Facilitation Agreement into the WTO legal architecture; and the extension of the e-commerce moratorium. WTO members are set to endorse formally the WTO accession of Comoros and Timor-Leste, increasing the organisation's membership to 166.

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## [Situation in Serbia following the 2023 elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-02-2024

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**Summary** On 17 December 2023, Serbia held snap parliamentary elections, just 20 months after the last ones. President Aleksandar Vučić had called early elections after what had been an adverse year for his ruling Serbian Progressive Party (SNS), marked by two mass shootings in May 2023 and a clash between Serb paramilitaries and the Kosovo police near the Banjska Monastery in northern Kosovo on 24 September 2023. The elections brought the SNS a larger-than-expected victory. While alleged electoral irregularities sparked a protest movement led by a coalition of opposition parties, Serbia against Violence, the SNS's strong performance will boost its chances of staying ahead of the opposition in the spring round of local elections as well.

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## [Zero tolerance for female genital mutilation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-02-2024

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Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword children's rights | competence of the Member States | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | gender equality | health | international law | LAW | reproductive health | right of asylum | right to physical integrity | rights and freedoms | sexual mutilation | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | violence | women's rights

**Summary** As part of broader efforts to combat all forms of violence against women and girls, the European Union (EU) is committed to working collectively to eradicate female genital mutilation (FGM) and to supporting its Member States' efforts in this field. The European Commission assesses EU measures to combat FGM every year, on or around 6 February – the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation. This publication is a further update of an 'at a glance' note originally published in January 2015.

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## [Research for TRAN Committee - Trends, challenges and opportunities in the EU transport labour market](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-02-2024

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Policy area Transport

**Summary** This At a glance note summarises the study on Trends, challenges and opportunities in the EU transport labour market. This study provides a comprehensive review of the transport labour market trends in the EU, the challenges and the future prospects that transport workers and undertakings are confronted with, notably for digitalisation, automation and decarbonisation processes. The study describes the impacts on the EU transport labour market in terms of number of jobs, job structure by age, workers' skills, working conditions, shortage of workers and attractiveness of the occupations. A stakeholder consultation complements the findings of the literature review.

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## [Pakistan's 2024 elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-02-2024

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Asia and Oceania | common foreign and security policy | culture and religion | democracy | economic geography | electoral procedure and voting | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | Islam | Pakistan | parliamentary election | political framework | POLITICS | rule of law | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary A fragile democracy located in south Asia, Pakistan, the sixth most populous country in the world, is to hold elections to its lower house on 8 February 2024. The elections take place against a backdrop of multiple crises and political arrests, including former prime minister Imran Khan, banned from running despite his popularity. Three-time former prime minister Nawaz Sharif has returned to the country from exile in time to potentially secure a fourth term with the powerful military establishment's endorsement.

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## [Plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-01-2024

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Policy area Environment | Food Safety

Keyword agricultural policy | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | EU law | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | genetic database | health | natural and applied sciences | plant breeding | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | public health | research | research and intellectual property | SCIENCE | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | technology and technical regulations | transgenic plant

Summary In February, Parliament will vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on a proposal regulating plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques. The text as voted will form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council, which has still to agree on its position.

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## [Transposing Atlantic tuna fisheries measures](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-01-2024

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Policy area Fisheries

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | Atlantic Ocean | ENVIRONMENT | fisheries | fishing regulations | natural environment | observation | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | sea fish

Summary The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) is an intergovernmental fisheries management organisation responsible for tuna and tuna-like fish stocks in the Atlantic Ocean. During the February plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote on an agreement with the Council of the EU to transpose a number of binding ICCAT measures into EU law.

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## [Waste from electrical and electronic equipment](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Environment

Keyword clean technology | deterioration of the environment | directive (EU) | electrical equipment | electronic waste | electronics and electrical engineering | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | INDUSTRY | prevention of pollution | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | soft energy | solar collector | technology and technical regulations

Summary Following the Court of Justice of the European Union's 2022 judgment, declaring Directive 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) partially invalid, the European Commission proposed to align the directive with the judgment. The co-legislators reached a provisional agreement in November 2023. The agreed text now requires formal adoption by both institutions, and is set for a plenary vote in February 2024.

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## [Instant payments in euro](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-01-2024

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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

Keyword criminal law | economic offence | electronic money | euro | FINANCE | financial policy | free movement of capital | intra-EU payment | LAW | monetary economics | monetary policy | monetary relations | payment system

Summary To ensure affordable, secure instant payments in euro that conform to rules on sanctions and financial crime, the European Commission proposed a regulation in October 2022. The new rules would mean citizens and businesses would pay standard transfer prices for instant money transfers. A provisional political agreement reached between the Parliament and Council is scheduled for vote during the February I plenary session.

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## [Automated data exchange for police cooperation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-01-2024

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword code of conduct | criminal procedure | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | Europol | exchange of information | information and information processing | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | justice | LAW

Summary In order to modernise the Prüm framework, in 2021 the Commission presented a proposal for a regulation on automated data exchange for police cooperation, which is part of the 'EU police cooperation code' package. During the February I plenary session, the European Parliament is due to vote the final text of this regulation.

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## [Protection of workers: Limit values for lead and diisocyanates](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-01-2024

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Policy area Public Health

Keyword chemistry | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | industrial structures and policy | INDUSTRY | iron, steel and other metal industries | lead | mineral compound | occupational health | organisation of work and working conditions | plastics industry | processing industry

Summary In February 2023, the Commission put forward a proposal for a directive aimed at revising the existing limit values for lead, and introducing, for the first time, limit values for diisocyanates, aimed at achieving a high level of protection of workers' health and safety. On 14 November 2023, the co-legislators reached a provisional agreement on the proposal. The agreed text, which requires formal adoption by both institutions, is expected to be put to a plenary vote in February.

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## [The Gulf region: Economic indicators and trade with EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-01-2024

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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | Foreign Affairs | International Trade

Keyword Asia and Oceania | economic analysis | economic indicator | economic statistics | ECONOMICS | employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | female work | FINANCE | GEOGRAPHY | gross domestic product | Gulf States | marketing | monetary relations | national accounts | TRADE | trade balance | trade statistics | unemployment

Summary This infographic examines some economic differences and similarities among countries of the Gulf region and the EU, like GDP growth, GDP per capita and female labour force participation rate. In terms of trade, the Gulf region stands already as an important source of oil and gas for the EU, these products contributing almost two-third of total imports of the latter from the Gulf region.

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## [Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights February 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 30-01-2024

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Policy area Environment | EU Law: Legal System and Acts | Foreign Affairs

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## [The future of EU financing for Ukraine: Options ahead of the 1 February European Council meeting](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 29-01-2024

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Policy area Budget | Foreign Affairs

Keyword common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EU finance | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | financing of aid | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | multiannual financial framework | political geography | Russo-Ukrainian issue | State aid | Ukraine

Summary Due to the veto of one Member State, the EU failed to agree on a €50 billion financial support package for Ukraine at the European Council meeting of 14 and 15 December 2023. As the EU's current financial support for Ukraine through the macro-financial assistance package MFA+ ran out at the end of 2023, a new solution is urgently needed to provide the necessary funding to Ukraine. While an agreement among all 27 Member States and within the EU's multiannual financial framework is highly preferable, the EU has options to provide the necessary financial support to Ukraine in spite of the persisting veto of one Member State.

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## [Revision of the EU's long-term budget: State of play ahead of the 1 February European Council meeting](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 29-01-2024

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Policy area Budget

Keyword budget | budgetary procedure | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EU aid | EU budget | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EU migration policy | European construction | European neighbourhood policy | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | migration | multiannual financial framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary Having failed to agree on the revision of the EU's 2021-2027 budget at the December European Council meeting, Member States will attempt to break the impasse at an extraordinary meeting on 1 February 2024.

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## [Outlook for the special European Council meeting on 1 February 2024](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 26-01-2024

Author DRACHENBERG Ralf

Policy area Democracy

Keyword EU budget | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EU policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | financing and investment | financing policy | free movement of capital | multiannual financial framework

Summary The main objective of the special European Council meeting on 1 February 2024 is to finalise EU leaders' position on the revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF). While the aim is to reach an agreement among all 27 Member States, alternatives could be used based on an agreement of 26 Member States. EU leaders may also use the meeting to raise other topics – notably, the war in Ukraine and the possible use of frozen Russian assets, next steps in the enlargement process, security and defence and external relations.

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## [Norway to mine part of the Arctic seabed](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 26-01-2024

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Arctic | biodiversity | economic geography | ENVIRONMENT | EU strategy | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | natural environment | Norway | political geography | sea-bed | underwater mineral resources

Summary On 9 January 2024, the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget) endorsed the government's proposal to allow exploration for the possible extraction of seabed minerals on the Norwegian continental shelf. Extraction licences for businesses will require further parliamentary approval. The aim is to mine important critical raw materials that are increasingly needed for the green and digital transitions, and the defence and aerospace sector. However, these developments have raised concerns in the country and beyond, as the practice risks hurting the deep-sea ecosystem, the fishing industry and coastal communities.

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## [Research for REGI Committee - Cohesion Policy in the outermost regions](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Regional Development

Keyword cooperation policy | economic and social cohesion | ECONOMICS | EU policy | EU regional policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | regional cooperation | regions and regional policy | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | socioeconomic conditions

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study focusing on EU Cohesion Policy in the nine outermost regions. The study first outlines the geographic, climate, socio-economic, demographic and administrative characteristics of these regions and further analyses the vulnerabilities affecting their convergence processes. It pays particular attention to the implementation of EU Cohesion Policy and the use of place-based approaches to foster their economic growth. Finally, it reviews the importance of Article 349 of the TFEU and concludes with recommendations for its wider application.

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## [Research for AGRI Committee - Rural Areas - Levels of support and impact on competitiveness of farms](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword agricultural holding | agricultural policy | agricultural structures and production | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | aid to agriculture | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | business organisation | common agricultural policy | competitiveness | ECONOMICS | farm modernisation | farmer | farming systems | regions and regional policy | rural development | rural region

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study analysing how the CAP and state aid support farm competitiveness, including the role of young farmers and women. Challenges and drivers of EU farm competitiveness are identified. Key competitiveness indicators are analysed and their limitations are considered. The level of CAP support to competitiveness is assessed, with a comparison of the 2014-2022 and 2023-2027 programming periods. The study illustrates the Member States' differentiated approaches to supporting competitiveness.

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## [Research for PECH Committee - Training and social security schemes for fishers - State of play and perspectives in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 19-01-2024

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Policy area Employment | Fisheries | Forward Planning | Transposition and Implementation of Law

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | Community fisheries | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | European standard | fisheries | fisherman | fishing regulations | organisation of work and working conditions | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | recognition of diplomas | recognition of vocational training qualifications | social protection | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | social security | technology and technical regulations | vocational training | working conditions

Summary This At a glance note summaries the study on Training and social security schemes for fishers. The study presents the current state of play of the mutual recognition of certificates of competency of EU fishers and the functioning of the social security schemes that cover them. Based on the analysis of these topics, the study discusses the impact of the current situation on the mobility of fishers, on the fishing sector's working risks and security and ultimately on the attractiveness of the fishing sector to the EU workforce.

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## Plenary round-up – January I 2024

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Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | Asia and Oceania | civil law | common fisheries policy | corporate finance | debt | economic geography | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU institutions and European civil service | European construction | European Ombudsman | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financing and investment | fisheries | GEOGRAPHY | green economy | India | LAW | reduction of gas emissions | strategic partnership (EU)

**Summary** The first January 2024 plenary session opened with a statement by Parliament's President, Roberta Metsola, commemorating Jacques Delors, the former Commission President, who passed away on 27 December. The highlight of the session was the presentation by Prime Minister Alexander De Croo of the programme of activities of the Belgian Presidency of the Council. There was also a debate on the conclusions of the European Council meeting of 14-15 December 2023 and on the preparation of the special European Council meeting on 1 February, together with the situation in Hungary and frozen EU funds. Further debates took place on the review of the economic governance framework; the recent ecological catastrophe involving plastic pellets lost off a ship and its impact on micro-plastic pollution in the maritime and coastal habitats; addressing urgent skills shortages and finding the right talents to boost job creation; improving the socio-economic situation of farmers and rural areas; ensuring fair incomes, food security and a just transition; the revision of the European Labour Authority's mandate; and the fight against the resurgence of neo-fascism in Europe, in particular following the parade that took place in Rome on 7 January. Several debates were held on international issues: keeping commitments and delivering military assistance to Ukraine; the humanitarian situation in Gaza, the need to reach a ceasefire and the risks of regional escalation; the need for an EU and international response to the Houthi attacks in the Red Sea and for continued support to the Yemeni peace process; the state of emergency in Ecuador; and Norway's recent decision to advance seabed mining in the Arctic. Finally, Jan-Christoph Oetjen (Renew, Germany) was elected a Vice-President of Parliament, replacing Nicola Beer.

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## Maritime security: Situation in the Red Sea and EU response

Publication type At a Glance

Date 18-01-2024

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Asia and Oceania | civil war | common foreign and security policy | economic geography | ENVIRONMENT | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | international trade | international trade | maritime safety | natural environment | political geography | POLITICS | politics and public safety | Red Sea | regional security | TRADE | TRANSPORT | transport policy | Yemen

**Summary** The Iran-backed Houthi militia, which controls large parts of Yemen, has attacked numerous commercial ships in the Red Sea since mid-November 2023 'in solidarity with the Palestinians'. This poses a significant threat to the global economy, and has led to an escalation of tensions in the Middle East. The United States has launched an international operation in the Red Sea to protect commercial vessels and keep this vital shipping route open, and the EU granted preliminary support to its own mission on 16 January 2024. On 12 January, the US and United Kingdom launched direct strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen. The Houthis have vowed to retaliate.

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## Multilateral cooperation on fisheries management in the North-East Atlantic Ocean

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Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | Atlantic Ocean | common fisheries policy | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | fisheries | fishing regulations | international affairs | international agreement | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | natural environment | protection of animals | sea fishing

**Summary** The North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) is an intergovernmental fisheries management organisation responsible for fishery resources in the North-East Atlantic, particularly in international waters. As a member, the EU incorporates NEAFC decisions into Union law. In January 2024, the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries is due to vote on a proposal to integrate the NEAFC rules into a new regulation.

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## [United States approach to artificial intelligence](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 17-01-2024

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Policy area Consumer Protection

Keyword America | artificial intelligence | cybernetics | economic geography | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | GEOGRAPHY | information and information processing | natural and applied sciences | political geography | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | redevelopment aid | SCIENCE | technological change | technology and technical regulations | United States

Summary While efforts to regulate artificial intelligence (AI) both globally and in the United States intensify, the prospects for broad Congress-passed legislation remain doubtful. In October 2023, President Biden issued a wide-reaching executive order on safe, secure and trustworthy AI. It is a positive step, but implementation will be challenging.

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## [Application of the 'One in, one out' approach – and its impact on businesses - Study in Focus](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-01-2024

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Summary The original full study analyses the implementation of the 'one in, one out' (OIOO) approach by the European Commission. The OIOO approach is a regulatory offsetting mechanism and methodology that was introduced into the Commission's policy making process in 2021 and documented in the amendments to the Better Regulation Guidelines and Toolbox (November 2021). Given the aims of the OIOO approach, the study also considers its anticipated impact on the EU regulatory burden and on the competitiveness of European businesses and especially SMEs. This study takes stock of the implementation of the regulatory offsetting mechanism known as the 'one in, one out' (OIOO) approach by the European Commission. This document was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE).

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## [Parliament's response to the fisheries package](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-01-2024

Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword agricultural policy | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | aquaculture | common fisheries policy | common organisation of markets | fisheries | fishery product | fishing agreement | fishing regulations | fishing statistics | sea fishing

Summary During its January plenary session, Parliament will debate and vote on three own-initiative reports on the common fisheries policy (CFP), taking stock 10 years after the last fisheries policy reform and responding to the Commission's evaluation of the policy. The reports will help shape the debate on the future of the CFP.

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## [Empowering consumers for the green transition](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-01-2024

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Policy area Consumer Protection

Keyword civil law | consumer information | consumer law | consumption | eco-label | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental impact | environmental policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | guarantee | information technology and data processing | LAW | marketing | producer's liability | proposal (EU) | software | TRADE | unfair terms of contract

Summary The European Commission proposed to raise the level of protection provided to consumers against unfair commercial practices. On 19 September 2023, the co-legislators reached a provisional agreement on the proposal to amend the two key directives in this area. This agreement has been endorsed by the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO), and Parliament is expected to vote on the agreed text during its plenary session in January 2024.

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## [Review of the F-gas Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-01-2024

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Policy area Environment

Keyword deterioration of the environment | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | global warming | greenhouse gas | hydrocarbon | oil industry | reduction of gas emissions | regulation (EU) | stratospheric pollutant

Summary On 5 April 2022, the European Commission presented a proposal for a regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases) to repeal the current F-gas Regulation. The proposal seeks to reduce F-gas emissions further. It would change the existing quota system, gradually reducing the supply of hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) to the EU market, to 2.4 % of 2015 levels by 2048. It would also ban F-gases in specific applications, and update the rules on implementing best practice, leak-checking, record-keeping, training, waste treatment and penalties. On 30 March 2023, the European Parliament adopted its position, and on 5 October 2023, the co-legislators reached a provisional agreement. Parliament is expected to vote on the final text during its January I plenary session.

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## [EU-India relations](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-01-2024

Author D'AMBROGIO Enrico

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Asia and Oceania | cooperation agreement (EU) | cooperation policy | economic geography | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | India | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | strategic partnership (EU) | summit meeting | trade cooperation

Summary India and the EU, both 'unions of diversity', have been strategic partners since 2004. The EU adopted a strategy to strengthen this partnership in 2018, and a common roadmap in 2020 to guide joint action until 2025. In 2022, the two partners resumed negotiations on a free trade agreement. With an EU-India summit due early in 2024, Parliament is expected to adopt a report on EU-India relations during its January I plenary session.

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## [Activities of the European Ombudsman: 2022 annual report](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-01-2024

Author BARANÍK Kamil

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword activity report | administrative transparency | disabled person | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU institutions and European civil service | European Ombudsman | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | Frontex | fundamental rights | LAW | POLITICS | rights and freedoms | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary The European Ombudsman submitted her 2022 annual report to the European Parliament in April 2023. The main issues raised in the report relate to ethical concerns, transparency and accountability. The report also provides an overview of the handling of complaints and inquiries, and an assessment of the Ombudsman's other achievements in 2022. The Committee on Petitions has discussed the report and endorsed it; the committee's report is to be put to the vote during Parliament's plenary session in January 2024.

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## [Revision of the Ozone Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-01-2024

Author YOUNGOVA Dessislava

Policy area Environment

Keyword carbon neutrality | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | greenhouse gas | natural environment | ozone | regulation (EU) | stratospheric pollutant | stratospheric pollution

Summary The Ozone Regulation is the main legal instrument governing ozone-depleting substances (ODS). Although it is still considered fit for purpose, there is a need to cut ODS emissions further, in line with the goals of the European Green Deal and the targets set by the EU Climate Law. In April 2022, the European Commission submitted a proposal to amend the regulation; a provisional agreement was reached on 5 October 2023 in interinstitutional negotiations. Parliament is due to vote at first reading on the agreed text during the January I plenary session.

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## [Debt–equity bias reduction allowance \(DEBRA\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-01-2024

Author BAERT Pieter

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

Keyword basis of tax assessment | corporation tax | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | financial institutions and credit | financing and investment | investment | investment loan | loan | private equity | proposal (EU) | tax harmonisation | tax law | tax relief | taxation

Summary In May 2022, the Commission tabled a proposal ('DEBRA') to address the debt-equity bias in corporate taxation. As debt is treated more favourably from a tax perspective than equity, European companies are significantly more reliant on bank loans when funding new investments. To address this bias, the Commission proposes to introduce an allowance that will grant equity the same tax treatment as debt. The Council must vote unanimously, after consulting the Parliament, to adopt the directive. Parliament is due to vote its report during the January plenary session.

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## [Taiwan: 2024 elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-01-2024

Author GRIEGER Gisela

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Asia and Oceania | common foreign and security policy | democracy | economic geography | election | electoral procedure and voting | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | political framework | POLITICS | rule of law | Taiwan

Summary On 13 January 2024, voters in Taiwan will go to the polls to cast their votes for a successor to Tsai Ing-wen, the current independence-leaning Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) president, who is term-limited, and for 113 members of the Legislative Yuan. Alongside the future of cross-strait relations and regional peace and stability amid growing US-China strategic competition, Taiwan's economic vulnerabilities, its reliance on energy imports, high youth unemployment, stagnant wages and high housing costs have taken centre stage in the campaign.

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## [Cybersecurity actors in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-01-2024

Author CAR POLONA

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword cross-border dimension | digital content | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union Agency for Cybersecurity | information security | information technology and data processing | information warfare | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | regions and regional policy | technology and technical regulations

Summary Cyberattack numbers have surged in recent years, leading to the formation of entities at all levels to prevent attacks or mitigate the harm they may cause. An efficient EU-level response requires coordination and the timely exchange of information. Several bodies and networks have been set up to this end; this paper explains their respective roles.

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## [EU-India Trade and Technology Council](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-01-2024

Author DELIVORIAS Angelos

Policy area International Trade

Keyword digital transformation | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology and technical regulations | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy

Summary The EU-India Trade and Technology Council was announced by the European Commission in April 2022, and launched in February 2023. It is the EU's second such endeavour after the one with the United States, and its aims are broadly similar, i.e. to increase bilateral cooperation, to boost bilateral trade and investment (in the same context as the free trade agreement under negotiation between the two parties), and to capitalise on both parties' strengths to ensure their technological and industrial leadership while preserving their shared values.

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## [Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights January 2024](#)

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Date 08-01-2024

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Policy area [Budget](#) | [Budgetary Control](#) | [Energy](#) | [Environment](#) | [Fisheries](#) | [Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity](#) | [Industry](#) | [International Trade](#) | [Public Health](#) | [Regional Development](#) | [Research Policy](#) | [Social Policy](#) | [Transport](#)

Keyword [Africa](#) | [Africa](#) | [chemistry](#) | [cooperation policy](#) | [development aid](#) | [ECONOMICS](#) | [ENERGY](#) | [energy poverty](#) | [EU strategy](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [hydrogen](#) | [INDUSTRY](#) | [INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS](#) | [national accounts](#) | [renewable energy](#) | [soft energy](#)

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## [Research for TRAN Committee - Chinese Investments in European Non-Maritime Transport Infrastructure](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 18-12-2023

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Policy area [Transport](#)

Keyword [Asia and Oceania](#) | [China](#) | [economic geography](#) | [European construction](#) | [European neighbourhood policy](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [FINANCE](#) | [financing and investment](#) | [foreign investment](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [geopolitics](#) | [humanities](#) | [SCIENCE](#) | [TRANSPORT](#) | [transport infrastructure](#) | [transport policy](#)

**Summary** This At a glance note summarises the study looking at Chinese investments in non-maritime transport infrastructure in the EU and EU Neighbourhood through the lens of 'de-risking' for the first time. It provides a comprehensive overview of Chinese investments in the European non-maritime transport infrastructure over the past two decades and weighs the associated risks. The study borrows the framework adopted by the National Risk Assessment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 2022 for its risk assessment and further develops it to score the impact and likelihood of the investments across five major threat areas: EU-level dependency risk, individual dependency risk, coercion/influence risk, cybersecurity/data risk and hard security risk. The analysis illustrates that the risks remain insufficiently understood by Member States, despite their high likelihood and/or impact. This is particularly true for economic coercion and cybersecurity/data risks.

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## [Plenary round-up – December 2023](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 15-12-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area [EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law](#)

Keyword [Asia and Oceania](#) | [common foreign and security policy](#) | [cultural prize](#) | [democracy](#) | [economic geography](#) | [EU institutions and European civil service](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [Frontex](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [honour](#) | [human rights](#) | [human rights movement](#) | [Iran](#) | [LAW](#) | [political framework](#) | [political geography](#) | [POLITICS](#) | [politics and public safety](#) | [rights and freedoms](#) | [social affairs](#) | [SOCIAL QUESTIONS](#)

**Summary** The highlight of the December plenary session was Parliament's award of the 2023 Sakharov Prize to Jina Mahsa Amini and the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran. Members held a debate with the Council and European Commission on the preparation of the European Council meeting of 14-15 December 2023 and reviewed the Spanish Presidency of the Council. Further debates took place on Council and Commission statements on Parliament's call for the right to disconnect, the defence of democracy package, European economic security strategy and the planned dissolution of key anti-corruption structures in Slovakia and the implications for the rule of law. Members also debated the European defence investment programme, and discussed Frontex in the light of the fact-finding mission of Parliament's working group for Frontex scrutiny. Members debated the outcome of the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (COP28). Debates were held on statements by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, among other topics, on the need to release all hostages, to achieve a humanitarian ceasefire and prospects for a two-state solution in Israel; and in the presence of Commission Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis, on the environmental consequences of Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

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## [Current membership of the European Council](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 13-12-2023

Author DRACHENBERG Ralf

Keyword [economic geography](#) | [electoral procedure and voting](#) | [EU institutions and European civil service](#) | [EU Member State](#) | [European construction](#) | [European Council](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [European Union membership](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [parliamentary proceedings](#) | [POLITICS](#) | [president of an institution](#) | [universal suffrage](#) | [vote by delegation](#)

**Summary** The European Council consists of the 27 Heads of State or Government of the EU Member States, who are voting members, together with the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission, who have no vote (Article 15(2) Treaty on European Union). The chart shows the current members, the national office they hold, their most recent European political affiliation, and the year their membership began.

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## [Armed conflict: A glossary of terms](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-12-2023

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Security and Defence

Keyword common foreign and security policy | conflict prevention | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | geopolitics | humanities | international humanitarian law | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | SCIENCE | United Nations | war | World Health Organisation

Summary Drawing on authoritative sources, this glossary offers an overview of common terms used in discussing situations of armed conflict.

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## [COP28 climate change conference: Outcomes](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-12-2023

Author ERBACH Gregor

Policy area Environment

Keyword carbon neutrality | climate change | deterioration of the environment | ENERGY | energy efficiency | energy policy | energy transition | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | international affairs | international conference | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | motor vehicle pollution | Paris Agreement on Climate Change | renewable energy | soft energy

Summary The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, ended on 13 December 2023. The conference operationalised the Loss and Damage Fund, which was established by COP27 in 2022. It also concluded the first global stocktake of climate action under the Paris Agreement and adopted a decision calling for accelerated short-term action and an orderly transition away from fossil fuels towards climate-neutral energy systems – the first-ever COP decision to address fossil fuels.

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## [International Migrants' Day – 18 December 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-12-2023

Author ORAV Anita

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | commemoration | Community migration | culture and religion | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EU migration policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | geographical mobility | illegal migration | labour market | labour mobility | migration | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sustainable mobility | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary Each year, International Migrants' Day is observed on 18 December. Designated by the United Nations General Assembly on 4 December 2000, in response to increasing migration around the world, the day aims to draw attention to migrants' human rights and highlight their contribution to our societies.

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## [Promoting learning mobility opportunities for all](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-12-2023

Author BINDER Krisztina

Policy area Education

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | cooperation in the field of education | cooperation policy | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | education policy | educational system | employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | organisation of teaching | student mobility | vocational training

Summary On 15 November 2023, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Council recommendation on a renewed learning mobility framework. The proposed recommendation, which is a key component of the European education area (EEA), aims to increase opportunities for learning mobility for everyone and invites the Member States to make learning mobility an integral part of all education and learning pathways. It also strives to make Europe as a learning destination even more attractive worldwide. To enhance mobility and make it more inclusive, the Commission proposes three new EU-level targets to be reached by 2030.

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## [International humanitarian law in CSDP missions and operations](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-12-2023

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Foreign Affairs | Human Rights

Keyword arms limitation | chemical weapon | common foreign and security policy | conflict prevention | crime against humanity | defence | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | international humanitarian law | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | LAW | rights and freedoms | war

Summary International humanitarian law (IHL) aims to lessen the horrible effects of armed conflict by outlining states' and non-state armed groups' responsibilities during an armed conflict. The EU and its Member States are bound by these rules. As IHL only applies in wartime, compliance of common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions and operations with IHL has not yet been put to the test. Despite the possibility, according to the Treaties, for the EU to deploy peace enforcement missions, Member States have preferred to conduct such missions under the auspices of NATO and the UN.

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## [NDICI-Global Europe: Implementation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-12-2023

Author BILQUIN Bruno

Policy area Development and Humanitarian Aid

Keyword cooperation policy | decentralised cooperation | EU budget | EU finance | EU institutions and European civil service | EU programme | European construction | European External Action Service | EUROPEAN UNION | financial transparency | international cooperation | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Summary With a budget of almost €79.5 billion in 2021 prices, the Global Europe Instrument is the EU's main financing instrument for external action for 2021 to 2027. The European Commission adopted most of the programming documents under the instrument in December 2021, setting out the priorities and budget allocations for EU cooperation with its partner countries and regions. After two years of operations and before the instrument's mid-term evaluation, the Parliament is set to vote in December on a report on its implementation, in a pre-electoral context marked by budgetary constraints and unprecedented geopolitical challenges.

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## [The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Union](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-12-2023

Author SHREEVES Rosamund

Policy area Human Rights

Keyword charter on human rights | civil rights | common foreign and security policy | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | geopolitics | humanities | international affairs | international agreement | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | personnel administration | personnel management and staff remuneration | rights and freedoms | SCIENCE | social affairs | social conflict | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary The 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights falls on 10 December 2023, against a background of war, conflict and geopolitical tensions that would have been familiar to its drafters, and new challenges, such as climate change and technological advances, which they would not have imagined. Then and now, the Declaration, which has served as a foundation for the codification of human rights at global, regional and national level, remains a central reference to be invoked for the denunciation of human rights violations, even though it is not binding. The EU has fully embraced the Declaration's significance, using it to set standards in its internal legislation and international agreements and to guide its external policy. In November 2023, the European Parliament held a high-level conference to discuss the legacy of the Declaration as a rallying point and compass for international cooperation in the current context. This is an update of a publication from November 2018, by Ionel Zamfir.

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## [International Anti-Corruption Day](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-12-2023

Author BAKOWSKI Piotr

Keyword corruption | criminal law | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | fraud against the EU | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | whistleblowing

Summary International Anti-Corruption Day is marked every year on 9 December to raise awareness of the negative effects of corruption on all areas of life. While difficult to measure, corruption entails not only economic but also social and political costs. International and EU anti-corruption efforts have translated into a multi-layered policy and legal framework. The European Parliament has called repeatedly for strengthened EU anti-corruption rules.

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## [Critical raw materials act](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-12-2023

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Industry

**Summary** The European Commission presented its proposal for a critical raw materials (CRMs) act – establishing a framework to ensure EU access to a secure and sustainable supply of CRMs – in March 2023. On 13 November, the co-legislators reached a provisional agreement on the proposal. The agreed text, which requires formal adoption by both institutions, is expected to be put to a plenary vote in December.

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## [European hydrogen bank](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-12-2023

Author SPINACI STEFANO

Policy area Energy

**Keyword** carbon neutrality | chemistry | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | hydrogen | hydrogen production | INDUSTRY | natural gas | oil industry | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | value chain

**Summary** Hydrogen has an important role in helping the EU achieve its target of climate neutrality by 2050. In March 2023, the Commission announced the European hydrogen bank, to facilitate investment in the hydrogen value chain. This initiative aims to support production and imports of hydrogen in the EU. In November, the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy adopted an own-initiative report, suggesting key improvements. The text is due to be voted by the Parliament during the December plenary session. Once adopted, the Commission will have three months to respond.

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## [Research for REGI Committee - Forest Fires of Summer 2022: Lessons to Draw from the Cohesion Policy](#)

### [Response](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-12-2023

External author Lindon PRONTO

Policy area Regional Development

**Keyword** Cohesion Fund | deterioration of the environment | economic and social cohesion | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU finance | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fire | industrial hazard | less-favoured region | natural disaster | protected area | regions and regional policy

**Summary** This At a glance note summarises the study of the same title. Europe is grappling with increased wildfires due to climate extremes, with protected areas especially vulnerable and fires in contaminated lands presenting distinctive challenges. European response mechanisms are constructive, but they require enhanced comprehensive management strategies, including community involvement and preventive measures. The Cohesion Policy does fund aids against wildfires, yet issues with governance, focus, and funds distribution limit its effectiveness. More emphasis on prevention, improved coordination, and integrated funding access, alongside enhanced information exchange and alignment with global initiatives, is crucial.

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## [EU-China relations](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

Author JOCHHEIM Ulrich

Policy area Foreign Affairs

**Keyword** Asia and Oceania | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | business organisation | China | competitiveness | economic geography | EU relations | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | international relations | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy

**Summary** Even before the EU's 2019 'EU-China strategic outlook' defined China as a partner, competitor and systemic rival, China's behaviour had become more assertive, not only in terms of domestic security and economic policies, but also in its posture at international level. The Parliament is set to debate and vote on an own-initiative report on EU-China relations. The plenary debate follows the EU-China Summit planned for 7-8 December in Beijing.

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## [EU-US relations](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

Author GRIEGER Gisela

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword America | common foreign and security policy | economic geography | economic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | NATO | political geography | transatlantic relations | United States | world organisations

Summary Ahead of a crucial election year for the European Parliament and the United States (US), Parliament takes stock of EU-US relations for the second time in the outgoing legislative term. While Parliament's 2021 report elaborated on the priorities for the relaunch of transatlantic ties, the 2023 report sets out recommendations for deepening cooperation on a broad range of foreign, security and defence policy issues. It, inter alia, suggests creating a transatlantic political council and holding annual summits, and calls for a bigger role for parliamentary diplomacy. Parliament is expected to debate and vote on the report during the December plenary session.

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## [EU fisheries agreement with Kiribati](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword agreement (EU) | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | Asia and Oceania | catch quota | economic geography | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fisheries | fishing regulations | GEOGRAPHY | illegal fishing | Kiribati | sea fishing

Summary The European Parliament is asked to give its consent to the conclusion of a 2023-2028 implementing protocol to the EU-Kiribati fisheries agreement. The protocol reactivates the agreement, which has been dormant since September 2015. It allows Union fishing vessels to resume fishing activity in the rich tuna fishing grounds of Kiribati, in return for a financial contribution and support for Kiribati's sectoral fisheries policy.

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## [European health data space](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

Author EVROUX CLEMENT THIERRY

Policy area Consumer Protection | Public Health | Research Policy

Keyword data protection | data-processing law | digital technology | digitisation | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | health | health care | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | medical data | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | technology and technical regulations | value chain

Summary On 3 May 2022, the Commission adopted a proposal for a regulation establishing the European health data space (EHDS). It aims at ensuring individuals' access to and control of their electronic personal data (primary use), while setting the framework for data re-use across the Union (secondary use). The European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) adopted their joint report on 28 November 2023. Parliament is expected to debate the report in plenary in December, with a view to setting its position for trilogue negotiations.

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## [Private international law: Parenthood](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

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Policy area Democracy

Keyword care of mothers and infants | child protection | diplomatic relations | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | family | family planning | family policy | freedom of the skies | health | international affairs | international law | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | sex education | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | teaching

Summary During the December plenary session, Parliament will vote its opinion on the proposal on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition of decisions and acceptance of authentic instruments in matters of parenthood and on the creation of a European Certificate of Parenthood. The regulation would harmonise the rules of Member States on jurisdiction and applicable law to parenthood, and facilitate the recognition of parenthood within the EU.

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## [Revision of EU marketing standards for certain 'breakfast' directives](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

Author KATSAROVA Ivana

Policy area Food Safety

Keyword civil law | consumption | directive (EU) | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | LAW | producer's liability | product quality | TRADE

Summary In December 2023, Parliament is expected to adopt its position on a European Commission proposal to strengthen some of the rules governing a set of directives on food products (known as the 'breakfast' directives), including the marketing standards they introduced. The text as voted will form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council.

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## [Minimum requirements on breaks and rest periods in occasional road passenger transport](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

Author KISS Monika

Policy area Transport

Keyword carriage of passengers | drivers | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | land transport | organisation of transport | organisation of work and working conditions | regulation (EU) | rest period | road transport | TRANSPORT | working conditions

Summary The current Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 on minimum breaks and rest periods for drivers in road transport does not take into account the specific characteristics and needs of occasional passenger transport (coaches and buses, mainly for tourist purposes). The European Commission has therefore proposed to amend this legislation and to introduce more flexible rules on splitting up breaks and on taking daily and weekly rest periods. In the European Parliament, the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) adopted its report on 16 November 2023, and a plenary vote in December should set Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations with the Council.

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## [Relations ahead of the 24th EU-China summit](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

Author JOCHHEIM Ulrich

Summary On 7 and 8 December 2023, the Presidents of the European Council, Charles Michel, and European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, will participate in the 24th EU-China Summit in Beijing. This summit follows several visits to China by members of the Commission, and the adoption of important conclusions by the European Council on 30 June 2023. Probable topics on the summit agenda include bilateral relations, Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, the situation in the Middle East, climate change, global health, and pandemic preparedness.

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## [What if the EU were energy independent?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-12-2023

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Policy area Energy

Keyword carbon neutrality | electrical and nuclear industries | electrical energy | ENERGY | energy consumption | energy crisis | energy policy | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fossil fuel | self-sufficiency in energy

Summary The European Union (EU) can aspire to achieve energy independence through the deployment of existing and emerging technologies. Electrification, renewables and energy storage could reduce the EU's reliance on conventional fossil fuels. What are the developments, expectations, concerns and societal implications associated with these technologies? And what initiatives and policies could lead to a resilient EU energy system, through anticipating impacts?

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Policy area [Agriculture and Rural Development](#) | [Budget](#) | [Budgetary Control](#) | [Culture](#) | [Employment](#) | [Fisheries](#) | [Industry](#) | [International Trade](#) | [Petitions to the European Parliament](#) | [Regional Development](#) | [Social Policy](#) | [Tourism](#) | [Transport](#)

Keyword [BUSINESS AND COMPETITION](#) | [business classification](#) | [documentation](#) | [EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS](#) | [electronic document management](#) | [EU finance](#) | [EU institutions and European civil service](#) | [EU office or agency](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [FINANCE](#) | [financial policy](#) | [financial transparency](#) | [free movement of capital](#) | [INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS](#) | [non-governmental organisation](#) | [non-governmental organisations](#) | [small and medium-sized enterprises](#)

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## [2024 European elections: National rules](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date [05-12-2023](#)

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Policy area [EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law](#)

Keyword [area of freedom, security and justice](#) | [democracy](#) | [electoral procedure and voting](#) | [electoral system](#) | [EU institutions and European civil service](#) | [European construction](#) | [European election](#) | [European Parliament](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [political framework](#) | [POLITICS](#)

Summary What rules will apply to the 2024 European elections? As the rules differ from Member State to Member State, this infographic provides information on various key provisions applicable in the forthcoming European elections (to be held in June 2024). In a one-page format, readers will find information on the election day in each country, the voting systems used and the number of MEPs to be elected in each Member State, and the minimum age to stand as a candidate, as well as on rules governing voting from outside the home Member State. With the total number of MEPs set to rise to 720, the infographic shows how the 15 additional seats will be distributed among Member States. Additional information and clarifications are provided on the second page of the infographic.

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## [CO2 emissions of new cars and vans](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date [04-12-2023](#)

Author [ERBACH Gregor](#)

Policy area [Environment](#)

Keyword [carbon neutrality](#) | [deterioration of the environment](#) | [emission trading](#) | [ENERGY](#) | [energy policy](#) | [energy resources](#) | [ENVIRONMENT](#) | [environmental policy](#) | [EU strategy](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [fossil fuel](#) | [greenhouse gas](#) | [motor vehicle pollution](#) | [natural environment](#)

Summary Road transport is responsible for almost a fifth of the EU's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The revision of the regulation on CO2 emission limits for new cars and vans under the 'fit for 55' package ensures an increasingly higher share of clean vehicles on European roads. All new cars registered after 2035 must be zero-emission vehicles. The new Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR) meanwhile provides for roll out of the necessary recharging points.

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## [2023 Sakharov Prize laureate: Jina Mahsa Amini and the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date [30-11-2023](#)

Author [IMMENKAMP Beatrix](#)

Policy area [Foreign Affairs](#) | [Human Rights](#)

Keyword [Asia and Oceania](#) | [common foreign and security policy](#) | [democracy](#) | [economic geography](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [fundamental rights](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [honour](#) | [human rights](#) | [human rights movement](#) | [Iran](#) | [LAW](#) | [political framework](#) | [political geography](#) | [POLITICS](#) | [politics and public safety](#) | [rights and freedoms](#) | [social affairs](#) | [SOCIAL QUESTIONS](#)

Summary Respect for fundamental freedoms and human rights is a core value of the EU, which it promotes through its policies. The European Parliament's Sakharov Prize honours the work of those who stand up for these freedoms and rights. With peace and human rights under increased attack today, the prize remains as relevant as ever. This year it has been awarded to the late Jina Mahsa Amini and the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran. The award ceremony will be held during the European Parliament's December plenary session.

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## [Carbon border adjustment mechanism](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 30-11-2023

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Policy area Environment

Keyword carbon neutrality | deterioration of the environment | emission allowance | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU Emissions Trading Scheme | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | greenhouse gas | industrial pollution

Summary The carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) puts a price on the carbon emissions of goods imported into the EU, thus levelling the playing field between EU industry, which is subject to a carbon price in the EU emissions trading system (EU ETS), and foreign producers in countries that do not have an equivalent system in place.

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## [Revised Effort-sharing Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 30-11-2023

Author YOUNGOVA Dessislava

Policy area Environment

Keyword carbon neutrality | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | greenhouse gas | industrial pollution

Summary The revised Effort-sharing Regulation (ESR) establishes more ambitious binding targets for each Member State for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in key sectors, and brings the effort-sharing legislation into line with the upgraded EU-wide emissions reduction target for 2030 to achieve climate neutrality by 2050.

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## [Land use, land-use change and forestry](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 30-11-2023

Author JENSEN LISELOTTE

Policy area Environment

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | carbon neutrality | cultivation of agricultural land | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | forestry | forestry development | greenhouse gas | industrial pollution | land use

Summary The revision of the Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) Regulation effectively increases reduction in overall net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2030 to 57 %, from the 55 % required by the European Climate Law. This is thanks to an EU target for carbon dioxide removals in the LULUCF sector.

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## [World AIDS Day 2023: 1 December](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 29-11-2023

Author AMAND-EECKHOUT Laurence

Policy area Public Health

Keyword AIDS | blood transfusion | health | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public awareness campaign | sexually transmitted disease | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | therapeutics | United Nations | UNO | vaccination

Summary World AIDS Day, proclaimed by the United Nations in 1988, takes place each year on 1 December. The aim is to raise awareness, fight prejudice, encourage progress in prevention, and improve treatment around the world. Although infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is preventable, significant HIV transmission remains a challenge to EU Member States' health systems. This year's theme 'Let communities lead!' underlines the importance of communities living with, at risk of, or affected by HIV in shaping the HIV response.

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## [The EU's common market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-11-2023

Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | aquaculture | common fisheries policy | fisheries

Summary The EU's common market organisation (CMO) for seafood products was overhauled in 2013; market intervention measures were abolished and recognised producer organisations (POs) became responsible for managing supply and demand. Product labelling was also extended. Ten years on, it is time to take stock. The European Parliament is currently preparing an own-initiative report. Issues raised include improving consumer information (for instance on sustainability), tackling mislabelling and recognising cooperatives as POs.

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## [Analysis of the European Disability Card](#)

### [The Proposed Directive: Shortcomings, Strengths and Opportunities](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 27-11-2023

External author [Delia Ferri](#)

**Summary** This study provides an in-depth analysis of the Proposal for a Directive establishing the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, and outlines recommendations. This Proposal represents an important stepping stone to promote free movement of persons with disabilities. It is based on mutual recognition of disability status, but does not harmonise disability assessments. It would ensure that holders of the cards may avail of disability benefits in a range of services across the EU. However, the current text presents some shortcomings. This study was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.

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## [Argentina: Outcome of the 2023 elections – Beginning of a new era?](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 27-11-2023

Author [JUTTEN Marc](#)

Policy area [Foreign Affairs](#)

**Keyword** [America](#) | [Argentina](#) | [economic geography](#) | [ECONOMICS](#) | [elective office](#) | [electoral procedure and voting](#) | [EU relations](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [gross domestic product](#) | [national accounts](#) | [parliament](#) | [political geography](#) | [political situation](#) | [POLITICS](#) | [politics and public safety](#) | [poverty](#) | [presidential election](#) | [social affairs](#) | [social policy](#) | [SOCIAL QUESTIONS](#)

**Summary** In the run-off election on 19 November 2023, Argentinians elected right-wing populist Javier Milei, aged 53, as the country's new president. Four weeks earlier, on 22 October 2023, general elections had taken place to elect the president, vice-president, members of the national congress and the governors of most provinces. Following the primaries of 13 August 2023, to the great surprise of all experts, anti-establishment candidate Javier Milei, leader and founder of the La Libertad Avanza party, entered the presidential race as the favourite. Milei was unable to maintain his leading position in the elections on 22 October and was overtaken by Economy Minister Sergio Massa. Massa was running for the Unión por la Patria, a centre-left coalition of Peronist political parties that have dominated Argentine politics for decades. However, in the run-off election Milei won 55.7 % of the votes, while Massa received 44.3 %. Many commentators compare the self-proclaimed 'anarcho-capitalist' to former US President Donald Trump and former President of Brazil Jair Bolsonaro.

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## ['This is Europe' debate in the European Parliament: Speech by Nikolai Denkov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria, 22 November 2023](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 24-11-2023

Author [DRACHENBERG Ralf](#)

**Keyword** [documentation](#) | [EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS](#) | [political figure](#) | [POLITICS](#) | [politics and public safety](#) | [speech](#)

**Summary** 'This is Europe' – an initiative proposed by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola – consists of a series of debates with EU leaders to discuss their visions for the future of the European Union. In the address of the Prime Minister of Bulgaria, Nikolai Denkov, to the European Parliament on 22 November 2023, historic symbolism – and its importance for today's and tomorrow's Europe – was a central theme. Mr Denkov also urged that Bulgaria's integration into the EU be completed by joining Schengen and the euro area. Recalling that Bulgaria had fulfilled all the requirements for its accession to the Schengen area, he stressed that any further postponement would be unacceptable. In the context of Russia's war against Ukraine, he pleaded not to give in to war fatigue, but to continue supporting Ukraine. To overcome polarisation in our societies, he also called upon the main political ideologies in the EU not to develop into sharp opposition, but to promote mutual understanding and cooperation. Finally, Mr Denkov emphasised the need to change the public's views on the EU in many Member States and break with existing stereotypes, and he frequently depicted the EU as a source of 'generous funds, benefits and a place for better paid work'. Do not ask what the EU can do for your country, ask what your country can do for the EU. Nikolai Denkov

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## Plenary round-up – November II 2023

Publication type At a Glance

Date 24-11-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword Asia and Oceania | common foreign and security policy | economic geography | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | Israel

**Summary** During the November II plenary session, Members held a debate with the Council and European Commission on the humanitarian situation in Gaza, the need for the release of hostages and for an immediate humanitarian truce leading to a ceasefire, and on the prospects for peace and security in the Middle East. Further debates took place on the continued threat to the rule of law, the independence of justice and the non-fulfilment of conditionalities for EU funding in Hungary, and the threat to the rule of law resulting from the governmental agreement in Spain. Members also debated the Commission's lack of legislative follow-up to the Committee of Inquiry to investigate the use of Pegasus and equivalent surveillance spyware (PEGA). The Prime Minister of Bulgaria, Nikolay Denkov led this month's 'This is Europe' debate. William Ruto, President of Kenya, addressed the Parliament in a formal sitting. And in the question time session, Commissioner Thierry Breton answered Members' questions regarding the state of implementation of the EU's commitment to provide 1 million rounds of artillery ammunition to Ukraine up to March 2024.

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## Research for AGRI Committee – Development of Milk Production in the EU after the End of Milk Quotas

Publication type At a Glance

Date 23-11-2023

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword AGRI-FOODSTUFFS | agricultural activity | agricultural production policy | agricultural quota | agricultural structures and production | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | dairy farm | dairy production | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | export (EU) | farming systems | milk product | pollution | processed agricultural produce | trade | TRADE

**Summary** This At a glance note summarises the study evaluating the challenges, opportunities and medium-term prospects for the EU dairy sector in light of milk quota abolition. The study focuses on structural change in the sector, the dynamics of the dairy market, the need for environmental resilience and rural sustainability. The specific concerns of disadvantaged dairy regions are also addressed. The report offers policy recommendations for the European Parliament's consideration to bolster dairy farming and sustain rural communities effectively, while addressing the sector's sustainability requirements.

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## Comparative analysis of monetary policy and inflation dynamics in the euro area and the United States

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-11-2023

Author RAKIC Drazen | SABOL MAJA

Keyword America | economic geography | GEOGRAPHY | political geography | United States

**Summary** This overview was prepared ahead of the Monetary Dialogue between the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the European Central Bank (ECB) President on Monday, 27 November.

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## Climate change considerations in monetary policy implementation

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-11-2023

Author LOI GIACOMO

**Summary** This overview was prepared ahead of the Monetary Dialogue between the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and the European Central Bank (ECB) President on Monday, 27 November.

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## [Understanding policy coherence for development](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 20-11-2023

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Policy area Development and Humanitarian Aid

Keyword action programme | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | cooperation policy | development aid | domestic policy | economic and social cohesion | economic policy | ECONOMICS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | management | POLITICS | redevelopment aid | sustainable development

Summary A commitment under the EU Treaties, policy coherence for development requires the EU and its Member States to take into account the objectives of development cooperation in all their external and internal policies that are likely to affect developing countries. Managing competing objectives is a challenge. Better awareness among EU policy-makers and a streamlined action plan could help mitigate trade-offs and improve synergies.

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## [Adoption of the European Union's 2024 budget](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 17-11-2023

Author MAZUR Sidonia

Policy area Budget

Keyword amending budget | budget | commitment of expenditure | EU finance | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | general budget (EU) | proposal (EU)

Summary The EU's general budget for 2024 is scheduled for adoption during the European Parliament's November II plenary session. Parliament will vote on the provisional agreement it reached with the Council on 11 November 2023 during budgetary conciliation. The Council has to approve the provisional agreement formally before Parliament puts it to the vote. The agreed 2024 budget sets commitment appropriations at €189.4 billion and payments at €142.6 billion, including special instruments. The provisional agreement includes draft amending budget 4 to the 2023 budget (DAB 4/2023). The annual budgetary negotiations this year took place in the dynamic context of global challenges and the need for a revision of the EU multiannual financial framework, as stressed in Parliament's interim report of 3 October 2023.

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## [The design of the European electricity market - Current proposals and ways ahead \(At A Glance - Study In Focus\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 17-11-2023

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Policy area Adoption of Legislation by EP and Council | Consumer Protection | Energy

Keyword electrical and nuclear industries | electrical energy | ENERGY | energy crisis | energy policy | EU energy policy | price of energy

Summary This At A Glance - Study In Focus provides information on the proposed reform of the electricity market design which maintains crucial elements of the existing system to ensure continued efficient operation. The impact that changing the rules on longer-term contracts will have on consumer prices and investment will depend on the concrete language of proposed legislation as well as its ultimate implementation. Overall, neither the expected mode of impact of individual reform elements, let alone their interaction, is clearly spelled out by the legislators. This document was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE).

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## [Question Time: State of Play – Ammunition Plan for Ukraine](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 17-11-2023

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Policy area Security and Defence

Keyword common foreign and security policy | defence | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | firearms and munitions | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | political geography | Russo-Ukrainian issue | security of supply | supplies contract | trade | TRADE | trade policy | Ukraine

Summary On 2 March 2023, Ukraine sent a request for assistance to the EU for the supply of 155 mm-calibre artillery rounds. On 20 March, the Council agreed on a three-track proposal on ammunition (delivery from existing stocks; joint procurement from industry; increasing production). Its main aim is to provide one million rounds of artillery ammunition for Ukraine up to March 2024. It is unclear whether Member States and industry will be able to deliver on time. To date, 300 000 rounds of ammunition have been delivered from Member States' stocks, and 180 000 have been ordered from industry (not yet delivered). Parliament will use its powers of oversight during 'question time' in the November II plenary session to question the Commissioner responsible.

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## [European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 17-11-2023  
Author ODINK Ingeborg  
Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity  
Keyword child pornography | child protection | children's rights | computer crime | criminal law | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | fight against crime | help for victims | information technology and data processing | LAW | paedophilia | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public awareness campaign | rights and freedoms | sexual violence | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS  
Summary Child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse are among the worst forms of violence against children, and are crimes that know no borders. The constant rise of these crimes, exacerbated by the pandemic, underscores the importance of harmonised national legislation and international cooperation to improve prevention, protect the victims and prosecute the perpetrators. The European Day helps to raise awareness to this end.  
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## [What if Europe ran out of water?](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 17-11-2023  
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Policy area Environment  
Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | cultivation of agricultural land | ENVIRONMENT | irrigated agriculture | natural environment | natural resources  
Summary Globally, it has been estimated that four billion people are facing severe water scarcity. While the situation is not yet critical in Europe, water stress is already a serious issue and climate change is expected to make it worse in the future. What is the extent of the problem, and what solutions are available to avoid running out of water?  
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Multimedia [What if Europe ran out of water?](#)

## [China: Economic indicators and trade with EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 16-11-2023  
Author MACSAI GYORGYI  
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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | Foreign Affairs | International Trade  
Keyword Asia and Oceania | China | common commercial policy | economic analysis | economic geography | economic indicator | economic statistics | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | marketing | trade | TRADE | trade policy | trade statistics | trading operation  
Summary This infographic provides an insight into the economic performance of China compared with the European Union (EU) and looks at the trade dynamics between them. China's GDP growth per capita increased rapidly since the beginning of the series. The EU's GDP per capita trend remained relatively stable, recording a slow but constant increase with the only exception in the years of the COVID-19 restrictions. Unemployment in China has been low and stable for the whole time series, and it never exceeded 5% of the total labour force. Conversely, public debt as a percentage of GDP has increased for both countries, but in China the trend was steeper, moving from 25.6% at the beginning of the series to 77% at the end. Trade relations between the EU and China have been characterised by a positive trend for the whole series. The EU is the leading trade partner for China and their imports and exports are in large part composed of the exchange of mechanical appliances and electrical equipment.  
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## [Parliament's proposals to amend the Treaties](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 15-11-2023  
Author KOTANIDIS Silvia  
Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law  
Keyword EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | interinstitutional relations (EU)  
Summary During its November II plenary session, Parliament is due to vote on a report proposing a large number of modifications to the EU Treaties, to make radical reforms to the EU. This report follows on from debates in recent years that intensified with the Conference on the Future of Europe in 2021 and 2022. If adopted, interinstitutional discussions would resume on whether to proceed with a revision of the Treaties.  
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## [EU–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author DELIVORIAS Angelos

Policy area International Trade

Keyword freedom of trade | LAW | rights and freedoms

**Summary** In 2022, the EU and New Zealand concluded negotiations on a free trade agreement, an important element in the EU's strategy to increase its role and relevance in the Indo-Pacific region. The European Parliament's International Trade Committee (INTA) gave its green light to conclusion of the agreement on 24 October, and Parliament is due to vote on granting consent during the November II plenary session.

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## [Sustainable use of plant protection products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

**Summary** In November, Parliament will vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on a proposal to reduce by 50 % chemical pesticide use and risk in the EU by 2030. The text as voted would form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council, which has still to agree on its position.

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## [Social and professional situation of artists and workers in the cultural and creative sectors](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

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Policy area Culture | Employment

Keyword social affairs | social policy | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

**Summary** During its November II plenary session, Parliament is expected to vote on a legislative-initiative report on the cultural and creative sectors. The report recommends establishing an EU framework and adopting a directive to bring national approaches closer on various aspects of these sectors, including definitions and social security.

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## [Digitalisation of cross-border judicial cooperation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author MAŃKO Rafał

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Democracy

Keyword cooperation policy | cross-border cooperation | digitisation | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU body for police and judicial cooperation | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | independence of the judiciary | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | judicial cooperation in civil matters in the EU | LAW | organisation of the legal system

**Summary** In December 2021, the Commission tabled a proposal for a regulation on digitalisation of cross-border judicial cooperation, applicable to both civil and criminal cases. The co-legislators arrived at a compromise text in July 2023, which was endorsed by the Council's Committee of Permanent Representatives (Coreper) and jointly by the Parliament's Committees on Legal Affairs (JURI) and on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) in September. Parliament is due to vote on the compromise text during its November II plenary session.

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## [EU certification framework for carbon removals](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author JENSEN LISELOTTE

Policy area Environment

**Summary** The carbon removals certification framework proposed by the European Commission is considered an essential tool to deliver climate neutrality by 2050, which requires increased deployment of and investment in carbon removal technologies and initiatives. The proposal aims to ensure a transparent and credible governance framework for building trust in EU-certified carbon removals. The report on the proposal by the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) is expected to be put to the vote during the November II plenary session, thus fixing the Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations.

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## [Net-zero industry act](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

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Policy area Industry

Keyword clean technology | climate change | deterioration of the environment | ecosystem | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | natural environment | prevention of pollution | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology and technical regulations

Summary In March 2023, the Commission proposed a regulation to strengthen Europe's net-zero technology products manufacturing ecosystem ('net-zero industry act' – NZIA). During its November II plenary session, Parliament is due to vote on the report adopted on 25 October by its Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). This would then set Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council, which has not yet adopted its position.

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## [Right to repair: Strengthened consumer rights](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author SPINACI STEFANO

Policy area Consumer Protection

Keyword ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | single market | waste disposal

Summary In March 2023, the European Commission proposed a directive on promoting the repair of goods, which seeks to mitigate current business and consumption patterns marked by frequent and premature replacement and discarding of goods. In October 2023, the European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) adopted its report, aimed at strengthening the repair market. The report is due to be debated in plenary in November, with a view to setting Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations.

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## [VAT in the digital age](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author BAERT Pieter

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

Keyword economic conditions | economic transition | ECONOMICS

Summary In December 2022, the Commission tabled a proposal (VAT in the digital age) for a directive aimed at reinforcing the fight against value added tax (VAT) fraud, modernising VAT rules for the platform economy and cutting businesses' compliance costs. The Council must vote unanimously, after consulting the Parliament, to adopt the directive. Parliament is due to vote its report during the November II plenary session.

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## [COP28 climate change conference in Dubai](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author ERBACH Gregor

Policy area Environment

Keyword climate change | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | summit meeting

Summary The 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 12 December 2023. The conference will conclude the first global stocktake of climate action under the Paris Agreement, a two-year process to review progress and outline the way forward. During its November II session, the European Parliament is due to vote on a motion for a resolution on COP28, tabled by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI).

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## [Stricter CO standards for heavy-duty vehicles](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author ERBACH Gregor

Policy area Environment | Transport

Keyword carbon capture and storage | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | greenhouse gas | land transport | large vehicle | motor vehicle pollution | organisation of transport | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | reduction of gas emissions | road transport | technology and technical regulations | TRANSPORT

Summary In February 2023, the European Commission tabled a legislative proposal to revise Regulation (EU) 2019/1242 setting CO<sub>2</sub> emission standards for new heavy-duty vehicles in the EU. The proposed revision would expand the scope of the regulation to include urban buses, coaches, trailers and additional types of lorries. The average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of new heavy-duty vehicles would be reduced by 90 % below 1990 levels by 2040, and all newly registered urban buses would have to be zero-emission vehicles from 2030. The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted its report on the proposal on 24 October 2023. The European Parliament is expected to vote on the report during the November II plenary session, setting its position for trilogue talks.

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## [Revising rules on packaging and packaging waste](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Environment

Keyword deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | marketing | non-recoverable waste | packaging product | pre-packaging | TRADE

Summary In November 2022, the Commission presented a proposal for a revision of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD – Directive 94/62/EC). During its November II 2023 plenary session, the Parliament is due to vote on the report adopted on 24 October by its Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). The report as voted would then form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council, which has yet to adopt its position.

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## [AT A GLANCE Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - November 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-11-2023

Author MANGINI ANNA | SANDERSKI ANDRZEJ

Policy area Budgetary Control | Consumer Protection | Internal Market and Customs Union | Regional Development | Security and Defence | Transport

Keyword drug residue | health | health certificate | health technology | medical device | medicinal product | patents licence | pricing of medicines | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | tariff policy | TRADE

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## [Plenary round-up – November I 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-11-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Keyword common foreign and security policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | Palestine question

Summary During the first November plenary session, Members held a debate with the European Council and Commission on the conclusions of the European Council meeting of 26-27 October 2023, and on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the need for a humanitarian pause. Further debates took place on Council and Commission statements on the outcome of the EU–United States Summit, EU enlargement policy and the state of the energy union. Roberta Metsola, the Parliament's President, made a statement on the urgent need for immediate measures against the rise of antisemitism. Finally, the session was preceded by an address by Cate Blanchett, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador.

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## [World Diabetes Day 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-11-2023

Author AMAND-EECKHOUT Laurence

Policy area Public Health

Keyword chronic illness | diabetes | disease prevention | health | health care | health risk | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary World Diabetes Day – marked every year on 14 November – was proclaimed by the United Nations in 2007, to raise awareness of diabetes and related complications, and to promote prevention and care, including through education.

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## [Market surveillance for effective consumer protection in the EU The role of Market Surveillance Authorities and their cross-border cooperation \(At A Glance - Study In Focus\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-11-2023

External author Matthew GERACI, Giovanni CARLETTI, Michela GASPERINI, Margaux TRUC, Arianna CANTARELLI & Emmanuel HASSAN.

Policy area Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword launching of a product | market supervision | marketing | TRADE | trade policy

**Summary** This At A Glance - Study In Focus provides information on the role of market surveillance at EU and Member State level, analysing the EU market surveillance framework, its gaps and challenges, as well as cross-border cooperation between market surveillance authorities and collaboration with and among customs authorities for effective consumer protection.  
This document was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).

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## [Revised EU emissions trading system](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-11-2023

Author ERBACH Gregor

Keyword carbon neutrality | deterioration of the environment | emission trading | ENERGY | energy policy | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | greenhouse gas | price of energy

**Summary** The EU emissions trading system (ETS) has been successful in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from industry, electricity generation and aviation. The revision of the EU ETS under the 'fit for 55' package raises its ambition, extends emissions trading to maritime transport, buildings and road transport, and gradually phases out free emissions allowances, while phasing in a carbon price for certain imports.

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## [Renewable Energy Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-11-2023

Author WIDUTO Agnieszka

**Summary** The revised Renewable Energy Directive sets a target of a 42.5 % share of renewables in EU energy consumption by 2030, with additional targets for sectors such as transport, buildings, industry, and heating and cooling.

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## [Data act: Adoption in plenary](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-11-2023

Author MADIEGA Tambiana André

Policy area Competition law and regulation | Consumer Protection | Intellectual Property Law | Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword artificial intelligence | data-processing law | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | personal data | proposal (EU)

**Summary** In February 2022, the European Commission tabled a proposal for a regulation laying out harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (the data act). During its first November 2023 plenary session, Parliament is set to vote on the political agreement reached in negotiations with the Council.

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## [EU fisheries agreement with Madagascar](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-11-2023

Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | fisheries | illegal fishing | international affairs | international agreement | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | sea fishing

**Summary** During the November I part-session, the European Parliament is due to vote on giving its consent to the conclusion of a new fisheries agreement and implementing protocol with Madagascar. This new framework re-establishes EU-Madagascar fisheries relations, providing access rights for the EU fleet to fish in Malagasy waters. In return, the EU contributes to the local fisheries' sustainable development and to marine protection.

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## [Euro 7 motor vehicle emission standards](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-11-2023

Author RAMIREZ PEREZ Sigfrido Manuel

Policy area Environment

**Summary** In November, the European Parliament is due to vote its first-reading position on a new regulation (Euro 7) for the type-approval of motor vehicles with respect to their emissions and battery durability. This regulation would replace the Euro 6 regulation for cars and light-duty vehicles and the Euro VI regulation for heavy duty vehicles, adopted in 2007 and 2009 respectively. The report would set Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations.

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## [System of own resources of the European Union: Amended legislative proposal](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-11-2023

Author DOBREVA Alina

Policy area Budget

**Keyword** EU finance | EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | interinstitutional agreement | interinstitutional cooperation (EU) | multiannual financial framework

**Summary** In June 2023, the European Commission adopted an amended proposal for a Council decision on the introduction of new own resources, following its December 2021 proposal. The amended proposal is in line with the roadmap included in the Interinstitutional Agreement on Own Resources, part of the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework and the Next Generation EU package. Parliament is due to vote on the Committee on Budgets report during its November I plenary session, after which the Council can adopt the decision.

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## [Economic security policies in G7 countries](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 24-10-2023

Author SZCZEPANSKI Marcin

Policy area Foreign Affairs | International Trade

**Keyword** BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | business organisation | competitiveness | economic policy | economic policy | economic structure | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | geopolitics | group of leading industrialised countries | humanities | information security | information technology and data processing | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | SCIENCE | world economy | world organisations

**Summary** In an increasingly challenging geopolitical environment, the notion of economic security is gaining traction. The May 2023 G7 summit produced, for the first time, a dedicated statement on the topic and the EU adopted its first strategy in June 2023. G7 countries are also expanding the range of measures tackling complex security risks.

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## [Research for PECH Committee - Workshop on the European Green Deal – Challenges and opportunities for EU fisheries and aquaculture - Part II: Marine biodiversity aspects](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 23-10-2023

External author Sébastien METZ, Joachim CLAUDET

Policy area Environment | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

**Keyword** biodiversity | ENVIRONMENT | natural environment

**Summary** This At a glance note summarises the second study in a series of three research papers, prepared for a PECH Committee Workshop. The study examines the marine biodiversity aspects of the European Green Deal. It explores the challenges and opportunities for the EU fisheries and aquaculture sectors. The present research contains two case studies: the potential cohabitation between offshore wind farms, marine protected areas and fishing activities and the interactions between fishing and marine protected species.

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## [What if generative artificial intelligence became conscious?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 20-10-2023

Author GARCIA HIGUERA ANDRES

Keyword artificial neural network | data sharing | digital transformation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | information and information processing | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology and technical regulations

Summary Generative artificial intelligence applications, such as ChatGPT, are powered through complex learning processes by comprehensive datasets of – potentially dubious – human-created content. There are concerns that such tools could develop consciousness and spark emergent behaviour that is, by definition, unpredictable and therefore potentially unsafe. Do these concerns point to a need to look again at the relevant legislation?

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Multimedia [What if generative artificial intelligence became conscious?](#)

## [Plenary round-up – October II 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 20-10-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Keyword Asia and Oceania | economic geography | Europe | GEOGRAPHY | Israel | political geography | Ukraine

Summary During the October II plenary session, Members debated with the Council and Commission the despicable terrorist attacks by Hamas against Israel, Israel's right to defend itself in line with humanitarian and international law, and the humanitarian situation in Gaza. Another important debate followed the Commission's statement on its work programme for 2024. Members also debated a range of other topics, including the effectiveness of the EU sanctions on Russia, the situation of Ukrainian women refugees, the Islamist terrorist attack on French schools and the need to protect people and promote social cohesion, the outcome of the SDGs summit in New York, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, water scarcity in the EU, the need for a coordinated European response and legislative framework on intensive spyware, the rule of law in Malta, fighting disinformation and dissemination of illegal content in the context of the Digital Services Act, and the proposed Council recommendation on developing social economy framework conditions. Martin Hojsik was elected a Vice-President of the Parliament, and Isabel Wiseler-Lima a Quaestor. Finally, Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, addressed Members in a formal sitting.

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## [Research for PECH Committee - Workshop on the European Green Deal – Challenges and opportunities for EU fisheries and aquaculture – Part III: Food security aspects](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 19-10-2023

External author Rod CAPPELL & Tim HUNTINGTON

Summary This At a glance note summarises the third study in a series of three research papers, prepared for a PECH Committee Workshop. The study explores how initiatives within the European Green Deal may impact food security in fisheries and aquaculture. The Farm to Fork Strategy's aim of sustainable food production indicates prioritising low trophic species like bivalves and algae. 'Fit for 55' requires greater fuel efficiency and a transition to clean energy by the fishing fleet. A net positive long-term impact on food security is expected from sustainable production. As two thirds of the EU's seafood consumption is imported, such ambitions should be extended to non-EU country producers.

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## [Research for PECH Committee - Workshop on the European Green Deal – Challenges and opportunities for EU fisheries and aquaculture - Part I: Decarbonisation & circular economy aspects for fisheries](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 18-10-2023

External author Oihane C. BASURKO, Martin ARANDA, Ainhoa CABALLERO, Marga ANDRES, Jefferson MURUA & Gorka GABIÑA

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | aquaculture | carbon neutrality | circular economy | climate change | deterioration of the environment | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fisheries | sea fishing

Summary This At a glance note summarises the first research paper in a series of three, prepared for a PECH Committee Workshop. The study gives insight on the challenges and opportunities arisen from the application of the European Green Deal to European fisheries. It identifies solutions that are currently being applied regarding decarbonisation and circular economy practices in fisheries and observed strengths and weaknesses of the regulatory framework. It provides policy recommendations to move towards the decarbonisation of the fishing fleets and circular European fisheries.

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## [EU anti-subsidy probe into electric vehicle imports from China](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 18-10-2023

Author [GRIEGER Gisela](#)

**Summary** On 4 October 2023, the European Commission published a notice of initiation of EU anti-subsidy investigations into EU imports of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) from China. This has already been announced by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during her State of the Union Address on 13 September 2023. She stated that the 'global market is flooded with cheaper electric vehicles' the price of which 'is kept artificially low' owing to 'huge state subsidies'. The probe comes after a surge in EU imports of electric vehicles (EVs) from China, outstripping other Chinese export markets. It may result in the Commission levying countervailing tariffs on EU imports of BEVs from China to offset state subsidies, if substantiated, and to level the playing field.

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## [Research for CULT Committee - EU funding programmes 2021-2027 in culture, media, education, youth and sports: first lessons, challenges and future perspectives: Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values \(CERV\) – Strand 3 “Citizens’ engagement and participation”](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 17-10-2023

External author [Malin CARLBERG](#), [Michalina WACŁAW](#) & [Ilana ZEJERMAN](#)

Policy area [Education](#)

Keyword [EU national](#) | [international law](#) | [LAW](#) | [social affairs](#) | [SOCIAL QUESTIONS](#) | [sport](#)

**Summary** This At a glance note summarises the study providing an analysis of Strand 3, “Citizens’ engagement and participation”, of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme. It analyses the early implementation of this programme Strand and provides a description of the barriers identified. The main finding is that the implementation has been successful overall, although several challenges should be addressed. The study concludes with a set of recommendations.

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## [Vacancy for a vice-president and quaestor](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 16-10-2023

Author [KOTANIDIS Silvia](#)

Policy area [EU Democracy](#), [Institutional and Parliamentary Law](#)

Keyword [electoral procedure and voting](#) | [EU institutions and European civil service](#) | [European election](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [LAW](#) | [Member of the European Parliament](#) | [parliament](#) | [POLITICS](#) | [president of an institution](#) | [right to stand for election](#) | [rights and freedoms](#) | [servant \(EU\)](#) | [Speaker of Parliament](#) | [voting age](#)

**Summary** During the October II plenary session, Parliament is expected to elect a new vice-president and a new quaestor. This vote is necessary as two Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) were elected to national parliaments in general elections, and must therefore vacate their seats in the European Parliament and their respective offices of vice-president and quaestor.

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## [Study in Focus: Options for a stronger and more agile EU budget](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 16-10-2023

External author [Iain BEGG](#), [Jacques LE CACHEUX](#) et al.

Policy area [Budget](#) | [Budgetary Control](#) | [Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice](#)

Keyword [economic conditions](#) | [economic recession](#) | [ECONOMICS](#) | [EU budget](#) | [EU finance](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [FINANCE](#) | [financial policy](#) | [fiscal policy](#) | [free movement of capital](#) | [public finance](#) | [public finance and budget policy](#) | [taxation](#)

**Summary** The full study presents recommendations, drawing on several scenarios, for how the EU budget could be recast to enable it to be more agile and responsive in dealing with new and future challenges requiring EU-level expenditure or lending.

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## [Research for CULT Committee - EU funding programmes 2021-2027 in culture, media, education, youth and sports: first lessons, challenges and future perspectives: European Solidarity Corps](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-10-2023

External author Malin CARLBERG, Iva PLASILOVA, Nikolett SZOLNOKI & Ilana ZEJERMAN

Policy area Culture | Education

Keyword cooperation policy | culture | culture and religion | demography and population | education | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU finance | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union Solidarity Fund | humanitarian aid | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | young person

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study analysing the European Solidarity Corps programme 2021-2027. It covers the early implementation of the programme and provides a description of barriers identified. The main finding is that the implementation of ESC programme has been deemed fairly successful overall, although a number of challenges need to be addressed. The study concludes with a set of recommendations.

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## [The performance of the Package Travel Directive and broader consumer protection issues in the implementation of passenger rights \(At A Glance - Study In Focus\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-10-2023

External author Annette CERULLI-HARMS, Alessandra INNESTI, Nessa GORMAN, Pietro PALUMBO, Cristina PONCIBO' & Jelena VITIC.

Policy area Adoption of Legislation by EP and Council | Consumer Protection | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword alternative dispute resolution | consumer protection | consumption | digital transformation | directive (EU) | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | justice | LAW | passenger rights | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | technology and technical regulations | tourism | TRADE | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary This At A Glance - Study In Focus provides information on the implementation and enforcement of the Package Travel Directive (PTD) in the EU with a focus on ten EU Member States. It summarises areas for improvement, such as adapting the definition of package travel to accommodate evolving industry trends, addressing pre-contractual information gaps, improving payment practices, tackling challenges in the digital environment, enhancing enforcement mechanisms, promoting alternative dispute resolution, and increasing consumer awareness. This document was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).

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## [Research for CULT Committee - EU funding programmes 2021-2027 in culture, media, education, youth and sports: first lessons, challenges and future perspectives: Creative Europe](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-10-2023

External author Kristina BALENOVIĆ, Malin CARLBERG & Laura TODARO

Policy area Culture

Keyword culture | culture and religion | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study presenting an analysis of the implementation of the Creative Europe programme 2021-2027, with a specific focus on cultural diversity, innovation and European cohesion. The paper examines the transition from previous economic growth-centric approach to new objectives encompassing social cohesion, inclusion, gender equality and the potential of green industry. The paper further evaluates the programme's strengths and weaknesses, and provides actionable recommendations for improvement.

[At a Glance](#) [EN](#)

## [Question time: European measures to prevent and tackle organised crime](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-10-2023

Author BAKOWSKI Piotr

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword EU budget | EU finance | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU | organised crime | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary Amid troubling reports of organised crime incidents across the European Union (EU), Members of the European Parliament (EP) will have the opportunity to question the European Commission regarding the measures and tools in place and planned to address this issue at 'question time' during the October II plenary session.

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## [Research for CULT Committee - EU funding programmes 2021-2027 in culture, media, education, youth and sports: first lessons, challenges and future perspectives: Erasmus+](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-10-2023

External author Malin CARLBERG, Laura TODARO, Michalina WACŁAW, Ilana ZEJERMAN

Policy area Culture | Education

Keyword demography and population | education | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | education policy | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | organisation of teaching | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | student mobility | young person | youth policy

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study providing an overview of the implementation to date of the 2021-2027 Erasmus+ programme. It analyses the early programme implementation and provides a description of barriers identified. The main finding is that the programme implementation is progressing well overall, although improvements can be made to the 'Youth' part of the funding programme. Administrative shortcomings could also be addressed. The study concludes with a set of recommendations.

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## [European Citizens' Initiative: 'Fur free Europe'](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

Author ROJEK Beata

Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword agricultural activity | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | breeding animal | distributive trades | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | fur-bearing animal | hides and furskins industry | INDUSTRY | launching of a product | leather and textile industries | marketing | natural environment | pet shop | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | protection of animals | TRADE | world production

Summary Farming of animals for fur raises significant concerns regarding animal welfare, the environment and public health. A European Citizens' Initiative, 'Fur Free Europe', calls for an EU-wide ban on the keeping and killing of fur animals as well as the placing of farmed fur and fur products on the EU market. The European Parliament is expected to hold a debate on the subject during its second plenary session in the month of October.

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## [Discharge for the 2021 budget: European Council and Council](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

Author PARI MARIANNA

Policy area Budgetary Control

Keyword budget | budgetary control | economic governance (EU) | EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | free movement of capital | interinstitutional cooperation (EU) | monetary economics

Summary In May 2023, the European Parliament decided to postpone its decision on granting discharge to the European Council and the Council for the 2021 budget owing to a number of critical observations. Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control has re-examined the situation but, given the Council's lack of willingness to cooperate on the discharge procedure, cannot take an informed decision. It therefore recommends in this second and final report, not to grant discharge to the two institutions. The vote is scheduled for the October II plenary session.

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## [2022 report on Montenegro](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword accession criteria | accession negotiations | association agreement (EU) | economic geography | ethnic group | EU candidate countries | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | LAW | Montenegro | national minority | political framework | political geography | POLITICS | rights and freedoms | rule of law | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary A multi-ethnic country, Montenegro is composed of Montenegrins (43 %), Serbs (32 %), Bosniaks (7.8 %) and Albanians (5 %). In a May 2006 referendum, 55.5 % of the electorate voted for independence. Public opinion surveys show that almost 80 % of Montenegrins are in favour of joining the EU. On 2 April 2023, after securing 59 % of votes in a presidential election run-off, Montenegro's former Economy Minister Jakov Milatović declared victory over the incumbent, Milo Đukanović, who had been president or prime minister for more than three decades. On 11 June, the pro-European movement 'Europe Now!' won snap parliamentary elections and is now seeking to form a government. Parliament is due to debate the Commission's 2022 report on Montenegro during its October II plenary session.

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## Establishing the Ukraine Facility

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

Author PETERS TIM ULRICH

Policy area Budget

Keyword common foreign and security policy | economic conditions | economic independence | economic recovery | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU financial instrument | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | multiannual financial framework | political geography | Russo-Ukrainian issue | Ukraine

Summary The Ukraine Facility has been designed to support Ukraine, its recovery and its path to EU accession, with up to €50 billion for the period from 2024 to 2027. The Commission has proposed a draft regulation, on which the Committees on Budgets (BUDG) and Foreign Affairs (AFET) jointly adopted a report on 5 October 2023. A partial vote is envisaged in the October II plenary, setting a mandate for subsequent trilogue negotiations. To finance the Facility, a revision of the multiannual financial framework (MFF) will be necessary.

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## Amending budget 3/2023: Revenue, Defence Industrial Reinforcement Instrument and European Chips

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Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

Author MAZUR Sidonia

Policy area Budget

Keyword amending budget | budget | economic analysis | economic forecasting | economic planning | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | general budget (EU) | own resources

Summary The purpose of draft amending budget No 3/2023 (DAB 3/2023) to the EU's 2023 general budget is to update the revenue side, taking into account the latest economic forecasts. DAB 3/2023 also adjusts the 2023 budget to cover recent developments such as the Defence Industrial Reinforcement Instrument, the European Chips Act and fisheries agreements. Parliament is expected to vote on the Council's position on DAB 3/2023 during its October II plenary session.

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## Parliament's reading of the 2024 EU budget

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

Author MAZUR Sidonia

Policy area Budget

Keyword EU budget | EU finance | EU financial instrument | Eurobond | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | free movement of capital | geopolitics | humanities | monetary economics | multiannual financial framework | SCIENCE

Summary During the October II plenary session, Parliament is expected to decide its position on amendments to the Council's position on the draft EU budget for 2024. The Committee on Budgets (BUDG) has aligned its reading of the 2024 budget with its call for a revision of the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework (MFF). BUDG reverses all the Council's proposed reductions to the Commission's draft and proposes a considerable increase in commitments in the 2024 budget for Parliament's priorities: addressing the new geopolitical and economic challenges, along with the worsening climate and biodiversity crisis. BUDG also increases payment appropriations in accordance with its changes to commitments.

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## New EU fisheries control system

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | common fisheries policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | fisheries | fishing controls | fishing industry | regulation (EU) | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sport fishing

Summary During the October II plenary session, the Parliament is expected to vote on an agreement with the Council to revise the EU fisheries control system. The new legislation represents a complete overhaul of the current system. Major changes concern the tracking of all fishing vessels, electronic reporting of all catches, monitoring of recreational fisheries, improved traceability of fisheries products, and harmonisation of sanctions. CCTV cameras will be used to monitor vessels at high risk of not complying with the obligation to land all catches.

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## [Policy Departments' Monthly highlights - October 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

Author MANGINI ANNA | SANDERSKI ANDRZEJ

Policy area Budgetary Control | Fisheries

Keyword combined transport | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | motor vehicle pollution | organisation of transport | TRANSPORT | transport policy | transport policy

Summary The Monthly highlights publication provides an overview, at a glance, on the on-going work of the policy departments, including a selection of the latest and forthcoming publications, and a list of future events.

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## [Strategic technologies for Europe platform](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-10-2023

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Policy area Industry

Keyword artificial intelligence | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EUROPEAN UNION | globalisation | information and information processing | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology | technology and technical regulations

Summary In June 2023, the European Commission published a proposal for a regulation establishing a new strategic technologies for Europe platform (STEP). During its October II 2023 plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to vote on the report adopted jointly by its Committees on Budgets (BUDG) and on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) on 9 October 2023. The report as voted would then form Parliament's position for interinstitutional negotiations with the Council, which has not yet agreed its position.

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## [Social Climate Fund](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-10-2023

Author WIDUTO Agnieszka

Policy area Energy

Keyword construction and town planning | deterioration of the environment | emission trading | ENERGY | energy efficiency | energy policy | energy storage | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU finance | EU strategy | European construction | European Social Fund | EUROPEAN UNION | greenhouse gas | improvement of housing | reduction of gas emissions | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sustainable mobility | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary The Social Climate Fund will support the most vulnerable citizens and companies affected by the extension of the EU emissions trading system (ETS) to the buildings and road transport sectors. It can be used for direct income support and investments in energy efficiency-related building renovations and sustainable transport.

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## [Revised Energy Efficiency Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-10-2023

Author DULIAN Monika

Keyword carbon neutrality | deterioration of the environment | ENERGY | energy consumption | energy policy | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | greenhouse gas | pollution control measures

Summary The revised Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) sets a more ambitious binding annual target for reducing energy use at EU level. Energy-saving measures will contribute to reaching the EU target of a net 55 % reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030, as a stepping stone towards reaching climate neutrality by 2050.

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## [Kazakhstan: Economic indicators and trade with EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-10-2023

Author MACSAI GYORGYI

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | International Trade

Keyword ECONOMICS | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | gross domestic product | national accounts

**Summary** This infographic provides an insight into the economic performance of Kazakhstan compared with the European Union (EU) and looks at the trade dynamics between them. Kazakhstan's unemployment rate recorded a slight but steady decrease, stabilizing at 4-5% in the decade 2010-2020. Inflation rates, on the other hand, show less stability throughout the time series, and in 2022 reached their second-highest value since 2007. Foreign direct investment (FDI) fluctuated, with a notable spike in 2016, when Kazakhstan attracted record levels of FDI in 12.5 % of gross domestic product (GDP). This was followed by a steep decrease in the inflows that in subsequent years have never exceeded 5% of the gross domestic product. Despite a significant yearly fluctuation, the EU's trade with Kazakhstan shows a general upward trend, with a sharp increase after the 2020 global economic slowdown.

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## [The emergence of non-personal data markets](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-10-2023

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Policy area Consumer Protection | Industry

Keyword consumer protection | consumption | criminal law | data protection | data-processing law | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | identity theft | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | LAW | personal data | regulation (EU) | TRADE

**Summary** The European Union has taken a distinctive stance in facilitating the unrestricted movement of non-personal data, all the while upholding data privacy and security standards. However, there is still a requirement to ensure equitable conditions for data sharing. This research scrutinises the current legal framework within the EU, highlighting persistent obstacles and proposing potential strategies for implementation. This document was provided by the Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies at the request of the committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE).

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## [What if algorithms decided what we should eat by looking at our DNA?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-10-2023

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Policy area Consumer Protection | Forward Planning | Public Health

Keyword AGRI-FOODSTUFFS | artificial intelligence | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | foodstuff | foodstuff | genetic database | genetically modified organism | health | health policy | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | natural and applied sciences | personal data | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | SCIENCE | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | socioeconomic conditions | technology and technical regulations

**Summary** Algorithm-generated diets tailored to our individual needs could bring health benefits, but at the cost of having to share our most personal data, such as our DNA. The promises are many, but so are the open questions about interactions between genes, nutrients, environment and health, and the role of socioeconomic factors underlying food choices. Precision nutrition advice, services and products will need to be governed by a range of laws and policies, as they are at the intersection between food and medicine.

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Multimedia [What if algorithms decided what we should eat by looking at our DNA?](#)

## [World Mental Health Day 2023: 10 October](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-10-2023

Author AMAND-EECKHOUT Laurence

Policy area Public Health

Keyword disease prevention | health | human rights | humanities | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | LAW | mental health | non cognitive skills | rights and freedoms | SCIENCE | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | United Nations | World Health Organisation

**Summary** The purpose of World Mental Health Day is to improve knowledge, raise awareness and mobilise efforts in support of mental health around the world. This year's theme, 'Mental health is a universal human right', underlines that a mental health condition should never be a reason to deprive a person of their human rights.

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## [Plenary round-up – October I 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-10-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword aid to refugees | cooperation policy | demography and population | EU finance | EU migration policy | EUROPEAN UNION | international affairs | international law | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | migration | migration statistics | multiannual financial framework | political asylum | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | strategic autonomy

**Summary** During the October I plenary session Members held a number of debates, including on the need for speedy adoption of the EU asylum and migration package. Other debates focused on: precarity in Europe and the need to aid the deprived; large-scale corrupt sales of Schengen visas; medicine shortages and EU strategic healthcare autonomy; the European Central Bank's 10th consecutive increase in reference interest rates; proposals to extend glyphosate use; and on the Energy Charter Treaty. In the external relations field, topics debated concerned: EU–China trade relations, the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh after the Azerbaijan attack and threats against Armenia; Moldova's EU path; and recent developments in the Serbia–Kosovo dialogue. Parliament approved the appointment of Wopke Hoekstra as member of the European Commission responsible for climate action, and the allocation of an additional role, as Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, for Maroš Šefčovič. Members heard a statement by Parliament's President marking 10 years since the tragedy off the coast of Lampedusa. Petr Pavel, the Czech President, addressed Members in a formal sitting.

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## [Supporting Ukraine's EU accession process](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-10-2023

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Keyword economic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS

**Summary** On 2 October 2023, EU-27 foreign ministers gathered in Kyiv to discuss political and military support for Ukraine's war effort and its EU accession process. Ukraine formally requested to join the European Union in February 2022. The EU recognised Ukraine as an accession candidate in June 2022. The European Commission will publish its assessment on Ukraine ahead of the December 2023 Council conclusions on the enlargement process.

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## [Creating a European education area by 2025: Midterm review of progress](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-10-2023

Author BINDER Krisztina

Policy area Education

Keyword continuing education | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | educational reform | employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EU strategy | European construction | European Economic Area | EUROPEAN UNION | organisation of teaching | social affairs | social integration | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | vocational training

**Summary** The European education area (EEA) is set to become a common space for quality inclusive education and lifelong learning across borders for all EU citizens. The work towards completing the EEA by 2025 has given fresh impetus to education and training policy at EU level. A midterm review of the EEA's implementation, based on the findings of the European Commission's 2022 progress report, is currently underway. In this context, the Commission and the Parliament are hosting a joint event on 10 October 2023.

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## [Posting of third-country nationals in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 04-10-2023

Author PAPE Marketa

Policy area Employment

Keyword employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | free movement of persons | freedom of trade | international law | labour market | labour mobility | LAW | posted worker | right of establishment | rights and freedoms | social protection | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | social security

**Summary** Under EU rules, EU citizens are free to reside and work in any Member State, and can be posted to any other EU country to provide a service job. By contrast, labour migration by third-country nationals (TCNs) is controlled by a different regulatory framework. However, Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) case law provides that TCNs with work and residence permits in one Member State may be posted across the EU to perform temporary work. The posting of TCN workers is increasingly being used as a labour mobility channel.

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## [Study in Focus: Transparency and accountability of EU funding for NGOs active in EU policy areas within EU territory](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 04-10-2023

External author Roderick ACKERMANN, Michael HAMMER & al.

Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword EU budget | EU finance | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial transparency | free movement of capital | payment system

Summary The original full study reviews transparency rules, guidance, systems and practices in EU NGO grant funding, and to what extent these ensure public transparency. The study also provides an overview of NGO management and decision-making culture, and good practice approaches to NGO regulation. The study makes recommendations to improve public transparency and NGO regulation at EU level, and at the same time improve dialogue between EU institutions and NGOs.

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## [Research for TRAN Committee - Chinese Investments in European Maritime Infrastructure](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-10-2023

Author OSTANSKA KINGA | PERNICE Davide

Policy area Transport

Keyword Asia and Oceania | China | economic geography | FINANCE | financing and investment | foreign investment | GEOGRAPHY | import (EU) | trade | TRADE

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study for the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) looking at Chinese investments in European Maritime Infrastructure through the lens of 'de-risking' for the first time. It provides a comprehensive overview of Chinese investments in the European maritime sector over the past two decades and weighs the associated risks. The study borrows the framework adopted by the National Risk Assessment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 2022 for its risk assessment and further develops it to score the impact and likelihood of the investments across five major threat areas: EU-level dependency risk, individual dependency risk, coercion/influence risk, cyber/data risk and hard security risk. The analysis illustrates that the risks remain insufficiently understood by Member States, despite their high likelihood and/or impact. This is particularly true for economic coercion and cyber/data security risks.

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## [North Korea-Russia relations: Recent trends](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 29-09-2023

Author JOCHHEIM Ulrich

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword arms supply | Asia and Oceania | common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | defence | economic geography | electrical and nuclear industries | ENERGY | EU relations | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | humanitarian aid | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | North Korea | nuclear industry | political geography | Russia

Summary On 13 September 2023, Kim Jong-un, leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea), met with President Putin at the Vostochny Cosmodrome (spaceport) in the Amur region in Russia's far east. Although very little is known about what they discussed, many observers assume that one of the topics involved hammering out the details of a deal whereby North Korea would help Russia replenish its stocks of artillery shells and send a considerable number of workers to staff Russian factories, in return for humanitarian aid – more specifically food – from Moscow, as well as Russia's support for Pyongyang's space programme. Experts also agree that a more far-reaching alignment could be in the making.

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## [78th session of the UN General Assembly, New York, 18-22 September 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 29-09-2023

Author JUTTEN Marc

Policy area Foreign Affairs | Global Governance

Keyword climate change | common foreign and security policy | deterioration of the environment | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | food security | geopolitics | health | humanities | international affairs | international conference | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | SCIENCE | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sustainable development | UN General Assembly | United Nations

Summary World leaders gathered for the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, at a time of rising geopolitical tensions, including an ongoing war of aggression, military conflicts, coup d'états in western Africa, accelerating climate change crisis, food insecurity, widening inequality and sustainable development concerns. Against the backdrop in the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) the theme chosen for this year's general debate, marking the halfway point in the Agenda 2030 timeline, was 'Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress and sustainability for all'. The heads of state or government adopted a political declaration, seeking to accelerate action to deliver on the 2030 Agenda and implement the SDGs.

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## [Question Time: EU-China trade relations](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 29-09-2023

Author JOCHHEIM Ulrich

Policy area International Trade

Keyword Asia and Oceania | China | economic geography | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | export (EU) | FINANCE | financing and investment | GEOGRAPHY | investment abroad | trade | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy

Summary As political relations between the EU and China have encountered increasing challenges, including in the context of China's ambiguous position on Russia's war on Ukraine, the trade deficit of the EU with China has risen substantially. The EU has reacted by taking measures to improve its own economic security and to ensure a level playing-field; the most recent measure, announced by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on 13 September, is the anti-subsidy investigation into electric vehicles coming from China. Since mid-September 2023, three Commissioners – including the Vice-President in charge of trade – have visited China, and the High Representative, Josep Borrell, will visit China in mid-October to co-chair the EU-China Strategic Dialogue.

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## [Amended rules on intelligent transport systems](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 28-09-2023

Author KISS Monika

Policy area Transport

Keyword common transport policy | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | information and information processing | information system | information technology and data processing | intelligent transport system | land transport | organisation of transport | proposal (EU) | road transport | sustainable mobility | systems interconnection | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary The European Commission has proposed changes to the existing EU legislation on the deployment of intelligent transport systems (ITS) in road transport. The proposal aims to adapt the scope of the rules to new developments and to accelerate the availability and enhance the interoperability of digital data that feed ITS services. It also aims to improve coordination and cooperation among stakeholders. Parliament is scheduled to vote during the October I session on the provisional agreement on the proposal reached with the Council in June 2023.

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## [Mid-term revision of the 2021-2027 MFF: Interim report on Commission proposal](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 28-09-2023

Author KOWALD KAROLINE

Policy area Budget

Keyword cooperation policy | economic analysis | ECONOMICS | EU budget | EU finance | Europe | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial aid | financial policy | financing and investment | free movement of capital | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | medium-term financing | medium-term forecast | multiannual financial framework | political geography | Ukraine

Summary On 20 June 2023, the Commission made a proposal for a revision of the EU's long-term budget, to urgently address shortcomings and provide further financial support to Ukraine. Overall, the Committee on Budgets (BUDG) supports the revision in its interim report, pending the formal request from the Council, which has yet to agree its position, for consent to the revision. But BUDG says that an additional €10 billion, on top of the €65.8 billion proposed by the Commission, is needed to address the challenges properly. MEPs stress the urgency of adopting the revision so that it can be applied to the 2024 budgetary procedure.

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## [Economic coercion by non-EU countries](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-09-2023

Author SZCZEPANSKI Marcin

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | Foreign Affairs | International Trade

Keyword economic coercion | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | geopolitics | humanities | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | SCIENCE | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy

Summary In an increasingly assertive geopolitical environment, the use of economic tools to advance foreign policy goals is on the rise. This can take the form of coercion, when a third country deploys restrictions on trade or investment to influence the sovereign choices of the EU or its Member States. On 8 December 2021, the Commission published a proposal for an anti-coercion instrument that would allow the EU to respond more effectively to such challenges on a global scale. In October, the European Parliament is expected to vote in plenary on adopting the political agreement reached between the co-legislators in trilogue negotiations.

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## [Protection of workers from asbestos](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-09-2023

Author AMAND-EECKHOUT Laurence

Policy area Employment | Public Health

Keyword asbestos | cancer | carcinogenic substance | coal and mining industries | deterioration of the environment | disease prevention | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | health | health risk | occupational safety | organisation of work and working conditions | proposal (EU) | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary On 28 September 2022, the European Commission proposed a revision of the 2009 Directive on the protection of workers from the risk of exposure to asbestos. Despite the total ban on the use of asbestos in the EU, exposure to this carcinogenic fibre, which is still present in many buildings, kills more than 70 000 people a year in Europe. Parliament is due to vote in October on the agreement reached in interinstitutional negotiations.

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## [European media freedom act](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-09-2023

Author LAANINEN Tarja

Policy area Culture

Keyword advertising | communications | communications industry | consumption | dissemination of information | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | freedom of the press | LAW | marketing | mass media | proposal (EU) | provision of services | regulation of telecommunications | rights and freedoms | service | single market | TRADE

Summary In September 2022, the European Commission proposed a regulation establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (the 'European Media Freedom Act'). During the October I plenary session, Parliament is scheduled to vote on the report from its Committee on Culture and Education (CULT). The report as voted would then form Parliament's position for interinstitutional negotiations with the Council, which agreed its position in June 2023.

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## [Enhancing chemicals' classification and labelling](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-09-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

Keyword chemical product | chemistry | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | health | health policy | INDUSTRY | inorganic chemical product | labelling | marketing | pollution | regulation (EU) | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | TRADE

Summary During its October I plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to adopt its position on a European Commission proposal to revise a core piece of EU chemicals legislation, which requires proper classification, labelling and packaging of hazardous substances and mixtures to protect human health and the environment.

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## [European green bonds](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-09-2023

Author SPINACI STEFANO

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

Keyword bond | climate change | climate change policy | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | Eurobond | FINANCE | free movement of capital | green economy | greenwashing | marketing | monetary economics | TRADE

Summary To support climate and environmental projects, the European Commission proposed a regulation on a European green bond standard in July 2021. This would establish an official EU standard for green bonds aligned with the EU taxonomy, based on a registration system and supervisory framework for external reviewers. A provisional political agreement reached between the Parliament and Council is scheduled for a vote during the October I plenary session.

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## [Strengthening wastewater treatment rules](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-09-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

Keyword chemistry | deterioration of the environment | directive (EU) | drinking water | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | health | health policy | natural and applied sciences | natural environment | organic pollution | SCIENCE | sewage sludge | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | wastewater | water protection | water treatment

Summary Treating urban wastewater to remove harmful components is essential to protect human health as well as rivers, lakes and seas. During the October I plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to adopt its position on a European Commission proposal that seeks to reinforce existing rules, adopted more than 30 years ago, and to bring them into line with the EU's climate neutrality, circularity and zero pollution ambitions.

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## [Germany's slow implementation of the 2018 EU electoral reform and unease over electoral thresholds](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 25-09-2023

Author MILDEBRATH Hendrik Alexander

Policy area Democracy

Keyword economic geography | electoral procedure and voting | electoral quota | electoral reform | Europe | European election | GEOGRAPHY | Germany | political geography | political parties | political party | POLITICS

Summary On 15 June and 7 July 2023, the German Federal Parliament approved the 2018 reform of the EU rules on elections to the European Parliament, and that approval is now awaiting promulgation before it takes effect. Enacting the reform requires the approval of all EU Member States. All but two – Cyprus and Spain – have given their approval. Cyprus is preparing to finalise its approval procedure, but Spain has not yet launched its. Once all Member States have given their approval and the EU reform law becomes binding, those with constituencies of more than 35 seats must set therein a threshold of 2-5 % – but only as of the second set of European elections after the law has entered into force. The German Federal Parliament's lower house (Bundestag) rejected a proposal to set the threshold at 2 %, raising questions about Germany's ultimate choice.

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## [Excess liquidity in the euro area? Assessment and possible ways forward](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-09-2023

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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

Keyword EU institutions and European civil service | euro area | European Central Bank | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial stability | free movement of capital | international liquidity | market stabilisation | monetary crisis | monetary economics | monetary policy | monetary relations | TRADE | trade policy

Summary This paper analyses the operational frameworks adopted by the ECB and the consequences of a shift from the floor to the corridor system. The concept of excess liquidity in the euro area is examined, alongside discussions on market liquidity and funding liquidity. The paper emphasises the need to evaluate the implications for monetary policy effectiveness and financial stability of the different frameworks, shedding light on the role of liquidity in maintaining well-functioning financial markets. This document was provided by the Economic Governance and EMU Scrutiny Unit at the request of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) ahead of the Monetary Dialogue with the ECB President on 25 September 2023.

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## [The US cybersecurity posture under Biden](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-09-2023

Author GRIEGER Gisela

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword America | communications | critical infrastructure security | economic geography | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | geopolitics | humanities | information security | information technology and data processing | information warfare | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | personal data | political geography | POLITICS | politics and public safety | SCIENCE | telecommunications policy | United States

Summary In view of the rising frequency and sophistication of cyber-attacks hitting United States (US) targets and entailing widespread disruption of critical infrastructure, significant economic loss, and sensitive content and personal data leaks, the Biden administration has taken a series of steps to bolster the US cybersecurity posture since early 2021. Adding to President Biden's 2021 Executive Order on cybersecurity and 2022 Congressional legislation, the 2023 US National Cybersecurity Strategy lays out a comprehensive vision for a 'defensible, resilient and values-aligned' digital US ecosystem. In a departure from previous US policy, the strategy seeks to rebalance the responsibility to defend cyberspace and to realign incentives for long-term cybersecurity investment. Mainly for political reasons, the implementation plan is more cautious than the strategy. The geopolitical dimension of EU-US cyber cooperation is growing, due to support for third-country capacity-building.

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## US: Economic indicators and trade with EU

Publication type At a Glance

Date 20-09-2023

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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | International Trade

Keyword America | economic geography | GEOGRAPHY | marketing | political geography | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy | trade statistics | United States

**Summary** This infographic provides an insight into the economic performance of the United States (US) compared with the European Union (EU), and looks at the trade dynamics between them. The US unemployment rate rose substantially in 2009 following the financial crisis. This was followed by a steady fall in unemployment from 2010 onwards, with the exception of the COVID-19 years (2020 and 2021) when a new steep increase was recorded. Both foreign direct investment (FDI) and remittances remained relatively low and stable between 2007 and 2022, accounting for only a small share of US gross domestic product, while the EU's FDI has fluctuated, and its inward remittances have gradually increased. The EU's trade with the US has shown a generally upward trend, with a sharp increase after the 2020 global economic slowdown.

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## 2023 European Week of Sport

Publication type At a Glance

Date 20-09-2023

Author LAANINEN Tarja

Policy area Culture

Keyword Community of Valencia | economic geography | EU sport policy | Europe | GEOGRAPHY | political geography | professional sport | regions of EU Member States | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | Spain | sporting event

**Summary** The annual European Week of Sport (23-30 September) opens on 23 September in Valencia, Spain. This is the ninth edition of a European Commission initiative designed to promote sport and physical activity across Europe with the slogan #BeActive. The hope is that people will #BeActive during the Week of Sport, but also stay active throughout the rest of the year. The initiatives in 2023 centre on three topics: involvement, inclusion, and innovation. Sport has the potential to bring together people from various backgrounds, ethnicities, sexual orientations, fitness levels, genders, and generations. There are events, contests and challenges in 40 countries, with millions of people getting together and having fun thanks to sport. Over 13 million people took part in the 2022 edition. On the dedicated website, you can find this year's events near you. #BeActive Night takes place on Saturday 23 September, increasing awareness of the Week with thousands of activities organised in all participating countries. Over 95 million people across 40 countries and regions have taken part in the Week's activities over the years since 2015. The European School Sport Day® – a Week of Sport spinoff – takes place on Friday 29 September. To take part in the sport day, students need to #BeActive for at least 120 minutes – run, walk, hop or dance the distance of the given year (i.e. 2 023 metres in 2023).

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## Lives lost at sea

Publication type At a Glance

Date 19-09-2023

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword Africa | Asia and Oceania | death | economic geography | ENVIRONMENT | EU institutions and European civil service | Europe | EUROPEAN UNION | Frontex | fundamental rights | GEOGRAPHY | human rights | illegal migration | LAW | Mediterranean Sea | migration | natural environment | North Africa | political geography | rights and freedoms | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | Türkiye

**Summary** Year after year, tens of thousands of people try to reach the EU from the coasts of Turkey and Africa, risking their lives at sea. Irregular migration to Europe is predominantly concentrated in the Mediterranean, where there are frequent reports of people being rescued at sea and of shipwreck incidents. Between January and June 2022, on average five people died per day during their attempt to cross the Mediterranean Sea, according to the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), and 28 021 persons have been recorded missing since 2014. This is most likely an under-estimate, as many cases go unreported or even completely unnoticed.

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## [Plenary round-up – September 2023](#)

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Date 15-09-2023

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Keyword [documentation](#) | [EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS](#) | [equal treatment](#) | [EU institutions and European civil service](#) | [European Commission](#) | [European Parliament](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [LAW](#) | [rights and freedoms](#) | [speech](#)

**Summary** During the September plenary session, Members heard the annual State of the Union speech from the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. Other highlights included exiled Belarusian opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya's address to a formal sitting of Parliament. Members debated disaster resilience in the EU, the EU-Tunisia memorandum of understanding, combating the normalisation of extremist discourse, a relief package for smaller businesses, and violence and discrimination in sport. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, made statements on Iran, Latin America and Chile, and answered questions on the situation in west and central Africa in the light of the recent coups d'état. Finally, Members approved the appointment of Iliana Ivanova to the European Commission.

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## [Outcome of the 2023 G20 Summit in New Delhi, India](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 14-09-2023

Author JUTTEN Marc

Policy area [Foreign Affairs](#)

Keyword [economic policy](#) | [economic structure](#) | [ECONOMICS](#) | [EU relations](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [G20](#) | [globalisation](#) | [international economic law](#) | [international law](#) | [INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS](#) | [LAW](#) | [world economy](#) | [world organisations](#)

**Summary** Leaders met in New Delhi, India, for the 18th summit of the G20, the intergovernmental forum for international economic cooperation of the world's major economies. The 2-day meeting (9 to 10 September 2023) hosted by the Indian G20 presidency took place at a time of increasing political and economic rivalry, in which the world's leading and emerging economies are shaping new alliances around the globe. The themes chosen by the Indian presidency and the decision taken by the G20 leaders to grant permanent member status to the African Union (AU) reflect the growing importance that the G20 members attach to the states from the 'Global South'.

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## [Reforming long-term care in the EU](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 14-09-2023

Author PAPE Marketa

Keyword [health](#) | [long-term care](#) | [social affairs](#) | [social policy](#) | [SOCIAL QUESTIONS](#)

**Summary** Everybody either needs or has to provide care at some time in their life. The pandemic showed how vital care provision is, and turned health and care workers into heroes. While these workers are no longer applauded daily, the need for them is still there. As Europe's population ages, demand for long-term care in particular is rising, while not enough people are interested in taking up care jobs. This paper looks at actions taken by the EU in relation to long-term care, and highlights some of the challenges.

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## [E2E encryption and protection of children online](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 13-09-2023

Author NEGREIRO ACHIAGA Maria Del Mar

Policy area [Area of Freedom, Security and Justice](#)

Keyword [child protection](#) | [communications](#) | [criminal law](#) | [cryptography](#) | [data protection](#) | [EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS](#) | [information and information processing](#) | [information technology and data processing](#) | [LAW](#) | [organisation of transport](#) | [paedophilia](#) | [personal data](#) | [safety device](#) | [sexual violence](#) | [social affairs](#) | [SOCIAL QUESTIONS](#) | [telecommunications](#) | [TRANSPORT](#)

**Summary** End-to-end encryption (E2EE) systems bring enhanced security advantages to private communications. Yet they also pose increased difficulties to law enforcement investigations. In the case of child sexual abuse (CSA) online, these systems hide data from children who are being abused or coerced into sexual abuse, leading to a failure to pursue these crimes. Reports of online grooming increased by 82 % in 2022. While E2EE might prevail for all its advantages, it is also necessary to protect young children and avoid a drop in online CSA abuse reports as major technology companies plan to move towards this technology. An EU legislative proposal aims to combat the rise in online CSA including grooming while protecting and not compromising E2EE systems.

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## [US approach to outbound investment screening](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-09-2023

Author GRIEGER Gisela

Policy area Foreign Affairs | International Trade | Security and Defence

Keyword America | artificial intelligence | communications | economic geography | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | electronic component | electronics and electrical engineering | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financing and investment | foreign investment | GEOGRAPHY | group of leading industrialised countries | INDUSTRY | information and information processing | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | investment abroad | microelectronics | political geography | quantum technology | United States | world organisations

Summary On 9 August 2023, US President Joe Biden issued an executive order to regulate certain types of US outbound investment in semiconductors and microelectronics, quantum information technologies and artificial intelligence sectors in 'countries of concern', where this investment may be a threat to US national security. Investment in these technologies or subsets of them will be subject to notification rules, or prohibited. The US Treasury Department, tasked with drafting the implementation rules, concurrently issued a notice soliciting public comment. Many questions remain about the new regime, which follows a contentious policy debate and may come ahead of complementary Congressional legislation. While the US leads the G7 countries on this topic and the EU ponders a similar initiative, China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan already have comparable rules in place.

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## [Composition of the European Parliament](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-09-2023

Author KOTANIDIS Silvia

Keyword parliamentary proceedings | parliamentary vote | POLITICS

Summary Following a vote in the Constitutional Affairs Committee on 11 September, the European Parliament is expected to vote in plenary in September on giving its consent to a decision of the European Council establishing Parliament's composition for the next term. This decision would adjust the current distribution of seats among Member States, to a total of 720, taking into account demographic changes that have occurred since the 2018 decision that redistributed seats following the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

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## [EU-Tunisia Memorandum of Understanding](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-09-2023

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Summary On 16 July 2023, the EU and Tunisia signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) based on five pillars – macroeconomic stability, trade and investment, green energy transition, people-to-people contacts, and migration and mobility – the last being the most important. The MoU complements the EU–Tunisia Association Agreement and Member States' bilateral initiatives, and prioritises measures against irregular migration, with a view to avoiding loss of human life and developing legal pathways for migration. The MoU defined a common approach based on upholding human rights and with action to combat criminal networks of migrant smugglers and human traffickers. Immediate aid of €105 million was released to support the Tunisian coastguard and border management. The MoU also proposed €900 million in macroeconomic support and €150 million in direct budgetary support.

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## [Policy Departments' Monthly highlights - September 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-09-2023

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Budget | Budgetary Control | Economics and Monetary Issues | EU Law: Legal System and Acts | Security and Defence | Transport

Keyword economic conditions | economic geography | economic policy | economic policy | economic stabilisation | ECONOMICS | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial stability | free movement of capital | GEOGRAPHY | political geography | United Kingdom | withdrawal from the EU

Summary The Monthly highlights publication provides an overview, at a glance, on the on-going work of the policy departments, including a selection of the latest and forthcoming publications, and a list of future events.

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## [Question Time: Situation in west and central Africa in the light of the recent coups d'état](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-09-2023

Author BILQUIN Bruno | PICHON Eric

Policy area Democracy | Foreign Affairs

Keyword Africa | Central Africa | coup d'état | EU relations | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | human rights | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | rights and freedoms | West Africa

**Summary** On 26 July 2023, a coup by his military entourage overthrew President Bazoum in Niger. On 30 August, just after President Ali Bongo had been officially declared elected for a third term in Gabon, a group of military officers announced his removal from office and arrest, and suspended the constitution. These latest coups add to the growing list of unconstitutional changes of government in sub-Saharan Africa in recent years. During the September plenary, Question Time with the High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP), Josep Borrell, will focus on the challenges these coups bring to the EU strategies in the region.

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## [Critical raw materials act](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-09-2023

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Keyword digital transformation | food security | health | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | technology and technical regulations | TRANSPORT | transport document | transport policy

**Summary** In March 2023, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a regulation establishing a framework to ensure the EU's access to a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials (CRMs) – the 'CRMs act'. During its September plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to vote on the report adopted on 7 September by its Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). The report as voted would then form Parliament's position for interinstitutional negotiations with the Council, which agreed its position in June.

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## [European defence industry reinforcement through common procurement act \(EDIRPA\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Security and Defence

Keyword common security and defence policy | defence | defence statistics | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financing and investment | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | investment | public procurement | Russo-Ukrainian issue | TRADE | trade policy | war

**Summary** During the September 2023 plenary session, Parliament is scheduled to vote on the provisional agreement on EDIRPA reached with the Council in June 2023. EDIRPA is a €300 million fund to incentivise the joint procurement of urgent and critical defence products needed in the context of the response to Russia's war on Ukraine.

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## [Curbing chemical pollution in EU waters](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

Keyword chemical pollution | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | quality of the environment | water pollutant | water pollution

**Summary** Clean water is essential for healthy ecosystems, as well as for many human uses, including drinking, bathing, and agriculture. During its September plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to adopt its position on a European Commission proposal to revise the lists of chemical pollutants that need to be monitored and controlled in EU freshwater bodies, and the associated environmental quality standards.

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## [Single market emergency instrument](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword consumer protection | consumption | economic conditions | economic policy | economic policy | economic recession | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU financial instrument | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | free movement of goods | international trade | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | single market | supply chain | TRADE

Summary In September 2022, the Commission presented a single market emergency instrument (SMEI) package. During its September 2023 plenary session, the Parliament is expected to vote on the report adopted in July by its Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO). The report as voted would then form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council, which has recently adopted its position.

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## [Geographical indications protection for craft and industrial products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author MAŃKO Rafał | MILDEBRATH Hendrik Alexander

Policy area EU Law: Legal System and Acts

Keyword designation of origin | free movement of goods | freedom of trade | industrial product | industrial structures and policy | INDUSTRY | intellectual property | international trade | labelling | LAW | marketing | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | rights and freedoms | TRADE

Summary EU lawmakers have drafted and negotiated a regulation on geographical indications for non-agricultural products, to enable the registration of names of craft and industrial products as geographical indications and to enhance their protection within the EU and in third-countries. The European Parliament is expected to vote on the final text resulting from the trilogue negotiations during its September plenary session.

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## [2022 report on Türkiye](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Asia and Oceania | association agreement (EU) | economic geography | Europe | European construction | European neighbourhood policy | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | migration | migration | political geography | POLITICS | politics and public safety | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | strategic partnership (EU) | terrorism | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy | Türkiye

Summary Türkiye has long been a key partner for the European Union on issues such as migration, security, counter-terrorism and trade. Following the attempted coup in 2016, however, Türkiye's democratic backsliding led the Council to freeze accession negotiations in 2018. The re-election of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in May 2023, and the 100th anniversary of the Republic founded by Atatürk, point to a need to explore realistic options for future EU–Türkiye relations, within a mutually appealing framework. Parliament is expected to vote on its position on the Commission's 2022 annual report on Türkiye during its September 2023 plenary session.

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## [Administrative cooperation in taxation \('DAC8'\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author BAERT Pieter

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

Keyword accounting | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | directive (EU) | EU finance | EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | financial transparency | free movement of capital | intangible asset | monetary economics | stock exchange | tax authorities | taxation | transparency in decision-making | virtual currency

Summary The crypto-asset sector, while still relatively new, has already changed the world of payments and investment forever. The fast-changing and volatile nature of the sector and its growing market prominence poses challenges, however, for tax authorities, which are not always able to track the gains made from the trading of crypto-assets. The Commission's proposal to revise the directive on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation ('DAC8') seeks to set up a reporting framework that would require crypto-asset service providers to report certain information about crypto-transactions made by EU clients. Parliament is expected to vote its opinion on the proposal during its September 2023 plenary session.

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## [Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author ALVAREZ Emmanuel

Policy area Regional Development

Keyword administrative expenditure (EU) | driving mechanism | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU regional policy | European Regional Development Fund | EUROPEAN UNION | frontier region | organisation of transport | regional development | regions and regional policy | TRANSPORT

Summary A 2018 proposal on a European cross-border mechanism addressed challenges specific to EU border regions, but progress stalled owing to disagreements within the Council. The European Parliament now seeks to revive the file with a legislative-initiative report. Parliament is scheduled to debate the revised proposed mechanism, based on a report by the Committee on Regional Development, during the September 2023 plenary session.

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## [Better quality standards for substances of human origin intended for human application](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author AMAND-EECKHOUT Laurence

Policy area Public Health

Keyword blood transfusion | cytology | health | infectious disease | natural and applied sciences | organ transplant | SCIENCE | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | stem cell | substance of human origin | therapeutics

Summary During its September session, Parliament is expected to vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety on a proposal to revise the EU laws on blood, tissues and cells. The proposal is a new step towards building a strong European health union. The report as voted would form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council.

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## [Renewable Energy Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author WIDUTO Agnieszka

Policy area Energy

Keyword ENERGY | energy consumption | energy policy | ENVIRONMENT | EU energy policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | natural environment | proposal (EU) | renewable energy | renewable resources | soft energy

Summary Renewable energy has grown in importance in the EU in the light of new climate goals and energy security needs. The revised Renewable Energy Directive will set a target of a 42.5 % share of renewables in EU energy consumption by 2030, with additional sub-targets for some sectors. A provisional agreement was reached with the Council in March 2023 and Parliament is due to vote on the text during its September 2023 plenary session.

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## [Managing bluefin tuna fisheries in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | Atlantic Ocean | ENVIRONMENT | fisheries | Mediterranean Sea | natural environment | sea fishing

Summary During its September 2023 plenary session, Parliament is expected to vote on a second-reading agreement with the Council on new rules for bluefin tuna fisheries in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean. The rules transpose the latest decisions of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

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## [Consumer credit](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author HALLAK ISSAM

Policy area Consumer Protection | Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword civil law | consumer credit | consumer policy | consumer protection | consumption | contract | digitisation | directive (EU) | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | financial institutions and credit | household consumption | LAW | TRADE

Summary Governing consumer credit at EU level, the Consumer Credit Directive (CCD) has been in force since 2008. The European Parliament is expected to vote in plenary in September on the adoption of an agreement reached by the co-legislators on the Commission's proposal for a new directive to replace the current CCD. The goal is to enhance the protection of applicants for consumer credit and further harmonise the rules across Member States.

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## [RefuelEU Aviation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author SOONE Jaan

Policy area Transport

Keyword deterioration of the environment | ENERGY | energy policy | energy policy | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | greenhouse gas | TRANSPORT | transport policy | transport policy

Summary On 14 July 2021, the European Commission presented the 'fit for 55' package – a set of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land-use, transport and taxation policies fit to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55 % by 2030. The package includes the ReFuelEU Aviation initiative to increase the supply of sustainable aviation fuels at EU airports. Following a provisional agreement between the Parliament and Council negotiators on the wording of the new rules, Parliament is expected to vote on the text at its plenary session in September.

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## [Towards cleaner air for Europe](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-09-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

Keyword air quality | atmospheric pollutant | deterioration of the environment | directive (EU) | ecological footprint | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | motor vehicle pollution

Summary During its September session, Parliament will vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on a proposal to revise EU air quality legislation. The report as voted would form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council, which has still to agree on its general approach.

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## [Updating the rules on the labelling of organic pet food](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-09-2023

Author SAJN Nikolina

Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword agricultural activity | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | breeding animal | domestic animal | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | manufactured feedingstuffs | marketing | organic certification | pet food | regulation (EU) | TRADE

Summary The European Parliament and the Council have reached a provisional agreement on updated rules on the labelling of organic pet food, which will align them with the rules on the labelling of organic food for human consumption. For pet food to carry the EU organic logo, 95 % of all its agricultural ingredients will have to be organic. The update was necessary as the current regulation on organic labelling allows feed to be labelled as organic only if all the agricultural ingredients come from organic production, without an exemption for pet food. The agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations, approved in committee on 28 June 2023, is expected to be put to the vote in Parliament's plenary in September.

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## [Outcome of the 2023 EU-CELAC summit](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 04-09-2023

Author JUTTEN Marc

Keyword common foreign and security policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION

**Summary** The long-awaited summit between the EU and Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) took place in Brussels on 17 and 18 July 2023, under the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU. Expectations were high in the run-up to the summit, as this was the first such meeting in eight years. Diplomatic negotiations on the wording for the final declaration on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and on colonial history, economic exploitation and slavery overshadowed the meeting. Finally, the declaration – touching upon a series of issues on which the two regions agreed to cooperate – was endorsed by all countries except Nicaragua, which did not agree with the paragraph on Ukraine. No substantial progress was made on the envisaged EU Association Agreements with Chile, Mercosur and Mexico.

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## [The social impact of public procurement - Can the EU do more?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-09-2023

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Policy area Employment | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Internal Market and Customs Union | Social Policy

Keyword collective agreement | directive (EU) | employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | employment policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | labour law and labour relations | public procurement | social affairs | social framework | social impact | social policy | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | TRADE | trade policy

**Summary** The aim of this study is to present the possibilities offered by Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement for the achievement of social goals and to analyse how these possibilities have been transposed into national law and implemented by contracting authorities across the EU. Another aim is to identify obstacles to the use of existing provisions and make recommendations with regards to possible future EU action.

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## [Future Shocks 2023: Anticipating and weathering the next storms](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-08-2023

Author PATAKI Gabor Zsolt

Policy area Forward Planning | Global Governance

Keyword bad weather | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | climate change | crisis management | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | geopolitics | humanities | management | natural hazard | SCIENCE

**Summary** The European Parliament launched a process of monitoring possible future risks for the EU during the COVID-19 crisis, and has developed this further during Russia's war on Ukraine. The annual 'Future Shocks' series provides up-to-date, objective, and authoritative information on global risks through a 360° survey based on risk literature from a broad range of sources. Future Shocks 2023: Anticipating and weathering the next storms discusses 15 risks related to geopolitics, climate change, health, economics and democracy that could occur in the coming decade, and 10 policy responses to address both existing governance capacity and possible ways to enhance risk-response capabilities within the EU.

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## [Voting age for European elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 28-08-2023

Author MAŇKO Rafal

**Summary** Under current EU law, EU Member States are free to set their minimum national voting age for European elections. This age is set at 16 in Austria, Belgium, Germany and Malta, 17 in Greece, and 18 in the remaining Member States.

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## [Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors: Slovakia](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 28-08-2023

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Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword cooperation policy | EU institutions and European civil service | European Court of Auditors | European official | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial institution | financial institutions and credit | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | member country

**Summary** This briefing describes the treaty provisions and appointment procedure for ECA members at EU level. In addition, it provides information on the national nomination procedure for the ECA member in Slovakia and the country's new candidate.

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## [First EU space strategy for security and defence: What implications for EU strategic autonomy?](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 28-08-2023

Author PATAKI Gabor Zsolt

Policy area [Foreign Affairs](#) | [Global Governance](#) | [Security and Defence](#)

Keyword [air and space transport](#) | [common foreign and security policy](#) | [defence](#) | [EU strategy](#) | [European construction](#) | [European organisations](#) | [European Space Agency](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [geopolitics](#) | [humanities](#) | [INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS](#) | [INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS](#) | [missile](#) | [PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH](#) | [research and intellectual property](#) | [SCIENCE](#) | [space policy](#) | [space technology](#) | [TRANSPORT](#)

**Summary** In 2022, the EU Strategic Compass included space as a strategic domain, and called for a dedicated European strategy. In the meantime, Russia's invasion of Ukraine confirmed the key role of space for defence and resilience, but also highlighted vulnerabilities related to space systems. Another 'wake-up call' came from a different direction; SpaceX's advances in reusable rocket technology leading to Starship's first orbital flight test turned the spotlight onto launch providers and access to space. Space is a critical infrastructure issue with growing economic significance. It is also an increasingly contested arena between competing geopolitical interests. To address these rising challenges, in March 2023 the European Commission and the High Representative/Vice-President presented their first joint communication on a European space strategy for security and defence.

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## [Russia's war on Ukraine: High environmental toll](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 19-07-2023

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Policy area [Environment](#) | [Foreign Affairs](#) | [Security and Defence](#)

Keyword [common foreign and security policy](#) | [economic analysis](#) | [economic consequence](#) | [economic geography](#) | [ECONOMICS](#) | [ENVIRONMENT](#) | [environmental impact](#) | [environmental policy](#) | [Europe](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS](#) | [international security](#) | [political geography](#) | [Russia](#) | [Russo-Ukrainian issue](#) | [Ukraine](#) | [war](#)

**Summary** The environmental impact of Russia's war on Ukraine has been rapidly growing with every month of full-fledged invasion. The destruction of the Kakhovka Dam further increased the harm inflicted on nature, while bringing international attention to the environmental dimension of the war. Together with its international partners, Ukraine is now looking into the legal options to hold Russia accountable for the environmental damage it has caused, which many refer to as 'ecocide'. However, the potential legal pathways are all but straightforward.

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## [Upcoming interim evaluation of Horizon Europe](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 17-07-2023

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Policy area [Research Policy](#)

Keyword [economic conditions](#) | [economic independence](#) | [economic recovery](#) | [ECONOMICS](#) | [EU finance](#) | [EU financial instrument](#) | [EU programme](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [European Union law](#) | [Framework Programme for Research and Development](#) | [international affairs](#) | [INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS](#) | [PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH](#) | [regulation \(EU\)](#) | [research and intellectual property](#)

**Summary** On 28 June 2023, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen proposed the appointment of Iliana Ivanova as the new Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth. This change in Commissioner comes at a key point in taking stock of the initial results of Horizon Europe, launched in 2021. Branded the world's biggest research and innovation programme, approximately 25 % of the programme's overall budget has already been committed, allowing for early conclusions. The legal basis provides for a mid-term evaluation to take place by 2025, and the Commission is currently planning the EU's 2025-2027 investment priorities.

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## [Plenary round-up – July 2023](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 14-07-2023

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Policy area [EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law](#)

Keyword [BUSINESS AND COMPETITION](#) | [business classification](#) | [electronic component](#) | [electronics and electrical engineering](#) | [ENVIRONMENT](#) | [environmental policy](#) | [environmental policy](#) | [European conference](#) | [freedom of the press](#) | [INDUSTRY](#) | [international affairs](#) | [INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS](#) | [LAW](#) | [parliamentary proceedings](#) | [parliamentary sitting](#) | [POLITICS](#) | [PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH](#) | [rights and freedoms](#) | [small and medium-sized enterprises](#) | [technology](#) | [technology and technical regulations](#)

**Summary** Members focused on a wide range of legislative files during the July plenary session, in particular on environmental policy, the European chips act, and on journalists' freedom. Parliament debated the conclusions of the European Council meeting held on 29-30 June 2023, and the recent developments in the war against Ukraine and in Russia in particular. Members also debated Council and Commission statements on the greening transport package, the state of the SME Union, the need to adopt the 'unshell' directive, and global convergence on generative AI. The President made a statement commemorating the victims of the Srebrenica genocide.

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## [Research for TRAN Committee - Unmanned Aircraft Systems integration into European airspace and operation over populated areas](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Transport

Keyword air and space transport | air safety | air space | air traffic control | common foreign and security policy | drone | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | freedom of the skies | international law | LAW | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study providing research into the operations of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) within European Airspace and in particular over populated areas. It provides an overview of good practices and military and civil UAS integration. This research has been used to inform an assessment of the Drone Strategy 2.0 and the extent to which it addresses the challenges and barriers identified. The study concludes with a set of proposed policy recommendations.

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## [Japan's economic security legislation](#)

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Asia and Oceania | common foreign and security policy | economic geography | economic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | group of leading industrialised countries | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | Japan | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public safety | world organisations

Summary At their summit in Hiroshima (Japan), G7 leaders agreed to coordinate their approach to economic resilience and economic security. In the EU, this was followed by the Economic Security Strategy presented in June 2023. Among the G7 countries, Japan was the first to announce, in the autumn of 2021, a legislative package meant to reinforce economic resilience and economic security, now in the final stage of implementation. Cooperation on economic security will feature on the agenda of the 29th EU-Japan summit on 13 July 2023.

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## [Amazon deforestation and the EU-Mercosur deal](#)

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Policy area Environment | Foreign Affairs | International Trade

Keyword association agreement (EU) | common foreign and security policy | deforestation | deterioration of the environment | economic conditions | economic geography | economic growth | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | Mercosur countries | national accounts | poverty

Summary The victory in the 2022 Brazilian presidential election of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of the left-wing Workers' Party, who ran on a platform of – among other things – protecting the Amazon and indigenous peoples' rights, has raised hopes in the EU of completing the long-standing negotiations on an EU-Mercosur association agreement. Since January 2023, Lula has deployed a number of recycled but updated policy tools from the early 2000s, which, it is assumed, will deliver similarly positive results in curbing deforestation as in the past. However, times have changed. Amid an underwhelming economic outlook and a weak political power base, Lula and the environmentalist members of his government face an uphill battle to put Brazil on a path to zero deforestation by 2030 and to reconcile this aim with the need to boost economic growth to reduce poverty and inequality. Tangible progress will take time to emerge given the damage caused during the past four years.

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## [Question time: EU-Africa strategy](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-07-2023

Author PICHON Eric

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Africa | Africa | climate change | deterioration of the environment | economic conditions | economic growth | economic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | green economy | strategic partnership (EU)

Summary During the July session, question time with the Commission will focus on the state of play of the EU-Africa strategy – notably in the context of the impacts of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. The European Union (EU) and the African Union (AU) have converging interests in a number of areas, such as the fight against climate change and the promotion of sustainable, job-creating economic growth in Africa. However, they still have to find common ground on migration, security management, and fundamental values. The European Parliament regularly expresses its views during committee and plenary meetings, and through the inter-parliamentary meetings with the Pan-African Parliament.

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## [The International Criminal Court's 25th anniversary and World International Justice Day](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-07-2023

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | crime against humanity | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | International Criminal Court | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | justice | LAW | local access to the law | right to justice | rights and freedoms | world organisations

Summary The treaty of the Rome Statute, signed on 17 July 1998 by 120 countries, gave birth to a permanent international body: the International Criminal Court (ICC). To commemorate the Court's coming into existence in 2002, each year (following a decision at the first review conference of the Rome Statute in 2010), the World Day for International Justice is marked on that day.

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## [Virtual worlds \(metaverses\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-07-2023

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Policy area Industry | Research Policy

Keyword advanced technology industry | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | business classification | business organisation | communications | competitiveness | digital technology | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | industrial structures and policy | INDUSTRY | information technology and data processing | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | small and medium-sized enterprises | technology and technical regulations | virtual community | virtual reality

Summary The EU has started reflecting on its vision for emerging virtual worlds (metaverses) and providing funding opportunities to develop these worlds. The aim is to ensure that people are protected in virtual worlds and that EU businesses, in particular SMEs, are not driven out of competition.

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## [What if we could make nuclear fusion work?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-07-2023

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Policy area Energy | Research Policy

Keyword defence | electrical and nuclear industries | ENERGY | energy policy | energy production | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | nuclear fusion | nuclear reactor | nuclear weapon | reduction of gas emissions

Summary If it is to achieve the Paris Agreement objective of keeping the rise in global temperature well below 2° C, the EU must consider every possible technology to decarbonise energy production. Nuclear fusion is the process that powers the sun and it can be reproduced on Earth. However, even once the considerable engineering challenges of designing a fusion power plant are overcome, there are major constraints inherent in upscaling fusion power.

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Multimedia [What if we could make nuclear fusion work?](#)

## [Towards NATO's 2023 Vilnius Summit](#)

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Policy area Security and Defence

Keyword economic geography | EU-NATO cooperation | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | NATO | political geography | Russia | Russo-Ukrainian issue | summit meeting | Ukraine | world organisations

Summary NATO's next summit, to take place from 11 to 12 July 2023, is being hosted by Lithuania, in Vilnius. Among the items topping the agenda will be support for Ukraine – including its eventual accession to the Alliance and security guarantees, NATO's defence plans and budgets, and Sweden's accession. The summit comes amid Russia's ongoing war on Ukraine and a fundamental overhaul of NATO's defence and deterrence framework.

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## [2022 report on Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-07-2023

Author STANICEK BRANISLAV

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Bosnia and Herzegovina | common foreign and security policy | democracy | economic geography | EU candidate countries | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | political framework | political geography | POLITICS | stabilisation and association agreement

Summary Bosnia and Herzegovina, a country with a population of 3.5 million people, declared independence from the former Yugoslavia on 3 March 1992, following a referendum that was boycotted by the Serbian Democratic Party. In December 2022, following the European Commission's recommendation, the Council agreed to grant Bosnia and Herzegovina EU candidate status, stressing the urgent need for the country to advance on its European path. The Parliament's position on the Commission's 2022 annual report on Bosnia and Herzegovina is due to be voted in plenary in July 2023.

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## [Amending budget No 2/2023: 2022 surplus](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

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Policy area Budget

Keyword amending budget | budget | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | free movement of capital | general budget (EU) | national accounts | national income

Summary The purpose of Draft Amending Budget No 2/2023 (DAB 2/2023) to the EU's 2023 general budget is to enter the €2.5 billion surplus from implementation of the 2022 budget as revenue in the 2023 budget. The surplus is the result of higher than expected revenues from customs duties collected in the last months of 2022 and under-spending on the expenditure side. Inclusion of the surplus will lead to a corresponding reduction in Member States' gross national income (GNI) contributions to the 2023 budget. Parliament is expected to vote on the Council's position on DAB 2/2023 during its July session.

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## [Nature restoration regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

Keyword biodiversity | ecosystem | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | natural environment | nature reserve | nature restoration | water quality

Summary During its July plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to take a position on a European Commission proposal setting a legal obligation to restore degraded ecosystems across the EU in order to secure long-term provision of essential services for human wellbeing and support climate change mitigation and adaptation. There was no majority in favour of the proposed regulation as amended in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), responsible for the file, so the committee was therefore bound to propose to Parliament that the proposal be rejected.

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## [EU chips act](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Industry

Keyword 5G | communications | digital transformation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | electronic component | electronics and electrical engineering | INDUSTRY | open innovation | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | supply chain | technological change | technology and technical regulations | transmission network

Summary On 8 February 2022, the European Commission put forward a proposal for a regulation setting up a framework of measures to strengthen Europe's semiconductor ecosystem (the 'chips act'). Following a provisional political agreement reached between the co-legislators on 18 April 2023, the European Parliament is due to vote on adopting the act during the July plenary session. The Council could then follow suit, finalising the legislative procedure at first reading.

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## [Ecodesign for sustainable products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Environment

Keyword ecodesign | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental impact | environmental policy | EU growth strategy | EU production | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | green economy | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | supply chain | sustainable product | technology and technical regulations

**Summary** Ecodesign refers to the integration of environmental sustainability considerations into the characteristics of a product, and into processes throughout its value chain. On 30 March 2022, the European Commission put forward a proposal for a regulation establishing a framework for setting ecodesign requirements for sustainable products. The European Parliament is expected to vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) during the July plenary session. The report as voted would then form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council, which has recently adopted its position.

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## [Revision of the industrial emissions directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment | Industry

Keyword atmospheric pollutant | clean technology | deterioration of the environment | directive (EU) | emission trading | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | industrial pollution | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology and technical regulations

**Summary** In July, Parliament will vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) on a Commission proposal updating EU rules to prevent and control pollution from industry. The report, as voted, would form Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations with the Council.

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## [EU relations with the Palestinian Authority](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Asia and Oceania | common foreign and security policy | culture and religion | economic geography | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | LAW | Palestine | Palestine question | religion | self-regulation | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sources and branches of the law

**Summary** The Palestinian National Authority (or Palestinian Authority - PA), is the governing body of the Palestinian autonomous regions of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, established in 1994 as part of the Oslo Accords peace agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Relations between the PA and Israel are particularly tense, especially since the new Israeli government took office in December 2022. The PA faces a crisis of legitimacy due to growing dissatisfaction among Palestinians. The European Parliament is expected to vote on draft recommendations on the EU's relations with the PA during its July plenary session.

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## [Lessons learned from COVID-19 and recommendations for the future](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

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Policy area Public Health

Keyword committee report | coronavirus disease | democracy | disease surveillance | economic analysis | economic consequence | ECONOMICS | EP Committee | epidemic | EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | fundamental rights | health | LAW | parliamentary proceedings | political framework | POLITICS | public health | rights and freedoms | social framework | social impact | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

**Summary** During the July plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to discuss the final report of its Special Committee on the COVID-19 pandemic, and vote on a series of recommendations to improve EU preparedness for future health emergencies.

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## [Citizens' initiative on animal testing](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

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Policy area Public Health

Keyword alternatives to animal testing | animal experimentation | chemistry | cosmetic product | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | hairdressing and beauty care | INDUSTRY | miscellaneous industries | parliament | petition | POLITICS | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | protection of animals | regulation (EU) | research and intellectual property

Summary During its July plenary session, the European Parliament will debate the European Citizens' Initiative 'Save Cruelty Free Cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without animal testing', following a hearing in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). The initiative calls on the European Commission to 'uphold and strengthen' the ban on animal testing, and to 'transition to animal-free safety assessments'.

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## [Revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive](#)

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Date 05-07-2023

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Policy area Energy

Keyword carbon neutrality | ENERGY | energy consumption | energy efficiency | energy policy | energy saving | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU energy policy | EU environmental policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | proposal (EU) | renewable energy | soft energy

Summary During the July plenary session, Members will vote on a provisional agreement reached between Parliament and the Council on the revision of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED). The ITRE committee has already endorsed the agreement.

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## [Protection of journalists and human rights defenders from manifestly unfounded or abusive court proceedings \(SLAPPs\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

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Policy area Democracy

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | communications | communications profession | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | freedom of the press | human rights | human rights movement | LAW | pluralism in the media | POLITICS | politics and public safety | press | rights and freedoms

Summary On 27 June 2023, the Legal Affairs Committee adopted its report on the proposal for a directive concerning the protection of journalists and human rights defenders from abusive cross-border civil proceedings, often referred to as SLAPPs. The Committee supports the proposal, and has put forward a number of amendments to strengthen it. Tabled for debate during the July plenary session, the report as adopted then will form the basis for trilogue negotiations with the Council, which adopted its general approach on 9 June.

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## [Reforming rules to protect Parliament's integrity](#)

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Date 05-07-2023

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Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword administrative transparency | common foreign and security policy | EU institutions and European civil service | European construction | European Parliament | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | interinstitutional relations (EU) | international law | LAW | POLITICS | servant (EU) | territorial law | transparency in decision-making

Summary During the July 2023 plenary session, Members will vote on the own-initiative report of the ING2 special committee laying down recommendations to strengthen Parliament's rules on transparency, integrity, accountability and countering corruption, in the context of protecting it from foreign interference.

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## [Revision of the Construction Products Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

Author RAGONNAUD Guillaume

Policy area Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword building | building and public works | building materials | building technique | consumer protection | consumption | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | INDUSTRY | regulation (EU) | single market | TRADE

Summary On 30 March 2022, the European Commission put forward a proposal to revise the Construction Products Regulation (CPR). During its July plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to vote on the report adopted by its Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) on 23 May 2023. The report as voted would then form Parliament's position for negotiations with the Council.

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## [Alternative fuels infrastructure](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

Author SOONE Jaan

Policy area Transport

Keyword chemistry | deterioration of the environment | electric vehicle | ENERGY | energy policy | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU environmental policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | hydrogen | INDUSTRY | motor vehicle pollution | organisation of transport | proposal (EU) | reduction of gas emissions | substitute fuel | sustainable mobility | trans-European network | TRANSPORT | transport infrastructure | transport network | transport policy

Summary In July 2021, the European Commission presented the 'fit for 55' package – a set of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land-use, transport and taxation policies fit to reduce net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 55 % by 2030. The package includes a proposal to revise rules on deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure. Following a provisional agreement between negotiators of the European Parliament and the Council, Parliament is due to vote on the agreed text during its July plenary session.

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## [FuelEU Maritime – Sustainable maritime fuels](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-07-2023

Author SOONE Jaan

Policy area Transport

Keyword carbon neutrality | climate change | deterioration of the environment | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | greenhouse gas | marine fuel | maritime and inland waterway transport | oil industry | TRANSPORT | waterway transport

Summary In July 2021, the European Commission presented its 'fit for 55' package of legislative proposals seeking to ensure that the EU achieves the targets set in the European Green Deal, the Climate Law and the Paris Agreement. The package included the FuelEU Maritime proposal, which aimed to stimulate demand for clean fuels and help cut carbon emissions in the maritime sector. The provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations is expected to be put to the vote during the European Parliament's July session.

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## [2022 report on Albania](#)

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Albania | common foreign and security policy | democracy | economic geography | EU candidate countries | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | GEOGRAPHY | intergovernmental conference (EU) | political framework | political geography | POLITICS | stabilisation and association agreement | strategic partnership (EU)

Summary Albania has been an EU candidate country since June 2014. On 25 March 2020, the Council decided to open accession negotiations with the country, based on its progress in meeting the political criteria and fulfilling the five priorities that are key for EU membership. Accession negotiations effectively started in July 2022, when the first intergovernmental conference was held. The main challenges are flaws in the functioning of the judiciary, in the fight against corruption, and in the safeguarding of media freedoms and minority rights. The Parliament's position on the European Commission's 2022 annual report on Albania is due to be voted in plenary in July 2023.

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## [Replacement of individual Commissioners](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword Bulgaria | economic geography | ECONOMICS | EU institutions and European civil service | EU regional policy | Europe | European Commissioner | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | multiple office holding | parliament | political geography | POLITICS | regions and regional policy

**Summary** On 15 May 2023, following national elections in Bulgaria and after receiving the institutional mandate to form a new government in her home country, Mariya Gabriel formally submitted her resignation, with immediate effect, as European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth. That resignation was accepted by the Commission's President, Ursula von der Leyen. For the interim period, she has asked Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager to take over responsibility for overseeing the innovation and research portfolio, and Vice-President Margaritis Schinas to take over the education, culture and youth portfolio. Subsequently, the procedure to replace Gabriel has started. In June 2023, the Bulgarian government proposed two candidates to replace her: Ms Iliana Ivanova and Mr Daniel Lorer. On 28 June, following interviews with both candidates, von der Leyen announced she had chosen Ivanova, a former Member of the European Parliament (during the 7th parliamentary term), currently serving as a member of the European Court of Auditors. She will be responsible for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, the same portfolio as held by Gabriel. The European Parliament will be consulted – with the competent committees (ITRE and CULT) planning a hearing, before a plenary vote – opening the way to her formal appointment as Commissioner for the remainder of the current term. This publication updates a previous 'At a glance' note by Micaela Del Monte and María Díaz Crego, published in September 2020.

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## [Policy departments Monthly Highlights - July 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 04-07-2023

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Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Culture | Democracy | Development and Humanitarian Aid | Education | Environment | Fisheries | Foreign Affairs | Global Governance | Human Rights | International Trade | Public international law | Security and Defence | Transport

Keyword agreement (EU) | air and space transport | air space | area of freedom, security and justice | drone | economic analysis | ECONOMICS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | freedom of the skies | human rights | international law | LAW | rights and freedoms | statistics | TRANSPORT

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## [Research for TRAN Committee - Perspectives for the rolling stock supply in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-07-2023

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Policy area Transport

Keyword atmospheric pollutant | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | INDUSTRY | land transport | mechanical engineering | rail network | railway industry | reduction of gas emissions | sustainable mobility | TRANSPORT | transport policy | vehicle on rails

**Summary** This At a glance note summarises the study providing an assessment of the foreseeable demand and supply of rolling stock up to the year 2030 and highlighting the obstacles to the provision of rolling stock, which may potentially hinder the attainment of EU goals in rail transport. The study provides the basis to consider whether or not there is a necessity to incentivise rolling stock supply within the EU (including imports and/or domestic production) and provides policy recommendations relevant to EU decision-making. The EU market is mature and expected to grow.

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## [Online piracy of live events](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

Keyword communications | copyright | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU sport policy | hooliganism | Olympic games | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | satellite communications | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sports body | transmission network

**Summary** Champions' League finals, the Olympic Games, World Cup football matches – millions of people worldwide watch them live. The nature of live events makes their economic value diminish after the event, when the result is known and the public loses interest, but real-time blocking of illegal broadcasting is challenging. However, together with the removal of illegal content, it appears to be a meaningful tool to limit damage for rights holders.

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## [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: EU action against illicit drugs](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 23-06-2023

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Public Health

Keyword criminal law | drug addiction | drug traffic | EU institutions and European civil service | EU police cooperation | EU strategy | European construction | European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction | EUROPEAN UNION | fight against crime | health | illicit trade | LAW | narcotic | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public awareness campaign | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | TRADE | trade policy

Summary Every 26 June, the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking seeks to raise awareness of the problems, challenges and nefarious effects of illicit drugs (hereinafter referred to as drugs) on individuals and on society as whole. Drugs are an increasingly complex security, social and health problem that affects millions of people in the European Union (EU) and globally. The drug market generates huge profits for organised crime, and is estimated to be the source of approximately one fifth of global crime proceeds. The EU is considered an important market for drugs, in terms of both consumption and production. Over a third of the organised crime groups (OCGs) active in the EU are involved in the drugs trade. The fight against drugs is therefore a priority for the EU and its Member States.

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## [EU-UK relations: Mobility of individuals](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-06-2023

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword economic geography | EU relations | EU visa policy | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | free movement of persons | GEOGRAPHY | international law | LAW | migration | migration | political geography | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | United Kingdom | withdrawal from the EU

Summary The end of free movement between the European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom (UK), following Brexit, has brought about a decline in long-term migration, but also in short-term mobility for certain categories of EU and UK citizens. Young people seem to be particularly affected.

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## [EU–UK civil society cooperation](#)

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword civil society | cooperation agreement (EU) | economic geography | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | political geography | POLITICS | politics and public safety | United Kingdom | withdrawal from the EU

Summary Cross-border civil society links were integral to the UK's membership of the EU and continue to be an important aspect of the EU–UK relationship. In July 2023, members of the UK and European Parliaments will discuss ways to support civil society cooperation, including town twinning.

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## [Digital platform workers: EU rules one step closer](#)

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Policy area Employment

Keyword digital technology | directive (EU) | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | labour market | labour market | LAW | online platform worker | personnel management and staff remuneration | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | rights and freedoms | self-employed person | social rights | staff | technology and technical regulations

Summary Platform work is on the rise, with hundreds of digital platforms active in the EU and millions of workers earning some income by working for them. A proposed EU directive seeks to set criteria to determine whether platform workers are self-employed or employees, which is key for improving their working conditions and social rights. In addition, it would set the first EU rules on the use of artificial intelligence in the workplace. With their positions agreed, the European Parliament and the Council can now start interinstitutional negotiations.

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## [India: Economic indicators and trade with EU](#)

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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | International Trade

Keyword Asia and Oceania | common commercial policy | economic analysis | economic geography | economic indicator | economic statistics | ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | India | marketing | trade | TRADE | trade policy | trade statistics | trading operation

Summary This infographic provides an insight into the economic performance of India compared with the EU, and looks at the trade dynamics between them. India's unemployment rate had been decreasing gradually but steadily since 2006, before rising sharply in 2020, and then returning to the pre-2020 trend in 2022. Both foreign direct investment (FDI) and remittances have remained a relatively stable percentage of India's gross domestic product (GDP), with slight fluctuations. Remittances to the EU have remained a low and stable percentage of GDP, whereas FDI inflows as a percentage of the EU's GDP have fluctuated and fallen significantly since 2006. The EU's exports and imports of goods to and from India remained almost equal until 2021, which saw a sharp increase in the value of goods imported by the EU.

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## [What if biosensors could help treat rare diseases?](#)

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Policy area Public Health

Keyword digital technology | health | intellectual property | medical device | medical diagnosis | orphan disease | orphan drug | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | technology and technical regulations

Summary Most rare diseases are incurable. Research into new diagnostics and therapies is hampered by the low number of patients, limited amount of data, lack of multi-centre coordination and low profitability. Biosensors are a technology that, driven by continuous advances in artificial intelligence, can help disease detection, lower the cost of novel therapies, replace placebo groups in clinical trials and foster patient-centred, personalised (e)-medicine. Governance of biosensor technology involves targeted action addressing various EU laws and policies.

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Multimedia [What if biosensors could help treat rare diseases?](#)

## [Tax incentives after the minimum corporate tax \('Pillar Two'\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-06-2023

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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | Taxation

Keyword BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | business classification | corporation tax | FINANCE | fiscal policy | international affairs | international agreement | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | multinational enterprise | OECD | tax | taxation | world organisations

Summary Tax authorities and businesses in the EU are preparing for the implementation of the minimum corporate tax ('Pillar Two'), following the milestone global agreement reached in the OECD Inclusive Framework in 2021. Questions have however been raised as to the extent to which countries should reform their tax incentives, in a world where the global minimum corporate tax can undermine such incentives.

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## [Research for PECH Committee - Animal welfare of farmed fish](#)

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Policy area Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Fisheries | Transposition and Implementation of Law

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | fish farming | fisheries | fishery management | fishing statistics | protection of animals | sea fish | sea fishing

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study investigating the welfare of the main fish species reared in the European Union, and highlighting current knowledge on fish welfare, knowledge gaps, fish needs and husbandry methods of concern for fish welfare. The study focuses on production systems and production phases in a species-specific way. Research includes a literature review, an evaluation of the regulatory framework, a stakeholders' consultation, case studies and a SWOT analysis. Conclusions and policy recommendations relevant to EU decision-making are provided.

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## [Research for AGRI Committee - Comparative analysis of the CAP Strategic Plans and their effective contribution to the achievement of the EU objectives](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 20-06-2023

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword agricultural policy | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | common agricultural policy | comparative analysis | ecology | economic planning | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental policy | EU finance | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fund (EU) | natural and applied sciences | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | SCIENCE

Summary This AT a glance note summarises the study providing a comparative assessment of the 28 Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plans of the EU Member States. It assesses the main features of the regulatory framework for the 2023-2027 period including the approval process of the plans and provides an overview of the financial allocations of the 28 Strategic Plans and the specificities of their implementation. The study provides a first evaluation of the relevance of the Strategic Plans and their contribution to the objectives of the European Green Deal. It concludes with an overall analysis of the added value of the new delivery model and a set of policy recommendations.

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## [Research for REGI Committee - The impact of the gas supply crisis on the Just Transition Plans](#)

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Policy area Regional Development

Keyword atmospheric pollutant | carbon neutrality | construction and town planning | deterioration of the environment | ENERGY | energy crisis | energy policy | energy supply | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | gas supply | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study Tproviding information on the current and potential impact of the gas supply crisis on the Just Transition Plans (JTPs). The evidence is based on the analysis of EU gas and energy supply dependencies, trade linkages with Russia, the general EU's policy framework, Just Transition Mechanism (JTM), REPowerEU plan and the investigation of six case studies. It concludes with specified policy recommendations reflecting the implemen tation of the JTM, the JTPs in the light of risks of the energy crisis.

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## [Reform of the EU system of own resources: State of play](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 19-06-2023

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Policy area Budget

Keyword ECONOMICS | EU finance | EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | fiscal policy | free movement of capital | gross national product | interinstitutional relations | interinstitutional relations (EU) | multiannual financial framework | national accounts | own resources | POLITICS | politics and public safety | taxation

Summary The tentative agenda for the forthcoming European Commission meeting of 20 June 2023 includes a proposal on a second basket of new own resources, with the title 'An adjusted package for the next generation of own resources'. The proposal would be adopted together with the revision of the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework (MFF). In the roadmap for new own resources annexed to the interinstitutional agreement (IIA) of 16 December 2020, the decision on the second basket was initially envisaged for 2024. The European Parliament approved the first basket back in November 2022. In a resolution of 10 May 2023, it called for the swift adoption of the second basket. The Council has yet to start debating the first basket of new own resources.

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## [World Refugee Day 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 19-06-2023

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword aid to refugees | asylum seeker | cooperation policy | demography and population | international law | international protection | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | LAW | migration statistics | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public awareness campaign | refugee | right of asylum | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary In December 2000, in a resolution to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, the United Nations General Assembly designated 20 June as World Refugee Day. According to UN estimates, 117.2 million people will be forcibly displaced or stateless in 2023 in the world, nearly 29.3 million of them refugees.

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## [Plenary round-up – June 2023](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 16-06-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword artificial intelligence | common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | digital technology | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental policy | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | humanitarian aid | information and information processing | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | parliamentary proceedings | parliamentary sitting | political geography | POLITICS | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology and technical regulations | Ukraine

Summary The war in Ukraine was again central to the plenary session in June, with a debate on the humanitarian and environmental consequences of the destruction of the Nova Kakhovka dam and sustainable reconstruction and the integration of Ukraine into the Euro-Atlantic community. Another important debate concerned the preparation of the European Council meeting set for 29-30 June 2023, in particular in the light of the recent steps forward on agreeing the EU migration pact. Members held a number of debates, inter alia, on the rule of law in Poland, negotiations on the European electoral law, establishment of an EU ethics body, the water crisis in Europe, and how to make Europe the place to invest. Members also debated the situation in Lebanon, in Nicaragua and on the state of the EU-Cuba Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement. Finally, Members held the latest 'This is Europe' debate, this month with Nikos Christodoulides, the President of Cyprus. And, in a formal sitting, they heard an address by Vjosa Osmani, President of the Republic of Kosovo.

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## ['This is Europe' debate in the European Parliament: Speech by Nikos Christodoulides, President of Cyprus, 13 June 2023](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 15-06-2023

Author DRACHENBERG Ralf

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword EU finance | EU initiative | European construction | European integration | European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument | European neighbourhood policy | European organisation | European organisations | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | intergovernmental conference (EU) | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Summary 'This is Europe' – an initiative proposed by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola – consists of a series of debates with EU leaders to discuss their visions for the future of the European Union. In his address to the European Parliament on 13 June 2023, the reunification of the island was a central theme for the President of Cyprus, Nikos Christodoulides. He stressed that the EU has every interest, but also an 'obligation to actively contribute to its final settlement' by taking a leading role in the process. He stressed that the wider Middle East and Gulf were the EU's neighbourhood, and that Cyprus was the 'geopolitical gateway' from the EU to the MENA region. He also called for further European integration, and promised to promote the deepening of the EU within the European Council.

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## [Research for REGI Committee - Territorial Agenda 2030: Implementation Review](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 12-06-2023

External author Kai BÖHME, Erik GLØERSEN

Policy area Environment | Regional Development

Keyword area management | Cohesion Fund | development region | economic and social cohesion | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU finance | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | regional development | regional planning | regions and regional policy | town and country planning

Summary The Territorial Agenda 2030 'A future for all places' is the latest in a long line of intergovernmental documents paving the way for territorial cohesion in Europe. It defines two overarching objectives, a Just Europe and a Green Europe, which have six priorities for developing the European territory as a whole along with all its places. This At a glance note summarises the paper providing an introduction to the agenda and the state of play of its application.

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## [World Day Against Child Labour](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 09-06-2023

Author ODINK Ingeborg

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword child | child labour | child protection | children's rights | demography and population | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | International Labour Organisation | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public awareness campaign | report | rights and freedoms | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | United Nations

Summary The International Labour Organization (ILO) introduced the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002. The day is observed annually on 12 June; in 2023 the theme is 'Social Justice For All – How to End Child Labour'. This is a further update of a 2021 'At a glance' note originally drafted by Kristina Grosek.

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## [Monthly Highlight June 2023](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 09-06-2023

Author VERDINS Rudolfs

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Energy | Foreign Affairs

Keyword deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | greenhouse gas

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## [Question Time: Relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh and at the Lachin corridor](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 09-06-2023

Author CAPRILE ANNA

Policy area Foreign Affairs | Human Rights

Keyword Armenia | Azerbaijan | Europe | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | political geography | regional security | Russo-Ukrainian issue | settlement of disputes | territorial dispute | war

**Summary** Armenia and Azerbaijan have been in conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh for 30 years, during which two bloody episodes of war, in 1992 and in 2020, have alternated with periods of frozen conflict. Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 has shaken the balance of power in the region. To avert further escalation of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, the international community has stepped up mediation efforts, with the EU playing a prominent role. During the June session, Question Time with the High Representative, Josep Borrell, will focus on relations between the two - previously the topic for Question Time in October 2022.

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## [Assessment of the European Commission's 2022 communication on outermost regions](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 07-06-2023

Author ALVAREZ Emmanuel

Policy area Regional Development

Keyword economic conditions | economic growth | economic instrument for the environment | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU regional policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | living conditions | regional development | regions and regional policy | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

**Summary** In May 2022, the European Commission launched a new strategy aimed at improving living conditions in the EU's outermost regions, fostering their development and sustainable recovery and growth, and unlocking their potential. An own-initiative report on the assessment of the Commission's strategy, tabled by the European Parliament's Committee on Regional Development, is scheduled for a plenary vote in June.

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## [Parliament's negotiating position on the artificial intelligence act](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 07-06-2023

Author MADIEGA Tambiama André

Policy area Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword artificial intelligence | civil rights | consumer protection | consumption | data protection | digital technology | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU law | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | LAW | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | rights and freedoms | technology and technical regulations | TRADE

**Summary** The European Commission tabled a proposal for an EU regulatory framework on artificial intelligence (AI) in April 2021. The draft AI act is the first comprehensive EU legislation to regulate AI and address its potential harms. Parliament is preparing to debate and vote on the joint report from the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and Civil Liberties (LIBE) Committees during its June plenary session. This would then set Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations with the Council on the proposal.

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## [Strengthening the EU Drugs Agency's mandate](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-06-2023

Author LUYTEN KATRIEN

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword criminal law | drug addiction | drug traffic | EU institutions and European civil service | European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | health | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | LAW | narcotic | organisation of transport | regulation (EU) | safety device | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | TRANSPORT | UN International Drug Control Programme | United Nations

Summary In January 2022, the European Commission proposed a stronger mandate for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) to ensure that the Agency can react effectively to new challenges, provide better support to Member States, and contribute to developments at the international level. During the June 2023 plenary session, Parliament is set to vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations.

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## [Ensuring food security and long-term resilience of EU agriculture](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-06-2023

Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword AGRI-FOODSTUFFS | agricultural policy | agricultural situation | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | common agricultural policy | economic structure | ECONOMICS | farming sector | FINANCE | food price | food safety | food security | foodstuff | foodstuff | health | prices | regions and regional policy | rural development | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary During its June plenary session, Parliament is due to debate the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) on Ensuring food security and the long-term resilience of EU agriculture. Parliament is also to vote on policy recommendations to address global and EU food security and strengthen the EU's agricultural resilience.

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## [EU-Mauritius fisheries agreement: New protocol](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-06-2023

Author SCHOLAERT FREDERIK

Policy area Fisheries

Keyword Africa | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | economic geography | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fisheries | fishing fleet | fishing permit | fishing rights | GEOGRAPHY | Mauritius | sea fishing | sustainable fisheries

Summary During the June part-session, Parliament is due to vote on giving consent to concluding a new implementing protocol to the EU's fisheries agreement with Mauritius. The protocol, which allows EU vessels to fish in Mauritian waters, sets out the fishing opportunities available to the EU fleet and the EU's financial contribution.

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## [Cross-border access to electronic evidence](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-06-2023

Author BAKOWSKI Piotr

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword communications | cooperation policy | criminal investigation department | criminal law | cross-border cooperation | digital evidence | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | electronic mail | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | justice | LAW | offence | organisation of the legal system | photograph

Summary During the June plenary session, the Parliament is expected to vote on the trilogue agreement reached with the Council on two Commission proposals revolutionising cross-border access to electronic evidence across the EU.

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## [Investigation of the use of Pegasus and equivalent surveillance spyware](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-06-2023

Author DUMBRAVA Costica

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword browser | cloud computing | common foreign and security policy | communications | data-processing law | digital technology | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | human rights | information technology and data processing | LAW | malware | open source software | political framework | POLITICS | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | rights and freedoms | rule of law | technology and technical regulations

Summary Following revelations that several EU governments used the Pegasus spyware software against journalists, politicians, officials and other public figures, the European Parliament set up a Committee of Inquiry to investigate the use of Pegasus and equivalent surveillance spyware (PEGA). Parliament is set to hold a debate on PEGA's findings and vote on a recommendation to the Council and Commission during the June 2023 session.

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## [New EU regulatory framework for batteries](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-06-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Energy | Environment

Keyword BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | business organisation | carbon neutrality | clean technology | competitiveness | electricity storage device | electronics and electrical engineering | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | INDUSTRY | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | renewable energy | soft energy | technology and technical regulations | value chain

Summary Batteries are critical to the EU's clean energy transition. In December 2020, the European Commission tabled a proposal to modernise the regulatory framework for batteries and secure the sustainability and competitiveness of EU battery value chains. Two years later, the European Parliament and the Council reached a trilogue agreement on the proposal. The agreed text is due to be put to the vote in plenary in June.

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## [Minimum age to stand as a candidate in European elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-06-2023

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Policy area Democracy | EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword announcement of candidacy | anti-discriminatory measure | electoral procedure and voting | equal treatment | European election | LAW | POLITICS | right to stand for election | right to vote | rights and freedoms | voting age

Summary The European Electoral Act of 1976 allows the EU Member States to set the minimum age for standing as a candidate in European elections. While in May 2022 Parliament proposed a uniform minimum age of 18, the next round of elections – in 2024 – will be governed by the existing rules. The minimum age therefore varies among the Member States, ranging from 18 (in the majority of countries) to 25 (Italy and Greece).

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## [World Food Safety Day: How to handle food safely](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 02-06-2023

Author KATSAROVA Ivana

Policy area Food Safety

Keyword consumer protection | consumption | disease prevention | EU institutions and European civil service | European Food Safety Authority | EUROPEAN UNION | food safety | food systems | health | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | TRADE | United Nations | World Health Organisation

Summary Access to safe and nutritious food is key to sustaining life and promoting good health. The fifth World Food Safety Day will be celebrated on 7 June 2023, to draw attention to the need to prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, and to inspire action in this regard. The globalisation of the food trade, a growing world population, climate change and rapidly changing food systems all have an impact on food safety. World Health Organization (WHO) data reveal that unsafe food containing harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemical substances can cause more than 200 different diseases, ranging from diarrhoea to cancer. Around the world, an estimated 600 million people fall ill after eating contaminated food each year. This leads to 420 000 deaths and the loss of 33 million healthy life years (the number of years that a person is expected to continue to live in a healthy condition). To prevent foodborne diseases and empower consumers worldwide to make healthier choices, the WHO has issued a set of key recommendations on safer food, formulated by a group of international scientists. In the EU, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is tasked with providing impartial scientific advice and communicating on risks associated with the food chain. Together with national food safety agencies, EFSA has been building a growing food-safety knowledge ecosystem, ensuring that safe food remains the basis for healthy diets and sustainable food systems.

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## [Plenary round-up – May II 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword committee of inquiry | economic geography | EU finance | EU relations | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fund (EU) | fundamental rights | GEOGRAPHY | Hungary | LAW | parliament | parliamentary proceedings | parliamentary sitting | Poland | political framework | political geography | POLITICS | rights and freedoms | rule of law | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | socioeconomic conditions

**Summary** Among the key moments of the May II plenary session were debates on breaches of the rule of law and fundamental rights in Hungary and frozen EU funds, and on the threat to democracy and the rule of law in Poland, in particular through the creation of an investigative committee. Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament, made a statement on the 10-year anniversary of the Rana Plaza collapse in Bangladesh. Another debate addressed the social and economic costs of climate change in light of the floods in Emilia Romagna, Marche and Tuscany and the urgent need for European solidarity. Members also considered an own-initiative report on sexual harassment in the EU. Finally, in a formal sitting, Parliament heard an address by Salome Zourabichvili, President of Georgia.

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## [EU-India cooperation on health](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-06-2023

Author LECLERC GABIJA

Policy area Foreign Affairs | Public Health | Research Policy

Keyword Asia and Oceania | coronavirus disease | economic geography | epidemic | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | health | India | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | United Nations | vaccination | vaccine | World Health Organisation

**Summary** In line with the EU-India Strategic Partnership of 2004 and the EU approach to global health, the EU and India have long-standing cooperation on health. The focus is on health research and innovation, public health and health security, as well as regulatory convergence. Often called the 'world's pharmacy', India significantly shapes global health outcomes due to its health diplomacy and its large share of the global population. While interests converge in numerous health-related areas, intellectual property rights (IPRs) have been a point of tension between the EU and India, with global implications.

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## [Mexico: Economic indicators and trade with EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-05-2023

Author MACSAI GYORGYI

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | International Trade

Keyword America | economic analysis | economic geography | economic indicator | ECONOMICS | export (EU) | extra-EU trade | GEOGRAPHY | Mexico | political geography | statistics | trade | TRADE | trade policy

**Summary** This infographic provides an insight into the economic performance of Mexico compared to the EU, and looks at the trade dynamics between them. Mexico's GDP per capita, unemployment rate, female labour force participation, and FDI have remained relatively stable since 2006, with slight increases, whereas remittances have increased more markedly. EU trade with Mexico has increased significantly since 2006, most notably trade in goods. This is dominated by trade in mechanical appliances and electrical equipment, both in terms of imports and exports. 'Various business services' constitute the largest proportion of EU service imports and exports from and to Mexico (32.5% and 23.8% respectively in 2021).

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## [Research for REGI Committee - Impact of Brexit on the Development of Irish Regions and their Cross-Border Cooperation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-05-2023

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Policy area Regional Development

Keyword economic analysis | economic consequence | economic geography | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EU relations | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | external border of the EU | GEOGRAPHY | international law | LAW | political geography | regional development | regional planning | regions and regional policy | United Kingdom | withdrawal from the EU

**Summary** The UK Withdrawal Negotiations raised awareness about the positive effects of European integration on regional development and cross-border cooperation in Ireland – and their vulnerability to Brexit. This At a glance note summarises the report explaining and evidencing the impact of Brexit – anticipated, actual and potential – in this unique case study. Its focus is on non-trade related matters, including administrative, environmental and cultural, particularly as managed at local and regional levels. In light of these, it makes recommendations for future territorial cohesion and regional development in Ireland.

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## [Research for REGI Committee - The use of Cohesion Policy funds to support refugees from Ukraine](#)

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External author Research for REGI Committee - The use of Cohesion Policy funds to support refugees from Ukraine  
Policy area Regional Development  
Keyword aid to refugees | Cohesion Fund | common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | economic analysis | economic consequence | ECONOMICS | EU finance | Europe | European construction | European Regional Development Fund | European Social Fund | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | political geography | Ukraine  
Summary In 2022, Europe has seen a sudden, huge influx of refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. This At a glance note summarises study assessing the use of Cohesion Policy funds to finance actions to support those refugees in EU host countries. It pays particular attention to the Cohesion's Action for Refugees in Europe (CARE), and how the flexibility mechanisms it introduced have been taken up by the Managing Authorities of Cohesion Policy programmes. The study concludes with policy recommendations in view of potential future crises.  
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## [Minimum health and safety requirements for the protection of mental health in the workplace](#)

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Policy area Employment  
Keyword economic geography | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EU Member State | GEOGRAPHY | health | health risk | labour market | labour market | mental health | mental stress | occupational health | organisation of work and working conditions | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | work-life balance | workplace  
Summary The study focuses on the analysis of national legislation and best practices across the EU Member States that address health and safety requirements for the protection of mental health at work. The study reveals that efforts at EU and national level are currently insufficient to protect employees from psychosocial risks. EU-level legislation on work-related psychosocial risks is therefore needed to set the minimum health and safety requirements for mental health at work. This would compel Member States to take action to protect employees and to ensure minimum standards and equality across the EU.  
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## [Policy instruments to tackle social inequalities related to climate change](#)

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Policy area Employment | Environment  
Keyword adaptation to climate change | carbon neutrality | climate | climate change | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU finance | EUROPEAN UNION | fund (EU) | natural environment | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | socioeconomic conditions  
Summary This At a Glance assesses the extent to which policy frameworks at EU and national level are equipped to tackle the social inequalities produced by climate action policies, identifies gaps and outlines recommendations for action that could be taken up by the European Parliament in future policy debates.  
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## [Refugee status for all female Afghan asylum seekers](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 30-05-2023  
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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice  
Keyword Afghanistan | aid to refugees | Asia and Oceania | common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | gender equality | GEOGRAPHY | international law | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | political refugee | POLITICS | politics and public safety | right of asylum | rights and freedoms | sexual discrimination  
Summary Since December 2022, some EU countries have been granting refugee status to all female Afghan asylum-seekers, solely on grounds of gender. This decision is based on the worsening situation in Afghanistan, in particular for women and girls, with the level of discrimination deemed sufficiently serious to amount to persecution of a social group, as defined in the 1951 Refugee Convention, and fulfilling the requirements for granting refugee status.  
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## [What if open strategic autonomy could break the cycle of recurring crises?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 26-05-2023

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development | Consumer Protection | Democracy | Energy | Food Safety | Human Rights | Industry | Internal Market and Customs Union | International Trade | Research Policy

Keyword BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | crisis management | economic conditions | economic policy | economic policy | economic recession | ECONOMICS | geopolitics | humanities | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | management | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | SCIENCE | security of supply | strategic autonomy | supply chain | trade | TRADE

Summary Open strategic autonomy is about ensuring that the EU has the capacity to cope alone if necessary but without ruling out cooperation whenever possible. It goes some steps beyond smart supply chain management by taking into account geopolitics as well as economic factors. It relies on foresight to identify threats and ensures resilience by anticipating the required responses. Could the resulting preparedness also prevent crises by normalising situations that would otherwise become emergencies?

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## [Moldova on the path to EU membership](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 26-05-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword accession to the European Union | economic analysis | economic consequence | economic geography | ECONOMICS | EU Accession Treaty | EU candidate countries | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | Moldova | political geography | Russo-Ukrainian issue

Summary Russia's war on Ukraine has changed geopolitical realities on the continent. Since the war began, Moldova has been granted EU candidate country status. It will also host the second European Political Community summit on 1 June 2023. President Maia Sandu – supported by the country's government, led by Dorin Recean – has put forward a modernisation agenda for the country despite difficult economic and geopolitical circumstances.

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## [Act in support of ammunition production](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 25-05-2023

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Security and Defence

Keyword defence | defence budget | EU relations | Europe | European construction | European defence policy | EUROPEAN UNION | firearms and munitions | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | parliamentary proceedings | passage of a bill | political geography | POLITICS | production | production capacity | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | Ukraine

Summary Put forward by the European Commission on 3 May 2023 to facilitate the ramping-up of production capacity for ammunition and missiles in the EU, the proposed act in support of ammunition production seeks to ensure that the European defence industry can better support Ukraine and EU Member States. Members agreed to trigger the urgent procedure during the May I 2023 plenary session. Parliament is set to proceed with a plenary vote on Parliament's position on the proposal, without a report, during the May II 2023 plenary session.

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## [Foreign interference in EU democratic processes: Second report](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 25-05-2023

Author CAPRILE ANNA

Policy area Democracy | Foreign Affairs | Security and Defence

Keyword common foreign and security policy | communications | democracy | disinformation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | electoral procedure and voting | EU relations | European construction | European election | EUROPEAN UNION | interference | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | political framework | POLITICS

Summary The European Parliament is due to vote in May II on the second report on external attempts to influence elections and other democratic processes in EU countries. The report, prepared by the second Special Committee on Foreign Interference (ING2), follows up on the work of the Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes in the European Union, including Disinformation (INGE), and makes recommendations to address institutional and normative gaps identified in the run-up to the 2024 European elections.

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## [Corporate sustainability due diligence](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 25-05-2023

Author SPINACI STEFANO

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | Financial and Banking Issues

Keyword corporate finance | corporatism | directive (EU) | employment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | financing and investment | human rights | human rights movement | labour law and labour relations | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | principle of legal certainty | right of establishment | rights and freedoms

Summary In February 2022, the European Commission proposed a draft directive on corporate sustainability due diligence, to introduce mandatory due diligence on human rights and environmental criteria, and directors' duty of care. Parliament has long advocated binding EU legislation on this issue, not least in a 2021 resolution. In March 2023, the Committee on Legal Affairs adopted its report on the proposal, calling for a number of changes. The report will be debated during the May II 2023 plenary session, with a view to setting Parliament's position for trilogue.

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## [Geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 25-05-2023

Author SAJN Nikolina

Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword AGRI-FOODSTUFFS | agricultural activity | agricultural product | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | beverages and sugar | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | business name | business organisation | consumption | designation of origin | EC conformity marking | EU trade mark | marketing | product designation | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | technology and technical regulations | TRADE | wine

Summary On 31 March 2022, the Commission proposed a regulation that would lay down, in a single legal text, rules for geographical indications (GIs) for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, which are currently spread over three different regulations. During the May II plenary session, Parliament is expected to hold a debate on the report from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) and vote on the mandate for negotiations with the Council.

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## [Regulating drones in the EU: State of play](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 24-05-2023

Author KISS Monika

Keyword air space | electronic government | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | international law | LAW | POLITICS | single market

Summary Unmanned aerial vehicles – drones – are a rapidly evolving high potential sector. They require an adequate legislative framework to ensure that the services they can provide thrive in the EU internal market while meeting security and safety standards. The European Commission's 'drone strategy 2.0' is a key milestone along this road.

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## [Recent migration flows to the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 23-05-2023

Author SABBATI Giulio

External author PRADIER, Stéphanie

Keyword demography and population | EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | Frontex | migration | migration statistics | migratory movement | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary This infographic aims to present the latest available data on migrant flows to the EU in the year 2022. It covers the detection of illegal crossings on the EU's external borders and numbers of deaths of migrants on those crossings. This infographic updates and complements previous editions, the most recent of which was issued in June 2021 (PE 690.631).

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## [Disappearance of migrant children in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-05-2023

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword aid to refugees | area of freedom, security and justice | child | child of migrant | cooperation policy | criminal law | demography and population | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fundamental rights | illegal restraint | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | LAW | migrant | migration | refugee | rights and freedoms | sexual violence | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary Between 2018 and 2020, over 18 000 migrant and refugee children were reported as missing in Europe. It is feared that many may have been exploited and abused for sexual or labour purposes. The European Parliament has repeatedly stressed the need to address the disappearance of migrant children in the EU. The conflict in Ukraine and the subsequent mass displacement of people have only made the situation worse, creating fertile ground for criminal networks to take advantage of vulnerable people, especially children.

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## [Study in Focus: The use of contract agents in decentralised EU agencies](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-05-2023

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Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword contract staff | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | equal pay | EU institutions and European civil service | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | pay scale | personnel management and staff remuneration | POLITICS | servant (EU) | staff regulations | staff regulations (EU)

Summary This study by Deloitte examines various aspects related to the management of Contract Agents in seven decentralised Agencies of the European Union: ECHA, EEA, EIGE, ENISA, ESMA, Eurofound and Europol. It evaluates the evolution of Contract Agents as part of the workforce and presents findings on processes related to personnel budgeting, recruitment and retention, salary and remuneration, and advancement prospects for contract staff.

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## ['This is Europe' debate in the European Parliament: Speech by Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of Germany, 9 May 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-05-2023

Author DRACHENBERG Ralf

Policy area Democracy

Summary 'This is Europe' – an initiative proposed by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola – consists of a series of debates with EU leaders to discuss their visions for the future of the European Union. In his address to the European Parliament on Europe Day, 9 May 2023, a geopolitical EU was a central theme for the Chancellor of Germany, Olaf Scholz. He stressed that, in a multipolar world, the EU needed 'a genuine partnership with the countries of Asia, Africa and South America, without Eurocentrism'. He called for an enlarged EU with an honest enlargement policy, also in the context of a geopolitical Europe. He supported Parliament's calls for EU reforms, notably the use of qualified majority voting in the Council on foreign policy and taxes, and promised to promote such changes within the European Council.

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## [Plenary round-up – May I 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-05-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword economic policy | economic policy | economic structure | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU budget | EU finance | EUROPEAN UNION | farming sector | FINANCE | green economy | monetary economics | own resources | stability pact

Summary Among the highlights of the May I plenary session were debates on the EU budget and own resources, as well as on 55 reports on the discharge for the 2021 budget. Members addressed a variety of issues, including the revision of the Stability and Growth Pact, and the role of farmers as enablers of the green transition and a resilient agricultural sector. Further debates concerned Ukrainian cereals on the European market, the act in support of ammunition production (on which Parliament voted to fast-track the legislative proposal, with a vote during the May II session), updating the anti-corruption legislative framework, the roadmap on a Social Europe, fighting cyberbullying of young people across the EU, and the adequacy of the protection afforded by the EU-US Data Privacy Framework. Members also considered Commission statements on oceans, biodiversity and fisheries. A debate was held on the European Citizens' Initiative, 'Stop Finning - Stop the trade'. Finally, Members heard and then debated a 'This is Europe' address by Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of Germany, and heard an address by Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of Portugal, in a formal sitting.

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## ['Do no harm to EU cohesion' principle](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-05-2023

Author D'AMBROGIO Enrico

Keyword EU policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION

**Summary** The 'do no harm to cohesion' principle, introduced by the European Commission in the 8th Cohesion Report, puts an emphasis on enhancing the coherence between cohesion policy and other EU policies. The European Parliament recommended that the European Committee of the Regions be involved in defining the principle in more detail. While the principle's introduction has been welcomed unanimously, there have been a number of calls to flesh it out further and to redefine the relationship between cohesion policy and the European Semester.

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## [UK support to Ukraine: Stimulating EU-UK relations?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-05-2023

Author SZCZEPANSKI Marcin

Keyword economic geography | EU relations | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | political geography | United Kingdom

**Summary** The United Kingdom (UK) has been, in cash terms, one of the biggest supporters of Ukraine since Russia launched its war in February 2022. It is clear that the UK and EU are aligned on the need to respond to Russia's aggression and support Ukraine, and that informal coordination has strengthened their collective efforts. Since the UK's withdrawal from the EU, however, there is no formal framework for relations in the foreign policy field. It remains to be seen whether common efforts on Ukraine, together with recent improvement in broader EU-UK relations through agreement on the Windsor Framework, herald a meaningful new chapter in EU-UK relations.

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## [Research for REGI Committee - Actions of cities and regions in the Mediterranean Sea area to fight sea pollution](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-05-2023

External author Patrizia ZIVERI, Michaël GRELAUD, Jorge PATO

Keyword deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | EU action | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | marine pollution

**Summary** This At a glance note summarises the study providing a comprehensive analysis of the most common types of marine pollutants in the Mediterranean Sea and focusing on the accelerating accumulation of marine litter and plastics in the Mediterranean Sea. It presents the actions taken by EU Mediterranean regions and cities to respond to diverse pollutants, waste contamination, marine litter and plastic pollution in the marine environment. Based on this assessment, policy recommendations are put forward.

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## [Improving the EU's economic governance framework](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-05-2023

Author HOFLMAYR MARTIN

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

**Summary** On 26 April 2023, the European Commission published a package of three proposals to reorganise the EU's economic governance framework: a regulation to replace the current preventive arm of the stability and growth pact, an amending Council regulation on the corrective arm, and an amending Council directive to strengthen the independence of fiscal institutions. The main proposal on the preventive arm is to be adopted through the ordinary legislative procedure, with the Parliament and the Council as co-legislators.

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## [The tools for protecting the EU budget from breaches of the rule of law: the Conditionality Regulation in context](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-05-2023

External author Eulalia RUBIO, Tamás KISS-GÁLFALVI et al.

Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control

Keyword EU finance | EU financial instrument | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | free movement of capital

**Summary** The rule of law Conditionality Mechanism is a new instrument that entered into force in January 2021. It allows the European Union (EU) to take measures in cases when breaches of the rule of law principles affect or seriously risk affecting the EU budget or the EU's financial interests. As this new mechanism has so far only been applied once, some questions are left open on its application and the possibilities offered by it. The full study discusses the potential scope of application of this new tool. In particular, it analyses how it can be used either as an alternative to, or in combination with, other tools and mechanisms aimed at protecting the EU's financial interests.

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## [Sudan crisis: Developments and implications](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 05-05-2023

Author PICHON Eric

**Summary** On 15 April 2023, violent armed clashes flared up again in Sudan between the main two military factions battling for control of the country: the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), led by former Sovereign Council leader General Muhammad Hamdan 'Hemedti' Dagolo; and the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), headed by Sudan's de facto President, General Abdel Fattah Al Burhan. The armed attacks are causing numerous civilian casualties as well as massive population displacements to neighbouring countries, while foreign powers are evacuating their citizens. Despite a succession of ceasefires, the conflict seems likely to continue for the near future, with major repercussions for the regional balance of power.

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## [Impact on the 2024 EU budget of increasing borrowing costs for the European Union Recovery Instrument](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

Author PARI MARIANNA

Policy area Budget

Keyword economic analysis | economic consequence | ECONOMICS | EU expenditure | EU finance | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financing and investment | long-term financing | long-term forecast

**Summary** The EU budget is extremely tight. Borrowing costs related to the European Union recovery instrument (EURI), which have risen significantly due to the rise in interest rates, are putting further pressure on the budget. This undermines the EU's capacity to finance its priorities or react to unforeseen events, and puts flagship programmes at risk. A report by Parliament's Committee on Budgets calls for an urgent revision of the EU's long-term budget – to be in place by the start of 2024 – providing a structural solution to covering the financing costs for EURI. The report is due to be debated and voted upon during the May I plenary session.

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## [Empowering consumers for the green transition](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

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Policy area Consumer Protection | Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | competition | consumer protection | consumption | directive (EU) | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | green economy | restriction on competition | single market | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy

**Summary** During its first May 2023 part-session, the European Parliament is expected to vote on the report adopted by the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) on the European Commission's proposed directive on empowering consumers for the green transition. The proposal amends Directives 2005/29/EC and 2011/83/EU and seeks to improve consumer information and protection against unfair practices. IMCO's report strives to further strengthen protection and legal certainty for consumers and economic operators alike. The text voted in plenary will set Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations with the Council.

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## [Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

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Policy area Energy | Environment

Keyword air quality | atmospheric pollutant | deterioration of the environment | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | hydrocarbon | oil industry | pollution control measures | reduction of gas emissions

**Summary** The European Commission has proposed a regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector. The proposal aims to address emissions from the oil, gas and coal sectors through measuring, reporting and verification requirements, and through setting stricter rules on leak detection and repair, as well as limiting venting and flaring. The European Parliament's Committees on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) adopted a joint report that puts forward significant amendments to the original proposal. The report is scheduled for a plenary vote in May, which would set Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations with the Council.

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## [Discharge for the 2021 budget: EU decentralised agencies and joint undertakings](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

Author PARI MARIANNA

Policy area Budgetary Control

Keyword budget | budgetary control | budgetary discharge | BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | business classification | EU finance | EU institutions and European civil service | EU office or agency | European organisation | European organisations | European undertaking | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial year | general budget (EU) | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

**Summary** During the May I plenary session, as part of the discharge procedure for the 2021 financial year, the European Parliament is due to vote on discharge for 33 EU decentralised agencies and 9 joint undertakings. The Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) recommends granting discharge to all decentralised agencies, bodies and joint undertakings, and presents some observations to improve sound financial management further.

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## [Discharge for the 2021 budget: EU institutions other than the European Commission](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

Author PARI MARIANNA

Policy area Budgetary Control

Keyword administrative expenditure (EU) | budget | budgetary control | budgetary discharge | EU finance | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial year | general budget (EU)

**Summary** During the May I plenary session, the European Parliament is scheduled to vote on the discharge for the execution of the 2021 EU budget. Concerning administrative expenditure, the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) recommends granting discharge for the implementation of eight administrative sections of the EU budget and for the European Public Prosecutor's Office. For the European Council and Council, it recommends postponing the decision on granting discharge.

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## ['Stop Finning – Stop the Trade!': European Citizens' Initiative in defence of sharks and rays](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

Author VINCI CLAUDIA

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice | Fisheries

Keyword AGRI-FOODSTUFFS | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | catch by species | conservation of fish stocks | European citizens' initiative | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | fish product | fisheries | fishery product | fishing regulations | foodstuff | sea fish

**Summary** Between 2020 and 2022, the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) 'Stop Finning – Stop the Trade' collected more than 1.1 million signatures across the EU Member States. The ECI calls for a ban on trading in shark and ray fins within and from the EU. The European Parliament held a hearing on the topic in March 2023 and will discuss it during its May I plenary session.

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## [EU accession to the Istanbul Convention](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

Author ZAMFIR Ionel

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword accession to an agreement | domestic violence | European convention | gender-based violence | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | ratification of an agreement | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

**Summary** After delays in ratification of the Council of Europe's Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, the Council has requested Parliament's consent for EU ratification. Parliament's Committees on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) and Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) adopted a favourable recommendation on 25 April 2023. Members are due to vote in May on granting consent.

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## [2022 report on Kosovo](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword cooperation policy | Europe | European construction | European integration | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | judicial reform | Kosovo | Kosovo question | LAW | organisation of the legal system | regional cooperation | settlement of disputes

**Summary** Kosovo,\* with a population of 1.8 million (93 % ethnic Albanians), unilaterally declared independence from Serbia in 2008. Kosovo's prospect of a European future has been affirmed at EU-Western Balkans summits dating back to 2003. The country has been engaged in EU-mediated political dialogue with Serbia since 2011. On 18 March 2023, representatives of Kosovo and Serbia met in Ohrid, North Macedonia. One of the major commitments they made there was to implement the EU proposal of 27 February 2023. The Parliament's position on the European Commission's 2022 annual report on Kosovo is due to be voted in plenary in May 2023.

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## [2022 report on Serbia](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword accession negotiations | common foreign and security policy | economic geography | EU candidate countries | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | Kosovo question | political geography | political reform | POLITICS | politics and public safety | Serbia

**Summary** Serbia, with a population of 6.9 million, has been advancing towards EU accession since 2012, when it received candidate country status. Despite some progress, Serbia still has three major hurdles to overcome: improving internal political dialogue and reforms, reaching a comprehensive normalisation agreement with Kosovo,\* and ensuring better alignment with EU foreign policy. In 2022, although Serbia voted for Russia's suspension from the UN Human Rights Council, it has not applied any of the EU's sanctions on Russia. In April 2022, Aleksandar Vučić was elected for a second term as President, with a clear majority of 58 %, and the Serbian Progressive Party coalition, led by Vučić, won 120 out of 250 seats in the Serbian Parliament. The Parliament's position on the European Commission's 2022 annual report on Serbia is due to be voted in plenary in May 2023.

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## [EU and US action to support media freedom: EU-US Explainer](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

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Policy area Culture

Keyword America | commemoration | culture and religion | democracy | economic geography | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | freedom of the press | GEOGRAPHY | LAW | political framework | political geography | POLITICS | protection of freedoms | rights and freedoms | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | United States

**Summary** Recognising media freedom and freedom of expression as cornerstones of democracy, the European Union and the United States remain dedicated to protecting these freedoms at home and internationally. Their efforts to overcome threats to media freedom are particularly vital in the context of the 30th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day, celebrated on 3 May 2023, at a time when media is facing mounting pressure globally.

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## [Nomination for a Member of the European Court of Auditors: Hungary](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

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Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword appointment of staff | civil service | economic geography | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EU institutions and European civil service | Europe | European Court of Auditors | European official | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | GEOGRAPHY | Hungary | international affairs | international civil service | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | personnel management and staff remuneration | political geography | POLITICS

Summary This briefing describes the treaty provisions and appointment procedure for ECA members at EU level. In addition, it provides information on the national nomination procedure for the ECA member in Hungary and the country's candidate.

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## [Discharge for the 2021 budget: European Commission, including the Recovery and Resilience Facility](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-05-2023

Author KOWALD KAROLINE

Policy area Budgetary Control

Keyword budget | budgetary discharge | cooperation policy | economic conditions | economic independence | economic recovery | ECONOMICS | EDF | EU budget | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | free movement of capital | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Summary During May, the European Parliament is expected to vote in plenary on granting discharge for the 2021 financial year to the different EU institutions, bodies and agencies. First on the agenda for the debate and vote on the 2021 discharge is the report covering the European Commission. The Commission manages more than 95 % of the EU budget. For the first time, the discharge will apply to the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). Separate discharge is granted to the Commission concerning seven executive agencies and the management of the European Development Funds (EDFs). Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT) recommends that Parliament grant discharge to the Commission, all executive agencies and the EDFs for 2021.

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## [What if nature taught us how to adapt to climate change?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 02-05-2023

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Policy area Environment

Keyword ecosystem | ENVIRONMENT | natural environment

Summary Over the past 3.8 billion years, nature has been engineering itself to survive. It has also developed efficient and sustainable adaptation mechanisms against changing environmental conditions. To further the EU's political ambitions, could we employ biomimicry to mitigate climate change and achieve climate neutrality?

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Multimedia [What if nature taught us to adapt to climate change?](#)

## [How language skills make a difference](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 28-04-2023

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Policy area Education

Keyword cultural heritage | culture and religion | education | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | humanities | linguistic group | minority language | POLITICS | politics and public safety | regional language | SCIENCE | secondary education | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | teaching | teaching quality | use of languages

Summary The EU currently has 24 official languages, but the European linguistic landscape is much broader, including a number of regional and minority languages and those introduced by migrant populations. Respecting linguistic diversity is one of the EU's core principles, and supporting language learning has been a constant EU priority. Promoting language learning is also key to achieving a European education area by 2025, with quality education for all. To support this vision, the EU advocates that young people should acquire, by the end of upper secondary education, proficiency in two languages in addition to their language of schooling. Multilingualism is considered a key competence to be developed from an early age and throughout life.

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## [2023 World Press Freedom Day](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 28-04-2023

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Summary In 1993, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly declared 3 May World Press Freedom Day, acting on a recommendation adopted by UNESCO's General Conference in 1991. This year will mark the 30th anniversary of the day, with UNESCO and other international partners organising special events around the world.

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## [Monthly highlights April 2023](#)

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Date 27-04-2023

Author VERDINS Rudolfs

Policy area [Agriculture and Rural Development](#) | [Budget](#) | [Budgetary Control](#) | [Industry](#) | [International Trade](#) | [Private international law and judicial cooperation in civil matters](#) | [Public Health](#) | [Public international law](#) | [Regional Development](#) | [Research Policy](#) | [Transport](#)

Keyword [cooperation policy](#) | [economic geography](#) | [EU body for police and judicial cooperation](#) | [EU relations](#) | [Europe](#) | [European construction](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS](#) | [judicial cooperation](#) | [justice](#) | [LAW](#) | [political geography](#) | [United Kingdom](#) | [withdrawal from the EU](#) | [witness protection](#)

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## [Western Balkans: Economic indicators and trade with EU](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 27-04-2023

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Policy area [Economics and Monetary Issues](#) | [International Trade](#)

Keyword [BUSINESS AND COMPETITION](#) | [business organisation](#) | [economic analysis](#) | [economic geography](#) | [economic indicator](#) | [economic planning](#) | [economic policy](#) | [ECONOMICS](#) | [employment](#) | [EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS](#) | [entrepreneur](#) | [extra-EU trade](#) | [female work](#) | [female worker](#) | [GEOGRAPHY](#) | [gross domestic product](#) | [labour market](#) | [national accounts](#) | [statistics](#) | [TRADE](#) | [trade policy](#) | [trade policy](#) | [unemployment](#) | [Western Balkans](#)

Summary This infographic showcases major economic indicators for the six Western Balkan (WB) countries that are at various stages on the path towards the EU. All six exhibit a relatively consistent rise in GDP per capita, and they also show similar trends in falling unemployment rates. The female labour force participation rate hovers around 50 % (except for Bosnia and Herzegovina and North Macedonia, with lower rates), similar to the EU. EU trade in goods (imports and exports) with the Western Balkans has risen steadily since 2006, whereas trade in services has experienced slower growth. The EU has almost equal imports and exports of services from the WB states, while in terms of goods the EU's exports have continually exceeded imports, by roughly 30 % in 2021. Serbia leads the EU's trade with the Western Balkans, holding 50 % of goods and 44 % of services trade respectively. This paper updates previous individual publications for each of the six countries.

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## ['This is Europe' debate in the European Parliament: Speech by Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, 19 April 2023](#)

Publication type [At a Glance](#)

Date 24-04-2023

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Policy area [Area of Freedom, Security and Justice](#) | [Coronavirus](#) | [Democracy](#) | [EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law](#) | [Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity](#) | [Human Rights](#) | [Internal Market and Customs Union](#) | [International Trade](#)

Keyword [democracy](#) | [documentation](#) | [EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS](#) | [EU institutions and European civil service](#) | [European Parliament](#) | [EUROPEAN UNION](#) | [internal border of the EU](#) | [international affairs](#) | [international law](#) | [INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS](#) | [LAW](#) | [migration](#) | [migration](#) | [political framework](#) | [POLITICS](#) | [rule of law](#) | [SOCIAL QUESTIONS](#) | [speech](#) | [strategic autonomy](#)

Summary 'This is Europe' – an initiative proposed by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola – consists of a series of debates with EU leaders to discuss their visions for the future of the European Union. In his address to the European Parliament on 19 April 2023, the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Xavier Bettel, emphasised three topics: i) democracy and the rule of law, ii) strategic autonomy, and iii) migration. He called for greater protection of minorities and respect for the rule of law and fundamental values. Openness was also an important point for him, both regarding internal borders within the European Union and on cooperation and trade with the world. Given the challenges – financial, climate, security, industrial and social – that lie ahead in the coming years, he called for more solidarity and greater means on which to build the EU's political action.

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## Plenary round-up – April 2023

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-04-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword Asia and Oceania | China | economic conditions | economic geography | economic situation | ECONOMICS | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | ENERGY | energy policy | energy supply | EU relations | EU strategy | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | labour market | labour mobility | LAW | political geography | price of energy | rights and freedoms | social rights | Ukraine

Summary Highlights of the April plenary session included debates on the need for an EU strategy on relations with China and on children forcibly deported from Ukraine. Other debates addressed: energy storage; labour mobility and the social rights of striking non-EU lorry drivers; adoption of the cyber-package proposals; a digital euro; and Dieselpgate (use of defeat devices in cars to disarm pollution control systems). Members also held debates on: a possible EU global health strategy; universal decriminalisation of homosexuality, in light of recent developments in Uganda; the IPCC report on climate change; and the EU action plan against trafficking in cultural goods. Following a statement by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, Josep Borrell, Members discussed the situation in Peru. Commissioner Johannes Hahn made statements on the need for European solidarity in saving lives in the Mediterranean, particularly in Italy, as well as on EU relations with Iraq. The President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, made a statement on the 80th anniversary of the Uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto. Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, was also present, participating in the latest 'This is Europe' debate.

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## Empowering youth in the EU's outermost regions

Publication type At a Glance

Date 21-04-2023

Author ALVAREZ Emmanuel

Policy area Regional Development

Keyword demography and population | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | education grant | EU aid | geographical mobility | geopolitics | humanities | migration | organisation of teaching | SCIENCE | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | socioeconomic conditions | support policy | young person

Summary Young people in the EU's outermost regions face challenges that are directly linked to the local geographical and socio-economic conditions. In May 2022, the European Commission launched a new strategy aimed at improving the living conditions of their inhabitants and, within that context, recently relaunched a €1 million grant scheme with the purpose of empowering young people to shape and implement projects at local level.

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## Question time: Legacy of the 2022 European Year of Youth

Publication type At a Glance

Date 17-04-2023

Author BINDER Krisztina

Policy area Culture | Democracy

Keyword coronavirus disease | demography and population | economic analysis | economic consequence | ECONOMICS | epidemic | health | POLITICS | politics and public safety | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | young person | youth movement | youth policy

Summary Wishing to highlight and mitigate the impact of the pandemic on young people, the European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, used her 2021 State of the Union address to name 2022 the European Year of Youth (EYY22). Following 12 months of varied youth-related activities, the thematic year concluded with a conference in December 2022. The European Parliament is committed to securing a lasting legacy for EYY22. In that context, Members will ask questions of the Commission on this topic during the April plenary session.

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## Parliament's guidelines for the 2024 EU budget: Section III – European Commission

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-04-2023

Author MAZUR Sidonia

Policy area Budget

Keyword administrative expenditure (EU) | EU budget | EU finance | European Semester | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | financial policy | financing and investment | financing policy | free movement of capital | monetary economics | multiannual financial framework | proposal (EU)

Summary The 2024 EU budget will be the fourth under the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2021 to 2027. The European Parliament contributes to the preparation of proposals for the forthcoming year's European Union budget through the adoption of its 'guidelines'. The draft guidelines, as adopted by the Committee on Budgets on 28 March 2023, outline Parliament's goals for the Union's 2024 budget. Parliament is expected to adopt its guidelines during the April plenary session, ahead of the Commission's adoption of its proposal of the draft 2024 budget, scheduled for late May or early June.

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## [Political turmoil in Peru](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-04-2023

Author JUTTEN Marc

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword America | common foreign and security policy | democracy | early election | economic geography | ECONOMICS | electoral procedure and voting | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | LAW | national accounts | Peru | political framework | political geography | political unrest | POLITICS | politics and public safety | poverty | right to demonstrate | rights and freedoms | social affairs | social problem | social protection | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | social security

Summary The political turmoil in the Andean region goes on. Following mass demonstrations, social unrest and political instability in Chile, Bolivia and Ecuador in recent years, it is now Peru that is suffering a deep political crisis. It all started after Congress removed the then President, Pedro Castillo, on 7 December 2022, after his self-coup attempt. His Vice-President, Dina Boluarte Zegarra, became Peru's first female head of state and its sixth president in five years. Violent protests have since erupted across the country, with dozens killed in clashes with the military. Protesters demand President Boluarte's resignation, the dissolution of Congress and early elections.

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## [Recasting the Transfer of Funds Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2023

Author BAKOWSKI Piotr

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword capital transfer | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | fight against crime | FINANCE | free movement of capital | marketing | monetary economics | money laundering | POLITICS | politics and public safety | proposal (EU) | provision of services | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | terrorism financing | TRADE | virtual currency

Summary Crypto-assets defy existing regulations, calling for legislation to address the various risks they entail. As part of the 2021 legislative package aimed at strengthening the EU's anti-money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism rules, the Commission proposed to revise the regulation on information accompanying transfers of funds to cover crypto-assets. During the April plenary session, the Parliament is scheduled to vote on the trilogue agreement found with the Council on the proposed text.

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## [Regulation on deforestation-free products](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2023

Author HALLEUX Vivienne

Policy area Environment

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | biodiversity | deforestation | deterioration of the environment | ecosystem | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | forest conservation | forestry | global warming | launching of a product | marketing | natural environment | TRADE

Summary In November 2021, the European Commission tabled a proposal to tackle deforestation and forest degradation linked to specific commodities and products placed on or exported from the EU market. The provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators in trilogue awaits a vote during Parliament's April 2023 plenary session.

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## [Markets in crypto-assets \(MiCA\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2023

Author HALLAK ISSAM

Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues

Keyword approximation of laws | consumer protection | consumption | cryptography | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | FINANCE | financial stability | financing and investment | free movement of capital | harmonisation of standards | information technology and data processing | investment protection | monetary economics | monetary policy | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology and technical regulations | TRADE | virtual currency

Summary The European Parliament is due to vote in April on adopting a regulation on markets in crypto-assets (MiCA), following a provisional agreement on the proposal in trilogue negotiations. The regulation would establish harmonised rules for crypto-assets at EU level, thereby providing legal certainty for those crypto-assets not covered by existing EU legislation. By enhancing consumer and investor protection and financial stability, the regulation seeks to promote innovation and the use of crypto-assets.

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## [Social climate fund](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2023

Author WIDUTO Agnieszka

Policy area Employment | Environment

Keyword carbon neutrality | deterioration of the environment | ENERGY | energy efficiency | energy policy | energy storage | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU Emissions Trading Scheme | EU finance | European Social Fund | EUROPEAN UNION | fossil fuel | greenhouse gas | motor vehicle pollution | sustainable mobility | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary The social climate fund (SCF) was proposed by the European Commission as part of the 'fit for 55' package, to support the most vulnerable citizens and companies affected by the extension of the EU emissions trading system (ETS) to the buildings and road transport sectors. The SCF would be partially financed from future ETS revenues, and used for direct income support and investment in energy efficiency-related building renovations and sustainable transport. A provisional agreement was reached by the co-legislators in December 2022 and the agreed text is scheduled to be put to the vote during Parliament's April plenary session.

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## [Review of the EU ETS: Fit for 55](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2023

Author ERBACH Gregor

Policy area Environment

Keyword deterioration of the environment | directive (EU) | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU Emissions Trading Scheme | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | greenhouse gas | motor vehicle pollution | reduction of gas emissions

Summary On 14 July 2021, as part of the 'fit for 55' package, the European Commission presented a legislative proposal for a revision of the EU emissions trading system (ETS), to align it with the target set in the European Climate Law of a 55 % reduction in EU net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030, compared with 1990 levels. A trilogue agreement, reached in December 2022, is scheduled to be put to the vote during the April 2023 plenary session.

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## [EU carbon border adjustment mechanism](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2023

Author MORGADO SIMOES HENRIQUE ANDRE

Policy area Environment

Keyword carbon | chemistry | cooperation policy | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU emission allowance | EU Emissions Trading Scheme | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | greenhouse gas | import (EU) | INDUSTRY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | proposal (EU) | reduction of gas emissions | surveillance concerning imports | third country | trade | TRADE | trade policy

Summary The European Commission's carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) proposal was designed to level the playing field between EU and third-country producers, by putting a carbon price on certain imported products, while phasing out free allocation of emissions allowances to European industry. On 22 June 2022, the European Parliament adopted its position, with significant amendments to the original proposal. A provisional agreement was reached on 13 December 2022, and Parliament's vote on the text is scheduled for the April plenary session.

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## [Revision of the EU emissions trading system: Aviation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 12-04-2023

Author JENSEN LISELOTTE

Policy area Environment

Keyword air and space transport | air transport | auction sale | deterioration of the environment | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU emission allowance | EU Emissions Trading Scheme | EU environmental policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | greenhouse gas | marketing | peripheral region | pollution control measures | proposal (EU) | reduction of gas emissions | regions and regional policy | TRADE | tradeable emission permit | TRANSPORT

Summary In a context in which aviation emissions are set to rise between now and 2050, the European Commission's proposal for a revision of the EU emissions trading system (ETS) for aviation, part of the 'fit for 55' package, aims to ensure the sector contributes to climate goals. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from aviation have been included under the EU ETS since 2012. The revision will integrate the international measure to offset aviation emissions – CORSIA. The vote on the agreed text is scheduled for Parliament's April 2023 plenary session.

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## [Establishing an EU rapid deployment capacity](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 11-04-2023

Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN

Policy area Security and Defence

Keyword common foreign and security policy | defence | defence budget | EU strategy | European construction | European defence policy | EUROPEAN UNION | forces abroad | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | military equipment

Summary One of the flagship proposals of the Strategic Compass adopted in March 2022 is the creation of a new rapid reaction force for responses to crises outside the EU. This rapid deployment capacity (RDC) will be a modular force of 5 000 personnel that should be fully operational by 2025. To establish the RDC, important issues, particularly on cost-sharing, decision-making, size, readiness and enablers need to be resolved.

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## [Network cost contribution debate](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-04-2023

Author DE LUCA Stefano

Policy area Competition law and regulation | Industry | Taxation

Keyword communications | digital rights management | digital technology | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | information storage | information technology and data processing | innovation | Internet | mobile communication | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | technology and technical regulations | telecommunications industry

Summary With the current pace of technological innovation, it is clear that the volume of data being exchanged is larger than ever and will only continue growing. The EU's ambitious connectivity targets are pushing policymakers to take a more forward-thinking approach to the telecoms sector. One question EU decision-makers must answer is whether the main digital players, who generate huge volumes of traffic and revenue using the EU's telecoms infrastructure, should contribute to the cost of network roll-out and, if so, whether that would be 'fair'.

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## [Research for CULT Committee - Protecting cultural heritage from armed conflicts in Ukraine and beyond](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-04-2023

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Policy area Culture

Keyword common foreign and security policy | culture and religion | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | heritage protection | international law | international law | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | LAW | political geography | Russo-Ukrainian issue | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | Ukraine | war

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study examining how cultural heritage can be better protected from the effects of armed conflicts, in Ukraine and beyond. It includes an analysis of the applicable international law and policy frameworks and the practice of key international actors in Ukraine, as well as in past conflicts. It concludes with a set of specific recommendations to the EU and its Member States to strengthen the protection of cultural heritage from the effects of armed conflicts, now and in the future.

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## [Research for AGRI Committee - The impact of extreme climate events on agriculture production in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-04-2023

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword adaptation to climate change | agricultural disaster | agricultural policy | agricultural production | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | climate change | common agricultural policy | deterioration of the environment | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | farming systems | State aid

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study aiming, first, to provide the European Parliament with an overview of the challenges faced by the agricultural sector regarding the evolution of climate extreme events in the European Union. Then, the study highlights existing solutions to help farmers mitigate the effects of extreme weather events and recover from climate-related disasters. Finally, it analyses existing policy instruments supporting these solutions, including those promoted by Member States under the new CAP programming (2022-2027)

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## [Research for TRAN Committee - Assessment of the potential of sustainable fuels in transport](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 01-04-2023

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Policy area Energy | Environment | Transport

Keyword biofuel | chemistry | electric vehicle | ENERGY | energy policy | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | fossil fuel | hydrogen production | INDUSTRY | organisation of transport | oxide | sustainable mobility | TRANSPORT | transport policy

Summary This At a glance note summarises the study providing the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) with an assessment of the potential of sustainable fuels to decarbonise the transport sector, and help the sector achieve the 2050 decarbonisation goals. It assesses their potential for use in maritime, aviation and road transport, considering their technology readiness, feedstock availability, sustainability of supply, resource and energy efficiency, and the most appropriate match-making between fuels and applications.

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## [Plenary round-up – March II 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 31-03-2023

Author SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword consumer protection | consumption | deterioration of the environment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | EU institutions and European civil service | European construction | European Parliament | EUROPEAN UNION | gender equality | LAW | natural environment | ozone | personnel management and staff remuneration | product safety | remuneration of work | rights and freedoms | single market | stratospheric pollutant | stratospheric pollution | TRADE | wage determination

Summary The highlight of the March II plenary session was the debate on the conclusions of the European Council meeting of 23-24 March 2023. In a formal ceremony held to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement, the Presidents of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, the European Council, Charles Michel, and the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, each underlined the significance of the 1998 Agreement and the importance of ensuring reconciliation between the two communities in Northern Ireland. Members debated several legislative files, including on fluorinated gases and ozone-depleting substances, safety of products and equal pay for men and women. In a further debate, Members considered the 2022 rule of law report from the European Commission.

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## [General-purpose artificial intelligence](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 30-03-2023

Author MADIEGA Tambiama André

Policy area Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword artificial intelligence | communications | digital technology | disinformation | economic analysis | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | impact study | information and information processing | intellectual property | limited circulation | open innovation | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | technology and technical regulations

Summary General-purpose artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, such as ChatGPT, are quickly transforming the way AI systems are built and deployed. While these technologies are expected to bring huge benefits in the coming years, spurring innovation in many sectors, their disruptive nature raises policy questions around privacy and intellectual property rights, liability and accountability, and concerns about their potential to spread disinformation and misinformation. EU lawmakers need to strike a delicate balance between fostering the deployment of these technologies while making sure adequate safeguards are in place.

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## [General product safety regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-03-2023

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Policy area Consumer Protection

Keyword artificial intelligence | consumption | digital single market | economic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | information and information processing | launching of a product | marketing | product safety | regulation (EU) | TRADE

Summary During the second part-session of March 2023, the European Parliament is expected to vote on the political agreement on the proposed regulation on general product safety reached in trilogue negotiations on 28 November 2022. This new regulation will replace the current General Product Safety Directive. It addresses the product safety challenges of emerging technologies, including the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and connected devices, and establishes clear obligations for online marketplaces. The proposal sets out a single set of market surveillance rules for both harmonised and non-harmonised products, also aligning the provisions with the Market Surveillance Regulation. It should improve the effectiveness of product recalls.

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## [European Commission's third rule of law report](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-03-2023

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Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword activity report | civil rights | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU institutions and European civil service | EU strategy | European Commission | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | LAW | legal system | organisation of the legal system | political framework | POLITICS | rights and freedoms | rule of law

Summary In July 2022, the European Commission published its third annual rule of law report, featuring for the first time country-specific recommendations for each Member State. A motion for a resolution tabled by the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) notes that, while the Commission has partially addressed Parliament's requests in its resolutions on the previous annual rule of law reports, they need to be addressed in their entirety.

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## [Revision of the Ozone Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-03-2023

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Policy area Environment

Keyword air quality | atmospheric pollutant | carbon neutrality | chemistry | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | INDUSTRY | natural environment | non-ionising radiation | ozone | regulation (EU) | special chemicals | stratospheric pollutant | stratospheric pollution

Summary The Ozone Regulation, in force since January 2010, is the main legal instrument governing ozone-depleting substances (ODS). In April 2022, the European Commission proposed a new regulation on ODS aimed at increasing the efficiency of the existing measures and rules, and ensuring more comprehensive monitoring, while also making administrative simplifications and saving costs. The European Parliament is expected to vote on the proposal during the March II 2023 plenary session, and thereby set its position for trilogue talks.

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## [Review of the F-gas Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-03-2023

Author MORGADO SIMOES HENRIQUE ANDRE

Policy area Environment

Keyword air quality | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | executive power and public service | greenhouse gas | POLITICS | reduction of gas emissions | regulation (EU) | regulatory policy | stratospheric pollutant

Summary On 5 April 2022, the European Commission presented a proposal for a regulation on fluorinated greenhouse gases (F-gases) that would repeal the current F-gas Regulation. The proposal aims to reduce F-gas emissions further. It would change the existing quota system, gradually reducing the supply of hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) to the EU market to 2.4 % of 2015 levels by 2048. It would also ban F-gases in specific applications, and update the rules on implementing best practice, leak-checking, record-keeping, training, waste treatment and penalties. The European Parliament is expected to vote its position on this proposal during the March II plenary session.

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## [Equal pay for equal work between men and women](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-03-2023

Author LECERF Marie

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | equal pay | gender equality | labour law | labour law and labour relations | LAW | organisation of work and working conditions | personnel management and staff remuneration | remuneration of work | rights and freedoms | wage determination | working conditions

Summary Equal pay for equal work is one of the European Union's founding principles. However, the implementation and enforcement of this principle remain a challenge. On 4 March 2021, the European Commission proposed a directive to strengthen the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work between men and women, through pay transparency and enforcement mechanisms. Parliament's negotiators reached an agreement with the Council on the proposal on 15 December 2022, and that text is now due to be put to the vote during Parliament's March II plenary session.

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## Plenary round-up – March I 2023

Publication type At a Glance

Date 17-03-2023

Author FERGUSON CLARE | SOCHACKA KATARZYNA

Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword bank | conflict of interest | economic conditions | economic situation | ECONOMICS | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EU institutions and European civil service | European Council | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial institutions and credit | financial risk | financial stability | free movement of capital | labour law and labour relations | organised crime | public finance | public finance and budget policy | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

**Summary** Among the highlights of the March I plenary session was a debate on the conclusions of the special European Council meeting of 9 February and the preparation of the European Council meeting of 23-24 March 2023, with Charles Michel, the President of the European Council. Members also debated the failure of the Silicon Valley Bank and its implications for European financial stability, a common EU response to save lives at sea, the need to ensure transparency and accountability in the light of alleged conflicts of interest, combatting organised crime in the EU, human rights defenders working in the field of sexual and reproductive health rights, cross-border adoption from third countries, the Bridgetown Agenda on development finance, long-term commitment to animal welfare, and strengthening EU defence in the context of the war in Ukraine. Members also debated statements by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, Josep Borrell, on the deterioration of democracy in Israel and the consequences on the occupied territories, on the situation in Georgia, and on the challenges facing Moldova. During a ceremony celebrating International Women's Day, in addition to statements by the Presidents of the Parliament, Roberta Metsola, and of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, Samantha Cristoforetti, an astronaut from the European Space Agency and former commander of the International Space Station, and Shirin Ebadi, Iranian activist and 2003 Nobel Peace Prize winner, gave speeches. Finally, Members heard and debated a 'This is Europe' address by Gitanas Nausėda, President of Lithuania.

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## Addressing ship reflagging to avoid sanctions

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-03-2023

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Policy area Fisheries | Transport

Keyword BUSINESS AND COMPETITION | competition | deterioration of the environment | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | ENVIRONMENT | EU restrictive measure | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | international law | International Maritime Organisation | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | LAW | law of the sea | maritime and inland waterway transport | organisation of work and working conditions | pollution | restriction on competition | sanction (EU) | ship's flag | TRANSPORT | United Nations | working conditions

**Summary** Reflagging to a flag of convenience is a practice whereby a ship-owner registers their ships in a country with relatively light controls or low standards, for instance in the area of environmental or employment law. While this is legal in principle, it is often combined with illegal practices, including the circumvention of sanctions. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the EU are trying to tackle abusive reflagging.

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## 'This is Europe' debate in the European Parliament: Speech by Gitanas Nausėda, President of Lithuania, 14 March 2023

Publication type At a Glance

Date 16-03-2023

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Policy area Democracy

Keyword agenda | economic conditions | economic recession | economic situation | ECONOMICS | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | international affairs | international conference | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | parliamentary proceedings | POLITICS | vision of Europe

**Summary** 'This is Europe' – an initiative proposed by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola – consists of a series of debates with EU leaders to discuss their visions for the future of the European Union. In his address to the European Parliament on 14 March 2023, the President of Lithuania, Gitanas Nausėda, emphasised three topics: i) support for Ukraine and that country's place in Europe (i.e. enlargement); ii) the importance of historical memory; and iii) the challenges facing Europe today. Among the greatest challenges is maintaining an independent posture in EU relations with authoritarian regimes.

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## Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - March 2023

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-03-2023

Keyword agricultural production | agricultural production policy | agricultural structure | agricultural structures and production | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | area of freedom, security and justice | climate change | climatic zone | coal and mining industries | coal mining | coalmining policy | criminal law | deterioration of the environment | economic conditions | economic situation | ECONOMICS | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | farming systems | LAW | natural environment | penal institution | prison administration | prison system

**Summary** The Monthly Highlights publication provides an overview, at a glance, of the on-going work of the policy departments, including a selection of the latest and forthcoming publications, and a list of future events.

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## [Nominations for Members of the European Court of Auditors \(Slovakia\)](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 13-03-2023

Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword civil service | EU institutions and European civil service | European Court of Auditors | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | international affairs | international civil service | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | parliamentary proceedings | political framework | POLITICS | power to appoint | president of an institution | public hearing

Summary This briefing describes the treaty provisions and appointment procedure for ECA members at EU level. In addition, it provides information on the national nomination procedure for the ECA member in Slovakia and the country's new candidate.

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## [The Windsor Framework](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-03-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword economic geography | EU relations | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | Ireland | Northern Ireland | political geography | regions of EU Member States | regulation of transactions | single market | TRADE | trade policy | trade policy | trade regulations | United Kingdom | withdrawal from the EU

Summary The Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland is an integral part of the 2020 EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement and was designed to avoid the need for a hard border on the island of Ireland. Implementation of the Protocol has been marred by rising tensions and political challenges, and both parties, particularly since Rishi Sunak became UK Prime Minister, have sought to address the main problems. The new agreement, called the Windsor Framework, seeks to improve the trading rules for Northern Ireland, bring stability and clarity for businesses and people in the region, and open a new chapter in EU-UK relations.

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## [Question time: Strengthening transatlantic ties in a challenging multilateral world](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-03-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword America | economic conditions | economic geography | economic policy | economic policy | economic situation | ECONOMICS | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | multilateral relations | political geography | production | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | supply chain | transatlantic relations | United States

Summary Transatlantic ties have seen a considerable boost since Joe Biden became the 46th US President in 2021, with the US re-embracing multilateralism to varying degrees as a means to tackle multiple crises such as climate change, global food insecurity, strategic competition with China, and Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. However, challenges in the transatlantic relationship have remained, as the EU and the US have chosen different means to achieve their climate change targets, to address supply chain vulnerabilities and to ensure their global competitive edge, with both legislating in line with the constraints of their political economies. Issues linked to these challenges and the coordination of the EU and the US approaches to China and their response to China's potential delivery of lethal weapons to Russia, if there were evidence of this, were on the agenda of recent EU-US meetings. Commission Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis met US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on 2 March, and Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and President Biden then met on 10 March 2023.

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## [EU-Azerbaijan relations](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

Author CAPRILE ANNA

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Armenia | Azerbaijan | common foreign and security policy | economic geography | ENERGY | energy policy | energy supply | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | political geography | Russia | strategic partnership (EU)

Summary The EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA), in force since 1999, sets the framework for bilateral relations. Azerbaijan, considered an authoritarian regime, is an important energy supplier to the EU. Recently, the EU has boosted its role as a mediator between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The European Parliament is due to discuss an own-initiative report on EU-Azerbaijan relations during the March plenary session.

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## [EU-Armenia relations](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

Author CAPRILE ANNA

Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword Armenia | common foreign and security policy | diplomatic relations | EU civilian mission | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | political geography | strategic partnership (EU)

Summary Bilateral relations between the European Union and Armenia are based on the EU–Armenia Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA), in force since March 2021. The EU is an important trade and assistance partner for Armenia and has been an active mediator in the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. In February 2023, the EU launched a civilian EU Mission in Armenia (EUMA), signalling a growing role for the EU amidst Russia's waning influence in the South Caucasus. The European Parliament is due to discuss an own-initiative report on EU-Armenia relations during the March I plenary session.

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## ['Save bees and farmers': A European Citizens' Initiative on bee-friendly agriculture for a healthy environment](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

Author VINCI CLAUDIA

Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development | Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword agricultural activity | agricultural guidance | agricultural structures and production | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | apiculture | chemistry | cultivation of agricultural land | deterioration of the environment | ecosystem | ENVIRONMENT | European citizens' initiative | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | genetically modified organism | herbicide | INDUSTRY | insect | means of agricultural production | natural environment | organic farming | pesticide | pesticide residue | pesticides industry | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | technology and technical regulations

Summary Between 2019 and 2021, the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) 'Save bees and farmers!' collected more than 1 million signatures. The ECI calls for a reduction in the use of pesticides, leading to a complete phasing-out by 2035. The European Commission has welcomed the initiative. The European Parliament, after a hearing held in January 2023, will discuss it during its March I plenary session.

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## [Parliament's position on the data act](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

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Policy area Intellectual Property Law | Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword access to information | artificial intelligence | carbon neutrality | communications | computer systems | data-processing law | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | LAW | on line data service | right to information | rights and freedoms | transmission network

Summary In February 2022, the European Commission tabled a proposal for a regulation on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data. The European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) approved its report on the act in February 2023. Parliament is due to vote on the report during its March I plenary session.

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## [EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

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Policy area Democracy | Human Rights

Keyword civil rights | common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | developing countries | directive (EU) | economic conditions | ECONOMICS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | fundamental rights | human rights | human rights movement | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | POLITICS | politics and public safety | public safety | rights and freedoms | third country | United Nations | UNO

Summary The European Union guidelines on human rights defenders, adopted in 2004 and revised in 2008, establish a framework and instruments for protecting human rights activists in third countries. During the March I plenary session, Members will debate their implementation, on the basis of an own-initiative assessment report from Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs. Later in the session, the Council and Commission are due to make statements on the specific situation of human rights defenders working on women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

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## [Revision of the Effort-sharing Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

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Policy area Environment

Keyword atmospheric pollutant | carbon neutrality | clean technology | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU Emissions Trading Scheme | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | greenhouse gas | industrial pollution | land transport | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | regulation (EU) | road transport | technology and technical regulations | TRANSPORT

Summary The EU's effort-sharing legislation covers greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in sectors that were not included in the EU emissions trading system (ETS). To reduce emissions in these sectors for the 2021-2030 period, the Effort-sharing Regulation (ESR) establishes binding national targets and sets up annual emissions allocations (AEAs) for each Member State. In July 2021, the European Commission submitted a proposal to amend the regulation. A provisional agreement was reached on 8 November 2022 in interinstitutional negotiations. Parliament is due to vote at first reading on the agreed text during the March I plenary session.

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## [Revision of the Land Use, Land-use Change and Forestry Regulation](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

Author JENSEN LISELOTTE

Policy area Environment

Keyword AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | carbon neutrality | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU action | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | forestry | forestry development | forestry holding | protected area | regulation (EU)

Summary The proposal to revise the regulation on land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) was included in the European Commission's 'fit for 55' package. LULUCF carbon sink functions are a key part of the EU's carbon neutrality pathway. On 11 November 2022, the European Parliament and the Council reached a trilogue agreement on the proposal. The agreed text is due to be voted during Parliament's March I 2023 plenary session.

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## [Revision of the market stability reserve for the EU emissions trading system](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

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Policy area Environment

Keyword decision (EU) | emission allowance | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | EU Emissions Trading Scheme | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | market stabilisation | TRADE | trade policy | tradeable emission permit

Summary Part of a broader revision targeting the EU emissions trading system (ETS), the European Commission proposal to revise the market stability reserve (MSR) for the ETS would prolong its current parameters. Under the current rules, the percentage of allowances put into the MSR, and the minimum allowances placed in the reserve, have been doubled until end-2023, to allow for a quick removal of surplus EU ETS allowances. The proposal aims to maintain the current doubled intake rate (24 %) and minimum number of allowances placed in the reserve (200 million) until 31 December 2030, the end of Phase IV of the EU ETS. A trilogue agreement was reached on 18 December 2022, and the agreed text is due to be voted during Parliament's March I plenary session.

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## [Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

Author WILSON Alex Benjamin

Policy area Energy

Keyword building | building and public works | carbon neutrality | construction and town planning | directive (EU) | ENERGY | energy crisis | energy policy | energy storage | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU action | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | improvement of housing | INDUSTRY | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary The Parliament is due to vote in plenary in March on a report from the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) on the proposal to revise the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, part of the 'fit for 55' package. Once adopted, this will set Parliament's position for trilogue negotiations with the Council.

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## [Question Time: How to ensure energy security in the EU in 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-03-2023

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Policy area Energy

Keyword economic geography | electricity storage device | electronics and electrical engineering | ENERGY | energy crisis | energy policy | energy supply | Europe | gas | gas pipeline | GEOGRAPHY | INDUSTRY | International Energy Agency | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | military intervention | organisation of transport | political geography | Russia | Russo-Ukrainian issue | TRANSPORT | Ukraine | world organisations

Summary The 2022 energy crisis following Russia's aggression against Ukraine brought about challenges relating to energy security and affordability in the EU. Thanks to several measures taken last year, energy shortages have so far been avoided. However, the EU must now prepare for next winter, when it might be more difficult to ensure sufficient gas storage. Members of the European Parliament will have the possibility to question the European Commission on this topic at 'question time' during the March I plenary session.

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## [Nigeria: Economic indicators and trade with EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-03-2023

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Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues | International Trade

Keyword Africa | corruption | criminal law | demography and population | economic geography | economic policy | economic structure | ECONOMICS | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | human development | LAW | life expectancy | Nigeria | public economy | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | trade agreement (EU)

Summary Our infographic provides an insight into the economic performance of Nigeria compared to the EU, and looks at the trade dynamics between the two. While GDP growth in Nigeria recovered quickly after a slight recession in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a growing unemployment rate combined with rising inflation represent an economic challenge to the African country. Nigeria is an oil exporter, and the absence of local oil refinery capacities provides an opportunity for some EU Member States - mainly Belgium and the Netherlands - to import crude oil and re-export it to Nigeria after refining. The trade in petroleum oils represents 93 % of total EU imports and 53 % of total EU exports of goods to Nigeria.

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## [Women's rights and gender equality: EU-US Explainer](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 07-03-2023

Author SHREEVES Rosamund

Policy area Foreign Affairs | Human Rights

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | domestic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ethnic discrimination | ethnic group | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | gender equality | LAW | POLITICS | rights and freedoms | sexual discrimination | social framework | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | sustainable development | women's rights

Summary Ongoing global crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost of living crisis, climate change and war are spotlighting perennial obstacles to gender equality, as well as the importance and potential of gender-sensitive policies. As part of their commitment to human rights, sustainable development and democracy, the European Parliament and the US Congress have committed to advance women's rights and gender equality in their internal and external policy-making in an array of sectors.

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## [G7 climate club](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 06-03-2023

Author ERBACH Gregor

Policy area Environment | Foreign Affairs

Keyword air quality | anti-pollution device | atmospheric pollutant | carbon neutrality | clean technology | climate change | climatology | deterioration of the environment | ecological footprint | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | natural and applied sciences | political situation | POLITICS | politics and public safety | prevention of pollution | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | SCIENCE | technology and technical regulations

Summary Open, cooperative and inclusive – these are the adjectives used by the Group of Seven (G7) leaders to describe the climate club, a global initiative launched in December 2022 to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Its objective is to encourage nations with bold climate goals to join forces as a way to speed up the transition towards net-zero emissions by 2050 and contribute to reaching the targets of the Paris Agreement on climate change. A climate club may help to address coordination and implementation challenges arising from other instruments and initiatives, such as the EU's new carbon border adjustment mechanism and Green Deal industrial plan, and the US Inflation Reduction Act.

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## [The gender dimension in cohesion policy](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-03-2023

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Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity | Regional Development

Keyword Cohesion Fund | economic and social cohesion | economic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS | EU finance | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | executive | gender equality | gross domestic product | job access | labour market | LAW | national accounts | rights and freedoms | sexual discrimination

Summary The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened existing inequalities between women and men. Data reveal significant gaps among EU regions in terms of access to the labour market, pay and working conditions, and leadership in decision-making. The European Parliament sees cohesion policy as key to achieving gender equality, but calls to go beyond the policy domains of the European Social Fund.

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## [World Obesity Day reveals a worrying picture](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 03-03-2023

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Policy area Food Safety | Public Health

Keyword body mass index | cancer | cardiovascular disease | diabetes | disease prevention | economic analysis | economic consequence | ECONOMICS | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | health | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | nutritional disease | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | United Nations | World Health Organisation

Summary World Obesity Day – marked every year on 4 March – is a World Obesity Federation initiative supporting practical solutions to help reverse obesity. A person is considered overweight by the World Health Organization if he or she has a body mass index (BMI) – calculated by dividing body weight by the square of height – equal to or greater than 25. Obesity is the condition of severe overweight where a person has a BMI equal to or greater than 30. Worryingly, obesity acts as a gateway to a range of diseases, such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and 13 types of cancer. Obesity is on the rise globally. Rates among adults have nearly tripled since 1975, and those among children and adolescents have increased almost five times. The coronavirus pandemic has further exacerbated the problem. Estimates indicate that by 2035, 1.9 billion people will be living with obesity and the projected global economic impact of overweight and obesity will reach US\$ 4.32 trillion. Between 2020 and 2035, child obesity is expected to increase by 100 %. In the EU, over half of adults are considered overweight, a condition that worsens with age, except among those aged 75 or over. The proportion of overweight adults varies across EU countries, with the highest shares recorded in Croatia and Malta, where 65 % of adults were considered overweight in 2019. In contrast, the lowest shares were registered in Italy (46 %), France (47 %) and Luxembourg (48 %). In all EU countries, a higher share of men than women are overweight. The 2022 EU4Health work programme tackles obesity, in particular childhood obesity, by increasing awareness, sharing knowledge and developing best practices. The EU also fights physical inactivity, among other things by holding the European Week of Sport. To help consumers make healthier choices when shopping, the Commission is expected to table a legislative proposal on standardised mandatory front-of-pack nutrition labelling.

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## [Women in the digital sector](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 02-03-2023

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Policy area Employment | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword digital distribution | digital literacy | digital technology | economic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | gender equality | gross domestic product | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | information technology industry | LAW | marketing | national accounts | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | rights and freedoms | sexual discrimination | technology and technical regulations | TRADE

Summary International Women's Day on 8 March provides an opportunity both to celebrate women's achievements and to take stock of progress towards gender equality. The gender gap in the digital sector, in areas ranging from education to salaries, persists. Women's increased participation in the sector could help solve the shortage of information and communications technology (ICT) professionals needed for the EU's digital sector to grow. It could also yield economic benefits in terms of gross domestic product (GDP) per capita.

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## [Research for REGI Committee - Cooperation between EU cities and regions with their Ukrainian partners](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
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Policy area Regional Development  
Keyword association of local authorities | cooperation policy | economic conditions | economic policy | economic policy | economic situation | ECONOMICS | enhanced cooperation | EU relations | Europe | European construction | European territorial cooperation | EUROPEAN UNION | executive power and public service | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | political geography | POLITICS | regional cooperation | regions and regional policy | Ukraine  
Summary The development of territorial cooperation between European and Ukrainian local and regional authorities is an important step toward Ukraine's membership in the EU. This At a glance note summarises the study presenting the benefits of and barriers to the collaboration between European and Ukrainian cities and regions and shows the role of the EU programmes and instruments in supporting territorial cooperation. It suggests solutions that can promote cooperation between cities and regions and describes their potential to strengthen the capacities of self-governments and to support civil society in Ukraine  
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## [Research for TRAN Committee - Environmental challenges through the life cycle of battery electric vehicles](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 01-03-2023  
External author Nikolas HILL, Marco RAUGEI, Aleix PONS, Nikos VASILEIADIS, Hugo ONG, Lorenzo CASULLO  
Policy area Transport  
Keyword electric vehicle | electricity storage device | electronics and electrical engineering | energy resources | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental policy | environmental protection | INDUSTRY | land transport | motor car | natural environment | organisation of transport | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research | research and intellectual property | TRANSPORT  
Summary This At a glance note summarises the study providing an up-to-date expert assessment and comparison between the life cycle's carbon footprint of battery electric and internal combustion engine passenger cars. It presents evidence from the literature and from life cycle assessment modelling and concludes with policy recommendations. The analysis includes sensitivities, regional variations for six Member States, and also the effects of technical and legislative development on the potential outlook up to 2050.  
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## [Food security in 2023: EU response to an evolving crisis](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 01-03-2023  
Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development  
Keyword economic analysis | economic conditions | economic consequence | economic policy | economic recession | ECONOMICS | EU strategy | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | food policy | food resources | food security | food systems | globalisation | health | inflation | SOCIAL QUESTIONS  
Summary Food insecurity remains one of the most pressing global challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine have made the food crisis significantly worse in recent years, threatening millions of people worldwide. Despite some promising trends, food inflation remains consistently high, and it depends on a volatile environmental and geopolitical context. The EU has devoted substantial resources to tackling the immediate effects of the crisis. However, in the long run, the key to food security will be sustainable agri-food systems.  
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## [Social and Economic Consequences of COVID-19](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 01-03-2023  
External author Jan SMIT, Elias NACER, Andrew SIKORSKI, Caroline GODARD and Wiktor MAGDZIARZ  
Policy area Coronavirus  
Keyword coronavirus disease | criminal law | digital technology | economic analysis | economic consequence | ECONOMICS | epidemic | health | illegal restraint | LAW | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | restriction of liberty | social affairs | social policy | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | technology and technical regulations | vaccination | vaccine  
Summary The original full study considers the consequences of measures aimed at countering the effects of COVID-19, in particular the Temporary Framework for State aid, EU Digital COVID Certificates and other measures implemented by EU Member States. The study examines the consequences of the measures on industry, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and focuses on the cultural and creative industries. Consequences for workers and working practices are also considered, and lessons learnt identified.  
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## [Maternity and paternity leave in the EU](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 28-02-2023

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Policy area Employment | Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity | Social Policy

Keyword birth policy | demography and population | economic analysis | ECONOMICS | EU programme | EU statistics | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | family | maternity benefit | maternity leave | motherhood | parental leave | paternity leave | social protection | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary This infographic aims to present the current maternity and paternity leave situation in EU Member States. Most EU countries also grant an additional period of parental leave, but parental leave is not covered in this infographic.

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## [Study in Focus: Social tracking methodology for the EU budget](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 28-02-2023

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Policy area Budget | Budgetary Control | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice

Keyword budget | budgetary control | documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU budget | EU finance | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial policy | free movement of capital | LAW | monitoring report | rights and freedoms | social affairs | social budget | social cost | social framework | social impact | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | social rights

Summary The full study examines the evolving approach to tracking the effectiveness and impact of social expenditure from the EU budget. In the last decade, there has been a shift toward performance-based budgeting, putting the emphasis much more on the outputs and results of expenditure programmes. Despite these changes, ascertaining whether policies are achieving their underlying goals and contributing to the realisation of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) remains difficult. This study analyses the strengths and weaknesses of the current system for monitoring and evaluating EU social spending and proposes improvements.

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## [Chinese strategic interests in European ports](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-02-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs | International Trade | Security and Defence | Transport

Keyword Asia and Oceania | China | economic conditions | economic geography | economic growth | economic infrastructure | economic policy | economic priority | ECONOMICS | EU relations | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | export (EU) | GEOGRAPHY | harbour installation | import (EU) | maritime and inland waterway transport | trade | TRADE | TRANSPORT | transport infrastructure | transport policy

Summary China is increasingly investing in key European infrastructure, including ports. This is something that has drawn attention at both EU and Member State level, in particular regarding strategic dependency on China and how it affects the EU's economic interests. This short briefing provides an initial overview of existing, publicly known Chinese interests in EU ports.

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## [One year of temporary protection for people displaced from Ukraine](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 27-02-2023

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Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword aid to refugees | common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | economic analysis | economic consequence | economic geography | economic policy | economic policy | ECONOMICS | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | political geography | Russia | Russo-Ukrainian issue | Ukraine

Summary Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 has forced millions of people to flee Ukraine and seek refuge in the EU and neighbouring countries. Reacting swiftly, the European Union (EU) decided to grant these refugees EU-wide temporary protection; by the end of December 2022, 3.8 million third-country nationals were benefiting from this possibility. This first-ever activation of the Temporary Protection Directive has generally met with a very positive response, as it has avoided extreme pressure on national asylum systems and offered security to the people affected.

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## [What if increased energy storage could help fix climate change?](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 23-02-2023

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Policy area Energy

Keyword atmospheric pollutant | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT

**Summary** The European Union is committed to achieving climate neutrality by 2050, which requires a drastic increase in the share of energy from renewable sources in the electricity mix. However, the availability of some renewable energy sources is variable and intermittent, creating concerns about system reliability. Devising new energy storage capacities could solve this issue and contribute to the EU's climate neutrality goal.

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Multimedia [What if increased energy storage could help fix climate change?](#)

## [Nigeria: Situation ahead of 2023 general election](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 22-02-2023

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Policy area Democracy | Development and Humanitarian Aid | Economics and Monetary Issues | Energy | Environment | Foreign Affairs | International Trade | Security and Defence

Keyword Africa | African Union | common foreign and security policy | democracy | economic geography | electoral procedure and voting | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | extra-European organisations | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | Nigeria | political framework | political situation | POLITICS | politics and public safety | presidential election

**Summary** On 25 February 2023, after an electoral campaign held amidst rising insecurity and economic turmoil, Nigerians will elect their new president and federal legislature. The way this very competitive election is conducted, and its outcome, will have a sizeable effect on sub-Saharan Africa's largest economy, African democracy and the future of Africa's relations with the European Union (EU) and the rest of the Western world.

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## [President Biden's 2023 State of the Union address](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 17-02-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword America | democracy | documentation | economic geography | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | electoral procedure and voting | EU relations | European construction | European Union | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | political framework | political geography | POLITICS | presidential election | speech | United States

**Summary** On 7 February 2023, the President of the United States, Joe Biden, gave his State of the Union (SOTU) address to a joint session of the 118th US Congress (2023-2024). Unlike in 2022, when the US had a 'united' government, with the President's party, the Democrats, holding the majority in both chambers of Congress, Biden now faces a 'divided' government, with a Republican-led House of Representatives, and has to decide on a potential second-term bid in 2024. While in 2022, Russia's then newly launched war of aggression against Ukraine featured prominently in the SOTU, references to US foreign policy in 2023 played only a marginal role. A key priority of Biden's speech was to make benefits of his legislative achievements tangible for US voters. In contrast to 2022, President Biden 'recycled' several proposals that have not (yet) materialised, rather than presenting new ones.

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## [Plenary round-up – February II 2023](#)

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Keyword Europe | GEOGRAPHY | political geography | Ukraine

**Summary** The highlight of the February II 2023 plenary session was a debate with the Council and the European Commission marking one year since Russia's invasion and the start of its war of aggression against Ukraine. Members also debated the European Union response to the humanitarian situation following the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. Members discussed EU funding allocated to non-governmental organisations incriminated in recent corruption revelations, following up on measures requested by Parliament to strengthen the integrity of European institutions and to establish an independent EU ethics body. The European Commission and Council also made statements on a Green Deal industrial plan and access to strategic critical raw materials. Parliament discussed the outcome of the recent special European Council meeting, and among other topics concerning non-EU countries, the further repressions against the people of Belarus, in particular the cases of Andrzej Poczobut and Ales Bialiatski. Finally, in a formal sitting, Members heard an address by Egils Levits, President of the Republic of Latvia.

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## Gender aspects of energy poverty

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Date 15-02-2023

Author ZAMFIR Ionel

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword economic analysis | economic conditions | economic consequence | economic geography | ECONOMICS | ENERGY | energy policy | energy poverty | Europe | FINANCE | gas | gender equality | GEOGRAPHY | inflation | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | LAW | national accounts | oil industry | petroleum | political geography | price increase | price of energy | prices | rights and freedoms | Russia | Russo-Ukrainian issue | shortage | trade | TRADE | Ukraine

Summary This year, International Women's Day is being celebrated in the context of Russia's war in Ukraine. By threatening energy shortages, the conflict has exacerbated the inflationary effects of the post-pandemic recovery, leading to a cost-of-living crisis in Europe. Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) is marking the day with a meeting with national parliaments on 1 March 2023. On the agenda: the impact of rising energy prices on women and potential measures to mitigate it.

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## 'Forever chemicals': More stringent EU limits from 1 January 2023

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Date 15-02-2023

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Policy area Food Safety

Keyword chemical product | chemistry | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | food chain | food contamination | food safety | health | INDUSTRY | leather and textile industries | man-made fibre | natural and applied sciences | organic chemical | production | production quota | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | SCIENCE | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs), a large class of synthetic chemicals known as 'forever chemicals', contain one of the strongest chemical bonds in organic chemistry. This accounts for the fact that they persist in the environment longer than any other man-made substance. As long as PFASs continue to be released in the environment, humans and other species will be exposed to ever greater concentrations of these substances.

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## Russia-Belarus military cooperation

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Date 15-02-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs | Security and Defence

Keyword Belarus | common foreign and security policy | cooperation policy | defence | economic geography | Europe | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | international security | military cooperation | military intervention | military manoeuvres | political geography | Russia | Ukraine

Summary As shown by the 2020 presidential elections in Belarus, the power of Aliaksandr Lukashenka depends entirely on Russia. That is why his regime has offered his country's territory to Russia to support it in its aggression against Ukraine. The question is whether the Belarusian army is capable of supporting Russia in direct battle, without further undermining the stability of Lukashenka's regime. As bilateral military cooperation progresses, with repetitive military exercises and a growing Russian military presence in Belarus, the answer remains unclear.

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## Online age verification methods for children

Publication type At a Glance

Date 15-02-2023

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Policy area Consumer Protection | Social Policy

Keyword child protection | communications | digital content | digital distribution | digital literacy | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | family | impact of information technology | information and information processing | information technology and data processing | marketing | parental authority | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | rights of access | social affairs | social media | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | technology and technical regulations | TRADE

Summary Protecting children online is becoming increasingly vital. For over two decades, there has been a limited range of online age verification methods available to protect children from accessing online content unsuitable for their age. A number of countries are introducing legislation and/or codes of practice to address this situation. At EU level too, there are increasing efforts in this regard, with a code of practice in the pipeline. Challenges abound, however, in the areas of privacy, monitoring and the need to improve parents' and children's digital skills.

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## [Research for REGI Committee - Cohesion Policy in EU Coal Regions](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Energy | Industry | Regional Development

Keyword air quality | atmospheric pollutant | carbon neutrality | coal and mining industries | coal industry | deterioration of the environment | economic analysis | economic and social cohesion | economic consequence | ECONOMICS | ENERGY | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | social framework | social impact | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

Summary Decarbonisation brings both significant challenges and opportunities for coal regions. This At a glance note summarises the study analysing the implementation and impact of Cohesion Policy, including Just Transition Funds, in EU coal regions. Looking retrospectively at the 2014-2020 programming period and forward to the 2021-27 period, the study concludes that Cohesion Policy has made, and is likely to continue to make a real contribution to achieving smarter, greener and more socially connected development of EU coal regions.

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## [Highly pathogenic avian influenza](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-02-2023

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword agricultural activity | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | avian influenza | epidemic | epidemiology | food safety | health | poultry | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | vaccination

Summary During the 2021-2022 epidemiological year, highly pathogenic avian influenza struck Europe, leading to the death or cull of 50 million birds across the continent, with a considerable impact on the poultry sector. While EU legislation establishes strict biosecurity measures and allows vaccine use in such cases, more research and investment is needed to reach definitive solutions.

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## [Policy Departments' Monthly Highlights - February 2023](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-02-2023

Summary The Monthly Highlights publication provides an overview, at a glance, of the on-going work of the policy departments, including a selection of the latest and forthcoming publications, and a list of future events.

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## [Question Time: Strengthened EU Western Balkans enlargement policy](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 10-02-2023

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Policy area Foreign Affairs

Keyword accession criteria | accession negotiations | development policy | economic geography | economic policy | ECONOMICS | EU candidate countries | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | GEOGRAPHY | pre-accession aid | Treaty on the Functioning of the EU | Western Balkans

Summary The revised enlargement methodology adopted in February 2020, and a new 'gradual approach' endorsed by the European Council in June 2022, are at the heart of EU accession negotiations with the Western Balkan countries and those countries' accession-related reforms. As the region's six countries differ in population size, political systems and history, their reform agenda and accession tempo also vary. With a budget of €14.2 billion for 2021-2027, the EU Instrument for pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III) supports investment and reform in accession countries. The European Commission and the European Parliament closely monitor candidates' overall progress and their implementation of the EU acquis.

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## [Understanding EU farm payments](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-02-2023

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Policy area Agriculture and Rural Development

Keyword agricultural market | agricultural policy | AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES | aid to agriculture | economic policy | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | EU programme | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | single payment scheme | State aid

Summary One of the earliest policies to have contributed to building the European Union (EU), the common agricultural policy devotes most of its budget to supporting farmers. Direct payments are the main type of support used; they are managed jointly by the European Commission and EU countries through a number of schemes.

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## [Mission de partenariat militaire de l'UE au Niger](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 09-02-2023

Author BILQUIN Bruno | PICHON Eric

Policy area Foreign Affairs | Security and Defence

Summary Suite au retrait des forces française Barkhane et euro-canadienne Takuba du Mali – où elles aidaient l'armée à combattre les groupes terroristes – en février 2022, le Niger est devenu l'un des nouveaux pôles sécuritaires européens au Sahel. En décembre 2022, l'Union européenne y a établi une nouvelle mission de partenariat militaire dont les coûts communs seront financés par la Facilité européenne pour la paix.

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## [CO2 emission standards for new cars and vans](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-02-2023

Author ERBACH Gregor

Policy area Environment | Transport

Keyword atmospheric pollutant | deterioration of the environment | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | land transport | launching of a product | light-duty vehicle | marketing | motor car | motor vehicle pollution | reduction of gas emissions | regulation (EU) | TRADE | TRANSPORT

Summary The 'fit for 55' package contains several legislative proposals aimed at reducing CO2 emissions in the transport sector. Emissions in this sector have barely fallen since 2005, because of increased transport demand. One of the proposals addresses road transport emissions by setting stricter CO2 emission standards for new cars and vans. On 27 October 2022, the Parliament and Council reached a trilogue agreement on the proposal. The vote on the agreed text is expected during the Parliament's February II 2023 plenary session.

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## [Electoral rights of mobile EU citizens in European Parliament elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-02-2023

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Policy area EU Democracy, Institutional and Parliamentary Law

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | directive (EU) | electoral law | electoral procedure and voting | EU institutions and European civil service | European construction | European electoral system | European Parliament | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | fundamental rights | LAW | migrant | migration | POLITICS | right to vote | rights and freedoms | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | universal suffrage

Summary During the February II plenary session, under the consultation procedure, the Parliament is due to vote on the report on a Commission proposal concerning the right of 'mobile' EU citizens, that is, those residing and voting in a Member State of which they are not nationals, to vote in European Parliament elections. Under this procedure, the Council – expected to adopt the proposal by unanimity – is not bound by Parliament's opinion.

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## [EU secure connectivity programme 2023-2027](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-02-2023

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Policy area Industry | Research Policy

Keyword air and space transport | communications | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | European Union Satellite Centre | impact of information technology | information technology and data processing | organisation of transport | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | proposal (EU) | research and intellectual property | research infrastructure | satellite | satellite communications | satellite navigation | space policy | space technology | transmission network | TRANSPORT

**Summary** During the February II 2023 plenary session, the European Parliament is expected to vote on the agreement on the proposed regulation establishing the Union secure connectivity programme for 2023-2027 (also referred to as the infrastructure for resilience, interconnectivity and security by satellite – IRIS<sup>2</sup>). Satellite communication is a strategic asset for governments and civil society alike. Complementary to terrestrial networks, it can contribute to seamless digital communication, even when such networks are absent or disrupted. Currently, the EU lacks dedicated infrastructure to offer such satellite-based services; the proposal would allow the Union to launch a private partnership for the design and deployment of the infrastructure, as well as the delivery of the first governmental services from 2024 and commercial services by 2027.

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## [EU accession to the Istanbul Convention](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-02-2023

Author ZAMFIR Ionel

Policy area Gender Issues, Equality and Diversity

Keyword agreement (EU) | criminal law | domestic violence | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | gender equality | human rights | international affairs | international law | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS | LAW | national sovereignty | ratification of an agreement | rights and freedoms | sexual violence | social affairs | SOCIAL QUESTIONS

**Summary** On 25 January 2023, the Committees on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) and Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) jointly adopted, by a substantial majority, their interim report on EU accession to the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). The report calls for swift European Union (EU) ratification, noting that the 2021 opinion of the European Court of Justice enables EU accession even in the absence of a common accord among Member States. A lack of consensus in the Council has proved an obstacle to ratification to date, however the Swedish Council Presidency has made it one of its priorities.

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## [Agreement on REPowerEU chapters in recovery and resilience plans](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-02-2023

Author D'ALFONSO Alessandro

Policy area Budget | Economics and Monetary Issues | Energy

Keyword economic conditions | economic independence | economic policy | economic policy | economic recovery | ECONOMICS | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | EU finance | EU financial instrument | EU investment | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financing and investment | green economy | international affairs | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Summary** During its February II plenary session, the European Parliament is due to examine the provisional agreement reached with the Council on an amendment to the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) Regulation. If approved, the RRF will become the main funding tool of the European Commission's REPowerEU plan, enabling Member States to finance additional investment and reform measures in energy under their recovery and resilience plans.

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## [Electoral rights of mobile EU citizens in municipal elections](#)

Publication type At a Glance

Date 08-02-2023

Author DE GROOT DAVID ARMAND JACQUES GERA

Policy area Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Keyword area of freedom, security and justice | EC Directive | electoral law | electoral procedure and voting | European construction | EUROPEAN UNION | European Union law | local election | migrant | migration | POLITICS | SOCIAL QUESTIONS | voting age

**Summary** During the February II plenary session, under the consultation procedure, the European Parliament is due to vote on the report on a European Commission proposal concerning the right to vote in municipal elections of 'mobile' EU citizens, that is, those residing and voting in a Member State of which they are not nationals. Under this procedure, Parliament is consulted, while the Council is not bound by Parliament's position.

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## [European Central Bank annual report - 2021](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 08-02-2023  
Author HOFLMAYR MARTIN  
Policy area Economics and Monetary Issues  
Keyword documentation | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | EU institutions and European civil service | European Central Bank | European System of Central Banks | EUROPEAN UNION | FINANCE | financial institution | financial institutions and credit | institutional activity | monetary economics | monetary policy | monitoring report | operation of the Institutions | POLITICS | politics and public safety  
Summary The European Parliament will discuss the European Central Bank (ECB) annual report for 2021 during its February plenary session, in the presence of the Banks' President, Christine Lagarde. The ECB's annual report describes the tasks and activities of the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), reports on its monetary policy and thus provides an important pillar of the ECB's accountability to the European Parliament. Following the debate, Parliament will vote a resolution on the basis of an own-initiative report.

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## [The third joint EU-NATO declaration](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 08-02-2023  
Author CLAPP SEBASTIAN  
Keyword economic geography | Eurogroup (NATO) | Europe | Finland | GEOGRAPHY | INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS | political geography | world organisations  
Summary Following joint declarations by the EU and NATO in 2016 and 2018, a third joint declaration was signed on 10 January 2023. While some laud the declaration as a manifesto for increased cooperation, others perceive its 14 clauses to be mere symbolism. Russia's illegal war against Ukraine, and Finland and Sweden's push to join NATO, have recently highlighted the importance of strong cooperation between the EU and NATO.

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## [THE EFFECT OF COMMUNICATION AND DISINFORMATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC](#)

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Policy area Coronavirus | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice  
Keyword communications | coronavirus disease | disinformation | economic analysis | ECONOMICS | EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS | epidemic | health | health policy | impact study | information and information processing | limited circulation | mass communications | social framework | social impact | SOCIAL QUESTIONS  
Summary This study analyses how governments, public health experts and other professionals communicated during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the impact of these communication strategies. It investigates COVID-19 misinformation and disinformation practices, and how these practices were addressed in the European Union by the Member States and the European Commission. It draws up recommendations to improve responses in the future, including by analysing the role of the Code of Practice on disinformation and the expected impact of the Digital Services Act.

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## [Climate impact of the EU agrifood system](#)

Publication type At a Glance  
Date 07-02-2023  
Author JENSEN LISELOTTE  
Policy area Environment  
Keyword agri-foodstuffs | agri-foodstuffs | AGRI-FOODSTUFFS | deterioration of the environment | distributive trades | distributive trades | ENVIRONMENT | environmental policy | environmental protection | green economy | greenhouse effect | greenhouse gas | reduction of gas emissions | TRADE  
Summary Agrifood systems encompass the production and distribution of food and non-food products of agricultural origin. Unlike others, this sector has not seen a significant reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in recent decades. While some of the sector's emissions are hard to abate, for others there may be off-the-shelf options. Certain EU policies and instruments could also help reduce the agrifood system's GHG emissions.

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## [A Comparative Analysis of Member States' Customs Authorisation Procedures for the Entry of Products into the European Union](#)

Publication type At a Glance

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Policy area Adoption of Legislation by EP and Council | Evaluation of Law and Policy in Practice | Internal Market and Customs Union

Keyword comparative analysis | customs inspection | customs union | EU market | launching of a product | marketing | movement certificate | PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH | research and intellectual property | single document | tariff policy | TRADE | trade policy

Summary Implementation of EU customs legislation with regard to areas such as risk management and impact management measures differs across Member States. National systems also diverge in the extent to which they have been updated in line with the UCC. Furthermore, significant differences in sanctions regimes create barriers to trade and distortions in the Single Market. This study makes recommendations to Member States and the EU to address some of the weaknesses of the current customs controls and sanctions regime.  
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