



The Week Ahead 20 to 26 January 2014

Agenda

Committee meetings, Brussels

Greek Presidency ministers. Greek ministers will set out the different aspects of the current Presidency programme in the committees concerned. *(Monday-Thursday)*

Turkish PM Erdoğan. The EP President and group leaders will meet Mr Erdoğan. Likely topics are Turkey's EU accession negotiations, the independence of the judiciary, the situation in Kurdistan and Turkey's position on Syria and Iraq. This will be followed by a press point with EP President Schulz. *(Tuesday pm)*

Economic governance. MEPs and 140 national MPs will debate how to improve the role of parliaments in "European Semester" EU-wide economic policy coordination. EP President Schulz, EC President Barroso and European Council President Van Rompuy will address the opening session. *(Monday-Wednesday)*

e-Call for cars. New rules on automatic emergency calls from cars to save lives in the event of an accident will be put to a vote in the Internal Market Committee. *(Thursday)*

Illegal waste shipments. A bill aimed at closing loopholes in legislation on the shipment of waste will be put to the vote in the Environment Committee. Hundreds of illegal shipments of waste are made each year both within the EU and to non-EU countries. *(Wednesday)*

Return of national treasures. The Culture Committee will vote on an update and extension of laws on the return of illegally exported national treasures. *(Tuesday)*

Hearing on human rights in Russia. Representatives of Human Rights Watch, Memorial and the LGBTI organisation Quarteera will give their views to the Human Rights Committee on the human rights situation in Russia, against the background of the Olympic Games in Sochi next month. *(Wednesday)*

Anti-dumping measures. The Trade Committee will vote on proposals to speed up possible action when goods are dumped on the EU market and improve the accuracy of possible damage calculations. It will also vote on a resolution on China's retaliatory measures against EU wines after the EU imposed restrictions on imports of solar panels from China. *(Tuesday)*

Tobacco, clinical trials, audit reform, vehicle checks. The committees concerned will endorse agreements reached by Parliament and Council negotiators on the tobacco directive, clinical trials, audit reform and roadworthiness tests. *(Tuesday and Wednesday)*

European Elections 2014/ReACT. In the run-up to the May 2014 European elections, a special event will be held in Rome on quality of life, the fourth in a series of five "ReACT" events on key issues such as the economy and jobs. *(Wednesday)*

President's agenda. EP President Martin Schulz will meet Turkish Prime Minister Erdoğan bilaterally before the Conference of Presidents *(Tuesday)*. He will attend the World Economic Forum in Davos *(Wednesday - Friday)*.

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

President's diary

Monday 20/01/2014 16:00-17:00 Brussels

- 16:00 Interparliamentary Conference on Economic Governance of the European Union - Addressing and opening the plenary session: Towards the path of EMU deepening - Paul-Henri Spaak Building 3rd floor, room C050

Tuesday 21/01/2014 14:35-17:45 Brussels

- 14:35 Welcome Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, Prime Minister of Turkey - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, Ground Floor
- 14:40 Meeting with Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, Prime Minister of Turkey - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Grand Salon protocolaire
- 15:30 Conference of Presidents with Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN
- 16:45 Press point with Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, Prime Minister of Turkey - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor

Wednesday 22/01/2014 08:30-18:30 Davos, Switzerland

- Participation in the World Economic forum

Thursday 23/01/2014 08:30-18:30 Davos, Switzerland

- Participation in the World Economic forum

Friday 24/01/2014 08:30-18:30 Davos, Switzerland

- Participation in the World Economic forum

PRESS CONFERENCES

Briefing on the parliamentary agenda

Monday 20/01/2014 11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building - 5G2*

Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament, and Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, Prime Minister of Turkey

Tuesday 21/01/2014 16:45-17:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building - 5G2*

Proposals from the Gulf countries to EU: collaboration in transparency and culture

Wednesday 22/01/2014 11:30-12:00 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building - 5G2*

Mario BORGHEZIO (NI, IT), Lorenzo FONTANA (EFD, IT), Paolo SABA, President UCEE (Unione Camere Esperti Europei) and Sheikh ADEL AL JASSAR

Aviation ETS

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:30-10:00 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building - 5G2*

Gerben-Jan GERBRANDY (ALDE,NL)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 2Q2*
(16:45-18:00)

- Debriefing on the outcome of the Foreign Affairs Council and presentation of the priorities of the Greek Presidency of the Council by Evangelos VENIZELOS, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Greek Republic

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 2Q2*
Votes (09:00-11:00)

- 2013 progress report on Bosnia and Herzegovina (RSP) - vote on a resolution, rapporteur Doris PACK (EPP, DE)
- 2013 progress report on Montenegro (RSP) - vote on a resolution, rapporteur Charles TANNOCK (ECR, UK)
- 2013 progress report on FYRoM (RSP) - vote on a resolution, rapporteur Richard HOWITT (S&D, UK)
- Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Community and the Republic of Indonesia, with the exception of matters related to readmission (NLE) - vote on a report by Ana GOMES (S&D, PT)
- Ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) (RSP) - vote on a resolution, rapporteur Arnaud DANJEAN (EPP, FR)

End of votes

- Assessing and setting priorities for EU relations with the Eastern partnership countries (INI) - discussion on a report by Paweł Robert KOWAL (ECR, PL)

(11:00-12:30)

"EU strategy towards Iran after Geneva" (*see Public Hearings*)

(15:00-16:00)

In association with the Delegation for relations with Switzerland and Norway and to the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee and the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

- Global foreign policy issues and state of play in EU-Switzerland relations - discussion with Yves ROSSIER, Swiss Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

(16:00-17:00)

- The situation in Iraq-discussion with Massoud BARZANI, President of the Kurdish Regional Government of Iraq

Committee on Development (DEVE)

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3E2*

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(15:15-16:00)

- The EU response to on-going humanitarian crises in South Sudan, Central African Republic and Syria - Discussion with Claus SØRENSEN, Director-General of DG ECHO

(16:00-18:30)

- Hearing on the place of humanitarian aid in EU external relations: the importance of respecting humanitarian principles, rapporteur Michèle STRIFFLER (EPP, FR) (*see Public Hearings*)

Tuesday 21/01/2014 10:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3E2
Votes (15:00-15:45)

- Relations between the EU on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other (CNS) vote on a report by Ricardo CORTÉS LASTRA (S&D, ES)
- Child malnutrition in developing countries (RSP), vote on a motion for a resolution further to a question for oral answer

(15:45-17:00)

- Mali: economic factors behind the crises - discussion and presentation of a study

(17:00-18:30)

- Priorities of the Greek Presidency of the Council in the area of Humanitarian Aid - Discussion with Akis GERONTOPOULOS, Deputy Foreign Minister

Committee on International Trade (INTA)

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 4Q1

- Priorities of the Greek Presidency of the Council - Presentation by Notis MITARAKIS, Deputy Minister for Development & Competitiveness of Greece and responsible amongst others for Exports and International Trade Relations

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 4Q1
Votes starting at 10:00

- Protection against dumped and subsidised imports from non member countries of the EC (COD) - Vote on a report by Christofer FJELLNER (EPP, SE)
- Statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures (COD) - vote on a report by Vital MOREIRA (S&D, PT)
- Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the EU (NLE) - vote on a report (consent) by Yannick JADOT (Greens/EFA, FR)
- Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Indonesia on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the EU (RSP) - vote on a resolution, rapporteur Yannick JADOT (Greens/EFA, FR)
- Authorising Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Union, the Arms Trade Treaty (NLE) - vote on a report (consent) by David MARTIN (S&D, UK)
- Implementation of the ATT within the scope of the EU's exclusive competence (RSP) - vote on a resolution
- Retaliatory measures against wine imported from the EU by the People's Republic of China (PRC) (RSP) - vote on a question for oral answer

End of votes

Committee on Budgets (BUDG)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-11:30 *Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 2Q2*

Interparliamentary committee meeting organised by the committee on Budgets

Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), room 1G-3*

Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT)

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), room 1G-3 15.00-16.30*

Discharge 2012: EU general budget - European Commission (DEC)

Discussion with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, László ANDOR, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors, Lazaros LAZAROU - Rapporteur, Markus PIEPER (EPP, DE)

16.30 – 18.30

2012 Discharge to the Agencies

Discussion in the presence of the Directors of the following Agencies:

- European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
- European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (FRONTEX)

in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors, Pietro RUSSO and the Director of the European Railway Agency (ERA), currently responsible for the coordination of the Agencies' network - Rapporteur: Petri SARVAMAA (EPP, FI)

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), room 1G-3 9.15 – 10.15*

Discharge 2012: EU general budget - European Commission (DEC° - Discussion with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Taxation, Customs, Statistics, Audit and Anti-Fraud, Algirdas SEMETA, in the presence of the Members of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Kersti KALJULAID and Henrik OTBO - Rapporteur, Markus PIEPER (EPP, DE)

Tuesday 21/01/2014 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), room 1G-3*

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), room 5G-3*

Workshop on cigarette smuggling (*see other events*)

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Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:00-16:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak building (PHS), room 7C050

Joint meeting with the LIBE committee

Wednesday 22/01/2014 16:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak building (PHS), room 7C050

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-12:30

Appointment of a member of the Court of Auditors (Klaus-Heiner LEHNE - DE) candidate nominated by the German authorities - Rapporteur, Inés AYALA SENDER (S&D, ES)

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

Monday 20/01/2014 16:00-19:30 Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building (PHS), room 3C50

- European Parliamentary Week 2014. See *Other events*

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:30-18:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 6Q2

- European Parliamentary Week 2014. See *Other events*

Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:00-17:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 6Q2

- European Parliamentary Week 2014. See *Other events (Room PHS 3C50)*
- Economic Dialogue and discussion with the Presidency of the Council (ECOFIN), Greek Minister for Finance, Yiannis STOURNARAS (15.00-16.30)

Votes (16.30-17.30)

- Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation concerning cooperation on the application of their competition laws (NLE) - Vote on a non-legislative report by George Sabin CUTAŞ (S&D, RO)
- Insurance mediation (recast) (COD) - Vote on a directive. Report by Werner LANGEN (EPP, DE)
- Long-term financing of the European economy (INI) - Vote on a resolution. Report by Wolf KLINZ (ALDE, DE)

End of votes

- Indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts (COD) - Discussion on amendments. Report by Sharon BOWLES (ALDE, UK). (09.00-10.15)

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 6Q2

- Money market funds (COD) - Discussion on amendments. Report by Saïd EL KHADRAOUI (S&D, BE) (10.15-11.15)
- European Long-term Investment Funds (COD) - Discussion on amendments. Report by Rodi KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU (EPP, GR) (11.45-12.30)

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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN) - Room 4Q1

- Negotiations with the Council on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services - discussion
- Presentation of the Work Programme 2014 of the following agencies (17.30 - 18.30)

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN) - Room 4Q1
Votes (9.30 - 10.40)

- Negotiations with the Council on measures facilitating the exercise of rights conferred on workers in the context of freedom of movement for workers (COD) - vote of outcome of negotiations with Council
- European Semester for economic policy coordination: Employment and Social Aspects in the Annual Growth Survey 2014 (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Sergio GUTIÉRREZ PRIETO (S&D, ES)
- How can the European Union contribute to creating a hospitable environment for enterprises, businesses and start-ups to create jobs? (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Anthea MCINTYRE (ECR, UK)

End of votes

(11.00 - 12.30)

- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Yannis VROUTSIS, Minister of Labour, Social Security & Welfare.

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 6Q2 (22.1. AM - József Antall building (JAN), room 4Q2 (22.1. PM

- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Spyridon-Adonis GEORGIAIDIS, Minister for Health (09.00-10.30)
- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Athanasios TSAFTARIS, Minister for Rural Development and Food (11.00-12.30)

Votes (15.00-18.30)

- Clinical trials on medicinal products for human use, and repeal of Directive 2001/20/EC (COD) - Vote on the results of negotiations pursuant to Rule 70(5). Report by Glenis WILLMOTT (S&D, UK)
- Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits arising from their utilization in the Union (COD) - Vote on the results of negotiations pursuant to Rule 70(5). Report by Sandrine BÉLIER (Greens/EFA, FR)
- Approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products (COD) - Vote on the results of negotiations pursuant to Rule 70(5). Report by Linda MCAVAN (S&D, UK)
- Objection pursuant to Rule 88(2): country of origin or place of provenance for fresh, chilled, and frozen meat of swine, sheep, goats and poultry (RSP) - Vote on a motion for a resolution.
- Shipments of waste (COD) - Vote on a regulation. Report by Bart STAES (Greens/EFA, BE)

End of votes

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 4Q2

- Amendment to Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community, in view of the implementation by 2020 of an international agreement applying a single global market-based measure to international aviation emissions (COD) - Discussion on amendments. Report by Peter LIESE (EPP, DE)
- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Yannis MANIATIS Minister for the Environment, Energy and Climate Change (**11.00-12.30**)

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP) - Room 1G-3 and József Antall building (JAN), room 2Q2

- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Michalis CHRISOCHOIDIS, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Networks, Kostis HATZIDAKIS, Minister for Development and Competitiveness, Giannis MANIATIS, Minister for Environment, Energy and Climate Change, and Konstantinos ARVANITOPOULOS, Minister for Education and Religious Affairs. (**09.00-12.30**)
- Discussion with László István IGNÉCZI, candidate for administrative manager of the body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) (**16.00-18.30**) (Room József Antall building (JAN), room 2Q2)

Thursday 23/01/2014 12:30-18:30 Brussels, József Antall building (JAN), room 2Q2
Votes (10.00-)

- Copernicus Programme (COD) - Discussion and vote on a consolidated text for a regulation. Report by Vittorio PRODI (S&D, IT)

Innovation Investment Package

Vote on reports by

- Teresa Riera Madurell (S&D, ES): **Innovative Medicines Initiative 2** Joint Undertaking
- Lambert van Nistelrooij (EPP, NL): **Bio-Based Industries** Joint Undertaking
- Paul Rübig (EPP, AT): **ECSEL** Joint Undertaking
- Christian Ehler (EPP, DE): Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking
- Vladko Todorov Panayotov (ALDE, BG): **Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2** Joint Undertaking
- Britta Thomsen (S&D, DK): Joint Undertaking to **develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR)** as regards the extension of the Joint Undertaking until 2024
- Miloslav Ransdorf (GUE/NGL, CZ): Participation of the Union in a **Research and Development Programme** jointly undertaken by several Member States aimed at supporting research performing small and medium-sized enterprises
- Niki Tzavela (EFD, EL): Participation of the Union in a **European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research** jointly undertaken by several Member States
- Vicky Ford (ECR, UK): Participation of the Union in a **second European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership Programme** jointly undertaken by several Member States
- Claude Turmes (Greens/EFA, LU): Participation of the Union in **the Active and Assisted Living Research and Development Programme** jointly undertaken by several Member States

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End of votes

- Discussion on the study 'The Consequences of REACH for SMEs' (15.00-18.30)

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP) - Room 3E-2

- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Kostis HATZIDAKIS, Minister for Development, Competitiveness, Infrastructure, Transport and Networks (15.00-16.30)

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP) - Room 3E-2

Votes (9.15-11.15)

- High common level of network and information security across the Union (COD) - Vote on a directive. Report by Andreas SCHWAB (EPP, DE)
- Simplification of the transfer of motor vehicles registered in another Member State within the Single Market (COD) - Discussion on a mandate to enter trialogue negotiations. Report by Toine MANDERS (ALDE, NL)
- Harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment (COD) - Consideration of the outcome of trialogue negotiations. (to be confirmed) Report by Barbara WEILER (S&D, DE)
- SOLVIT (INI) - Vote on a resolution by Morten LØKKEGAARD (ALDE, DK)
- Deployment of the eCall in-vehicle system (COD) - Vote on a regulation. Report by Olga SEHNALOVÁ (S&D, CZ)
- Single Market governance within the European Semester 2014 (INI) - Vote on a resolution. Report by Sergio Gaetano COFFERATI (S&D, IT)

End of votes

Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN)

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 4Q2

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 4Q2

- Authorisation to Member States to sign, ratify or accede to the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention of 1977 for the Safety of Fishing Vessels (NLE) - vote on a draft resolution by Werner KUHN (EPP, DE)
- Discussion with Patrick KY, Executive Director of EASA (10.30-11.30)
- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Miltiadis VARVITSIOTIS, Greek Minister for Shipping, Maritime Affairs & the Aegean (15.00-16.00)
- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Michalis PAPADOPOULOS, Greek Deputy Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Networks (16.00-17.00)

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Committee on Regional Development (REGI)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 1G2*

Votes (11.00-11.30)

- European Union Solidarity Fund (COD) - vote on a draft regulation by Rosa ESTARÀS FER-RAGUT (EPP, ES)
- European Commission's 7th and 8th progress reports on the EU Cohesion Policy and the Strategic Report 2013 on programme implementation 2007-2013 (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Vilja SAVISAAR-TOOMAST (ALDE, EE)

End of votes

- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Kostís HATZIDÁKIS, Greek Minister for Development and Competitiveness **(11.30-12.30)**
- Hearing on "The Reform of the European Union Solidarity Fund" **(15.00-16.30)** - see *Public Hearings*
- Discussion with Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for Regional Policy, on the State of Play of EU Cohesion Policy **(16.30-18.00)**

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 6Q2*

Votes (9.00-11.30)

- Management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material (COD) - presentation on the results of the trilogues and adoption of the consolidated text, report by Agnès LE BRUN (EPP, FR)
- The future of Europe's Horticulture sector - strategies for growth (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Anthea MCINTYRE (ECR, UK)
- Plant Breeding: What options to increase quality and yields (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Marit PAULSEN (ALDE, SE)

End of votes

- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Athanasios S. TSAFTARIS, Greek Minister for Rural Development and Food **(15.00 – 16.00)**
- Workshop on "Measures at farm level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from EU agriculture" **(16.00-18.00)** - see *Other events*

Committee on Fisheries (PECH)

Agenda

Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 4B001

- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Athanasios S. TSAFTARIS, Greek Minister of Rural Development and Food (**15.30-16.30**)

Votes (16.30-18.30)

- Financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (COD) - vote on a draft regulation by Maria do Céu PATRÃO NEVES (EPP, PT)
- Protocol between the EU and the Gabonese Republic setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force (NLE) - vote on a draft resolution by João FERREIRA (GUE/NGL, PT)
- Situation and Future Perspectives of the European Fishing Sector in the Context of the Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Thailand (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Gabriel MATO ADROVER (EPP, ES)

End of votes

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 4B001

Joint meeting with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (9.00 – 9.10, room ASP 3G3)

- Specific actions in the Common Fisheries Policy for developing the role of women - vote on a draft resolution by Raúl ROMEVA I RUEDA (Greens/EFA, ES) and Dolores GARCÍA-HIERRO CARABALLO (S&D, ES)
- Discussion with Maria DAMANAKI, Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, on fight against IUU (**15.00-16.00**) (*in camera*)

Committee on Culture and Education (CULT)

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G3

Hearing on "New technologies and open educational resources" (**15.00-18.00**) - see *Public Hearings*

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G3

Votes (9.00-12.30)

- Return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from the territory of a Member State (Recast) (COD) - vote on a draft directive by Marie-Christine VERGIAT (GUE/NGL, FR)
- Preparing for a fully-converged audiovisual world (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Sabine VERHEYEN (EPP, DE)

End of votes

- Priorities of the Greek presidency of the Council - discussion with Konstantinos ARVANITOPOULOS, Greek Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Panos PANAYIOTOPOULOS, Greek Minister of Culture and Sports and Simos KEDIKOGLOU, Deputy Minister attached to the Prime Minister and Government Spokesperson, responsible for Media

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Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI)

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 4B1*

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 4B1*

Votes (10.00 – 12.30)

- Amendment of Directive 2006/43/EC on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts (COD) - Consideration by committee: vote on agreed text - Rapporteur: Sajjad KARIM (ECR, UK)
- Specific requirements regarding statutory auditing of public-interest entities (COD) - Consideration by committee: vote on agreed text - Rapporteur: Sajjad KARIM (ECR, UK)
- Jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (COD) - vote - Rapporteur: Tadeusz ZWIEFKA (EPP, PL)
- EU Regulatory Fitness and Subsidiarity and Proportionality - 19th report on Better Lawmaking covering the year 2011 (INI) - vote on a resolution - Rapporteur: Sajjad KARIM (ECR, UK)
- 29th Annual Report on Monitoring the Application of EU Law (2011) (INI) - vote on a resolution - Rapporteur: Eva LICHTENBERGER (Greens/EFA, AT)
Private Copying Levies (INI) - vote on a resolution - Rapporteur: Françoise CASTEX (S&D, FR)

End of Votes

Priorities of the Greek Presidency - Discussion with Charalampos ATHANASSIOU, Minister for Justice - Transparency and Human Rights **(16.30 - 17.30)**

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

Tuesday 21/01/2014 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 5B1*

- Priorities of the Greek Presidency in the area of Justice and Home Affairs - Discussions with Charalampos ATHANASSIOU, Minister for Justice, Transparency & Human Rights, Ioannis MICHELAKIS, Minister for the Interior, and Nikolaos DENDIAS, Minister for Public Order & Citizen Protection **(15.00 - 17.30)**

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 4Q1*

Votes (9.45 - 10.00)

- Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Turkey on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (NLE) - adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Renate SOMMER (PPE, DE)
- Control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by Croatia and Cyprus of certain documents as equivalent to their national visas for transit through or intended stays on their territories not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period (COD) - Adoption of draft report and of the decision to enter into negotiations with Council (rule 70) - Rapporteur: Tanja FAJON (S&D, SI)

End of votes

- 16th hearing of the LIBE Committee inquiry on mass surveillance of EU citizens - **(10.00 - 11.00)** - see *Public Hearings (to be confirmed)*

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Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 3C50

- Hate crime in the European Union - Presentation by Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Head of Equality and Citizen's Rights Department, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (16.10 - 17.00)

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 3C50

Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 5G3

Public Hearing: "Relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission : parliamentarism or presidentialism ?" - see *Public Hearings*

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 5G3

- Statute and financing of European political parties and European political foundations (COD) - Rapporteur: Marietta GIANNAKOU (EPP, EL) - Presentation of the report on the Trialogue of December 17, 2013 (9.30 - 10.00)

Votes (10.00)

- Amendment of Article 136 of the EP Rules of Procedure on the participation of members at meetings (REG) - vote on a draft report - Rapporteur: Gerald HÄFNER (Greens/EFA, DE)

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G3

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G3
Joint meeting with the Committee on Fisheries (9.00 - 9.10)

- Specific actions in the Common Fisheries Policy for developing the role of women (INI) - vote on a resolution - Rapporteurs: Raúl ROMEVA I RUEDA (Greens/EFA, ES) - Dolores GARCÍA-HIERRO CARABALLO (S&D, ES)

End of Joint meeting

Votes (9.10 - 11.00)

- Combating Violence Against Women (INL) - vote on a resolution - Rapporteur: Antonyia PARVANOV (ALDE, BG)
- Sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality (INI) - vote on a resolution - Rapporteur: Mary HONEYBALL (S&D, UK)
- Equality between women and men in the European Union - 2012 (INI) - vote on a resolution - Rapporteur: Inês Cristina ZUBER (GUE/NGL, PT)

Committee on Petitions (PETI)

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Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G2

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Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:30-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G2
(15:30-18:30)

- Hearing on human rights in Russia (*see Public Hearings*)
- Discussion on the current human rights situation in South Sudan

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G2
(9:00-12:30)

- Discussion with Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
- Hearing on human rights in West Papua, Indonesia (*see Public Hearings*)

Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 5B001

With the Council and Commission and EEAS and jointly with the **Committee on Foreign Affairs**

- Situation in the Sahel - discussion with Michel REVEYRAND DE MENTHON, EU Special Representative for the Sahel
- Public hearing "European Council on Defence: What's next for CSDP?" (*see Public Hearings*)

Thursday 23/01/2014 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 5B001

Jointly with the **Committee on Foreign Affairs** and the **Committee on Development**

- The current status of operations in the Central African Republic (CAR) - discussion with General Cyrille CLAVER, Deputy to the Military Representative of France to the EU and NATO, Nicholas WESTCOTT, Managing Director for Africa (EEAS), and Didier LENOIR, Acting Director, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate (tbc)
- Latest developments in South Sudan - Discussion with Nicholas WESTCOTT, Managing Director for Africa, EEAS
- Training personnel for CSDP missions, operations and administration - Discussion with Rear Admiral Bruce WILLIAMS, Deputy Director-General, EU Military Staff, Giorgio PORZIO, Head of Division, Capabilities, Concepts, Training and Exercises, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate and Hans-Bernhard WEISSERTH, Head, European Security and Defence College

DELEGATIONS

Delegation to Bulgaria

Monday 20/01/2014 09:00-19:00 Bulgaria

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:00-19:00 Bulgaria

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-19:00 Bulgaria

A delegation from the **Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs** will visit Bulgaria from 20 to 22 January to assess the situation of asylum seekers and refugees, in particular from Syria. MEPs will meet Bulgarian authorities, including the Minister of the Interior, the President of the State Agency for Refugees and members of the Bulgaria National Assembly, the UN Refugee Agency representative and several organisations operating on the ground. They will also visit Voen-na Rampa reception centre, Harmanli reception centre, Pastrogor transit centre and will go to the Bulgarian-Turkish border.

Members taking part in the delegation are Frank Engel (EPP, LU, head of the delegation), Sylvie Guillaume (S&D, FR), Svetoslav Hristov Malinov (EPP, BG), Mariya Gabriel (EPP, BG), Iliana Malinova Iotova (S&D, BG) and Stanimir Ilchev (ALDE, BG).

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Hearing on European Parliament - Commission relations

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 5G3*

The **Constitutional Affairs Committee** is organising a public hearing on 20 January on "Relations between the European Parliament and the European Commission: Parliamentarism or Presidentialism". The hearing is connected to the draft report by **Paulo RANGEL** (EPP, PT) on the "**Implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon with respect to the European Parliament**".

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New technologies and open educational resources

Monday 20/01/2014 15:00-18:00 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G3*

The **Committee on Culture and Education** is organising a public hearing on Open Educational Resources in relation to its draft report. External experts and a representative from the Commission will discuss the opportunities and challenges of new technologies and open educational resources with the Members.

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The place of humanitarian aid in the EU's external action: the importance of respecting the humanitarian principles

Monday 20/01/2014 16:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3E2*

The **Committee on Development** will organise a public hearing on "The place of humanitarian aid in the EU's external action: the importance of respecting humanitarian principles".

In the first session, MEPs will discuss whether the comprehensive approach of the EU is an added value or a danger to principled humanitarian action with guest speakers: **Klaus SØRENSEN**, Director-General, ECHO, **Maciej POPOWSKI**, Deputy Secretary-General, EEAS, **Kathrin SCHICK**, Director, VOICE, and **Antoine GERARD**, Deputy Director of Coordination and Response Division, UNOCHA.

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In the second session, lessons from the field will be presented to MEPs by **Gilles HANSOUL**, Senior advisor on Operational Affairs, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), **Jean-Philippe GANASCIA**, Senior advisor for Civil-Military Relations, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and **Céline MIAS**, EU representative, CARE International.

Kristalina GEORGIEVA, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response will make a keynote speech at 17.10.

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EU strategy toward Iran after Geneva

Tuesday 21/01/2014 11:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 2Q2

MEPs will discuss the **EU strategy towards Iran after Geneva** with **Walter POSCH**, senior associate at Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) in Berlin, and **Rouzbeh PARSI**, senior lecturer at Lund University (Sweden).

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16th hearing of the Civil Liberties Committee inquiry into mass surveillance programmes

Wednesday 22/01/2014 10:00-11:00 Brussels, József Antall (JAN), room 4Q1

Andrei **SOLDATOV**, an investigative journalist from Russia, will explain how Moscow's communications interception practices work, in a video-conference, with Members of the **Civil Liberties Committee at a Hearing** on the inquiry into electronic surveillance of EU citizens. The hearing will take place on Wednesday from 10.00 to 11.00.

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The Reform of the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)

Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:00-16:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 1G2

The **Committee on Regional Development** is organising a hearing on the Reform of the European Union Solidarity Fund.

The EUSF was created to respond to natural disasters and express European solidarity towards the regions affected in Europe. It subsidises the Member States and candidate countries affected by a natural disaster. The reform should make the EUSF more sensitive and visible, improving and simplifying the procedural steps, introducing the possibility of advance payments and clarifying certain provisions so that assistance can be paid out more quickly than at present.

The hearing will look at practical experience with the implementation of the EUSF as well as at robustness, legitimacy and efficiency issues and other aspects of the EUSF in view of its reform.

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The human rights situation in Russia

Wednesday 22/01/2014 15:30-16:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G2

On Wednesday afternoon the **Subcommittee on Human Rights** will hold a hearing on **the human rights situation in Russia** with **Kirill KOROTEEV**, Senior lawyer, Memorial, **Tanya LOKSHINA**, Director of the Russia programme at Human Rights Watch and **Wanja KILDER**, Quarteera.

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European Council on Defence: What's next for CSDP?

Wednesday 22/01/2014 16:00-18:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak (PHS) building, room 5B001*

MEPs will discuss future steps on **the development of the Common Security and Defence Policy following the December European Council on Defence** with **Pedro SERRANO**, Principal Advisor on External Affairs to the President of the European Council, **Maciej POPOWSKI**, EEAS Deputy Secretary General, **Ambassador Dimitrios TOULOUPAS**, Greek representative to the Political and Security Committee, and representatives of the European Commission.

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Human rights in West Papua, Indonesia

Thursday 23/01/2014 11:15-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli (ASP) building, room 3G2*

MEPs in the **Subcommittee on Human Rights** will discuss the situation in West Papua, Republic of Indonesia with **Zely ARIANE**, National Papua Solidarity, Jakarta, **Norman VOß**, The International Coalition for Papua (ICP), **Victor MAMBOR**, Alliance of Independent Journalists, West Papua, **Morgan MC SWINEY**, EEAS and **H.E. Mr Arif Havas OEGROSENO**, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the EU.

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OTHER EVENTS

European Parliamentary Week 2014

Monday 20/01/2014 16:00-19:30 *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building (PHS), room 3C50*

Tuesday 21/01/2014 09:30-18:30 *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building (PHS), room 3C50*

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-13:30 *Brussels, Paul Henri Spaak building (PHS), room 3C50*

The European Parliamentary Week (EPW) will take place from 20 to 22 January 2014 at the EP premises in Brussels. The EPW will bring together parliamentarians from all over the European Union to discuss economic, budgetary and social matters. The purpose of this event is to enhance the democratic dimension of the EU decision-making process and to strengthen cooperation between national Parliaments and the European Parliament, within their own remit, in order to scrutinise the actions of the executive at national and European levels.

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Measures at farm level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from EU agriculture

Tuesday 21/01/2014 16:00-18:00 *Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 6Q2*

The **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development** is organising a workshop on 'Measures at farm level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from EU agriculture'. Jordi DOMINGO (Fundación Global Nature, Spain) and Sylvain PELLERIN (INRA, France) will present concrete measures which could be implemented at farm level and will identify the CAP tools that could support the implementation of such measures in the 2014-2020 period.

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Workshop on cigarette smuggling

Wednesday 22/01/2014 09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli building (ASP), room 5G-3*

The **Budgetary Control Committee** will organise a workshop on cigarette smuggling, Michael THEURER (ALDE, DE), Chair of the committee will introduce the workshop.

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