

The Week Ahead 19 – 25 October 2020

Agenda

Remote plenary session

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Due to the serious public health situation in Belgium and France, the President, in agreement with EP group leaders, has decided that the October II session will take place [remotely](#).

Future of EU Farm Policy. MEPs will debate and vote on plans to reform the EU's farm policy, to make it more sustainable, resilient and flexible. The package includes plans to enhance mandatory climate- and environmentally-friendly practices, reduce payments to bigger farms and channel more money to smaller farms and young farmers, to help them deal with crises and simplify rules on carrying out checks and controls. (*debate Tuesday, final votes and results Friday*)

Sakharov Prize 2020 Winner. EP President David Sassoli will announce the winner of the 2020 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought at noon on Thursday. The finalists are: the democratic opposition in Belarus, represented by the Coordination Council, an initiative of brave women and political and civil society figures; Guapinol activists and Berta Cáceres in Honduras; Mgr Najeeb Michael, Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq. (*Thursday*)

Digital Services. MEPs will present their demands on how digital services, including online platforms and marketplaces, should be regulated and how they expect the Commission to address and tackle current shortcomings in the online environment in its Digital Services package, due to be presented by the end of the year. (*debate Monday, final votes Tuesday, results Wednesday morning*)

Artificial Intelligence. MEPs will outline their vision of how the EU can best regulate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and what AI rules are needed on ethics, liability and intellectual property rights, so that the EU can become a global leader in its development. (*debate Monday, final votes Tuesday, results Wednesday morning*)

Deforestation. To ensure that EU consumption does not lead to global deforestation, MEPs are expected to call for binding legislation based on traceability requirements and mandatory due diligence for companies placing products on the EU market. (*debate Wednesday, final vote and result Thursday*)

Member states selling EU passports. MEPs will quiz the Commission about possible measures to stop third-country criminals from buying EU citizenship documents or visas to gain access to EU territory. (*Thursday*)

Commission Work Programme for 2021. MEPs will debate the Commission's 2021 work programme, presented by Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič, focussing on its plans to boost recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and build a resilient, carbon-neutral and digitally advanced EU economy. (*Tuesday*)

EU summit. In a debate with European Council President Charles Michel, MEPs will comment on the outcome of the 15-16 October EU Summit, particularly on EU-UK relations, COVID-19 coordination measures, climate change and EU-Africa relations. (*Wednesday*)

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President's Diary. EP President David Sassoli will meet the European Ombudswoman, Emily O'Reilly, on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday, he will meet the Prime Minister of North Macedonia, Zoran Zaev. On Sunday, he is travelling to Portugal for an official visit.

Press briefing. The European Parliament's and the groups' spokespersons will hold a press briefing on the plenary session at 16:00 on Monday, in the "Anna Politkovskaya" EP press conference room and via skype. Group leaders are due to brief the media on Tuesday morning.

[EP Press service contacts](#)

PLENARY SESSION

Monday 19 October 2020

17:00 - 22:30 Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business

Joint debate - Digital services and Artificial intelligence

- **Digital Services Act: Improving the functioning of the Single Market**
Report: Alex Agius Saliba (A9-0181/2020)
[2020/2018(INL)]
[Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection](#)
- **Digital Services Act: adapting commercial and civil law rules for commercial entities operating online**
Report: Tiemo Wölken (A9-0177/2020)
[2020/2019(INL)]
[Committee on Legal Affairs](#)
- **Digital Services Act and fundamental rights issues posed**
Report: Kris Peeters (A9-0172/2020)
[2020/2022(INI)]
[Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs](#)
- **Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies**
Report: Ibán García Del Blanco (A9-0186/2020)
[2020/2012(INL)]
[Committee on Legal Affairs](#)
- **Civil liability regime for artificial intelligence**
Report: Axel Voss (A9-0178/2020)
[2020/2014(INL)]
[Committee on Legal Affairs](#)

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- **Intellectual property rights for the development of artificial intelligence technologies**

Report: Stéphane Séjourné (A9-0176/2020)

[2020/2015(INI)]

[Committee on Legal Affairs](#)

- **The future of European education in the context of Covid-19**

Report: (O-000053/2020, O-000052/2020)

[2020/2760(RSP)]

- **Obligations of the Commission in the field of visa reciprocity in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1806**

Report: (O-000049/2020)

[2020/2605(RSP)]

Short presentations of the following reports:

- **Recommendation to the Council and the VPC/HR concerning the Implementation and governance of Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)**

Report: Radosław Sikorski (A9-0165/2020)

[2020/2080(INI)]

[Committee on Foreign Affairs](#)

- **Report on the implementation of the EU Association Agreement with the Republic of Moldova**

Report: Dragoș Tudorache (A9-0166/2020)

[2019/2201(INI)]

[Committee on Foreign Affairs](#)

19:15 - 20:30 Voting session

- **Remark: Votes may be redistributed along the different voting sessions depending on the number of amendments and number of requests for split and separate votes**

- **Single votes**

- ***] • **Amending Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 as regards specific measures on L-category end-of-series vehicles in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

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Report: Maria Grapini (A9-0190/2020)

[2020/0251(COD)]

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

- **Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund: application EGF/2020/001 ES/Galicia shipbuilding ancillary sectors**

Report: Valérie Hayer (A9-0192/2020)

[2020/1996(BUD)]

Committee on Budgets

- **Discharge decisions**
- **Tomáš Zdechovský (CONT A9-0188/2020) - Discharge 2018: General budget of the EU - European Economic and Social Committee(Vote: 13/05/2020, debate: 14/05/2020)**
- **Tomáš Zdechovský (CONT A9-0189/2020) - Discharge 2018: General budget of the EU - European Council and Council(Vote: 13/05/2020, debate: 14/05/2020)**

Tuesday 20 October 2020

09:00 Announcement of results

- **Announcement of results**

09:15 - 10:30 First voting session

- **Votes on amendments**
- **Radosław Sikorski (AFET A9-0165/2020) - Recommendation to the Council and the VPC/HR concerning the Implementation and governance of Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)**
- **Dragoş Tudorache (AFET A9-0166/2020) - Report on the implementation of the EU Association Agreement with the Republic of Moldova**
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09:15 - 13:00 Debates

Joint debate - CAP

- ***| • **Common agricultural policy - support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States and financed by the EAGF and by the EAFRD**
Report: Peter Jahr (A8-0200/2019)
[2018/0216(COD)]
[Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development](#)
- ***| • **Common agricultural policy: financing, management and monitoring**
Report: Ulrike Müller (A8-0199/2019)
[2018/0217(COD)]
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- ***| • **Common agricultural policy – amendment of the CMO and other Regulations**
Report: Eric Andrieu (A8-0198/2019)
[2018/0218(COD)]
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14:30 - 15:45 Second voting session

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[2019/2060(DEC)]
[Committee on Budgetary Control](#)

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Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0189/2020)
[2019/2057(DEC)]
Committee on Budgetary Control
- **Votes on amendments**
- **Alex Agius Saliba (IMCO A9-0181/2020) - Digital Services Act: Improving the functioning of the Single Market**
- **Tiemo Wölken (JURI A9-0177/2020) - Digital Services Act: adapting commercial and civil law rules for commercial entities operating online**
- **Ibán García Del Blanco (JURI A9-0186/2020) - Framework of ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, robotics and related technologies**
- **Stéphane Séjourné (JURI A9-0176/2020) - Intellectual property rights for the development of artificial intelligence technologies**

15:00 - 18:00 Debates

- **Commission Work Programme 2021**
[2020/2772(RSP)]
- **Recommendation to the Council, the Commission and the VPC/HR on relations with Belarus**
Report: Petras Auštrevičius (A9-0167/2020)
[2020/2081(INI)]
Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **Recommendation to the VPC/HR and to the Council in preparation of the 10th Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty (NPT) review process, nuclear arms control and nuclear disarmament options**
Report: Sven Mikser (A9-0020/2020)
[2020/2004(INI)]
Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **Police brutality within the EU**
[2020/2823(RSP)]

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20:00 - 21:15 Third voting session

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- **Peter Jahr (AGRI A8-0200/2019) - Common agricultural policy - support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States and financed by the EAGF and by the EAFRD**
- **Ulrike Müller (AGRI A8-0199/2019) - Common agricultural policy: financing, management and monitoring**
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Wednesday 21 October 2020

09:15 - 11:00 First voting session

- **Votes on amendments**
- **Motion for a resolution - The future of European education in the context of Covid-19**
- **Peter Jahr (AGRI A8-0200/2019) - Common agricultural policy - support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States and financed by the EAGF and by the EAFRD**
- **Ulrike Müller (AGRI A8-0199/2019) - Common agricultural policy: financing, management and monitoring**
- **Eric Andrieu (AGRI A8-0198/2019) - Common agricultural policy – amendment of the CMO and other Regulations**

09:15 - 13:00 Debates

- **Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 15 and 16 October 2020, in particular the negotiations of the future relations with the UK**
[2020/2773(RSP)]

Joint debate - Policies of the euro area 2020

- **Economic policies of the euro area 2020**
Report: Joachim Schuster (A9-0193/2020)
[2020/2078(INI)]
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- **Employment and social policies of the euro area 2020**
Report: Klára Dobrev (A9-0183/2020)
[2020/2079(INI)]
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

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Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **Votes on amendments**
- **Joachim Schuster (ECON A9-) - Economic policies of the euro area 2020**
- **Klára Dobrev (EMPL A9-0183/2020) - Employment and social policies of the euro area 2020**
- **Peter Jahr (AGRI A8-0200/2019) - Common agricultural policy - support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States and financed by the EAGF and by the EAFRD**
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- **EU measures to mitigate social and economic impact of Covid-19**
[2020/2792(RSP)]
- **Deforestation**
Report: Delara Burkhardt (A9-0179/2020)
[2020/2006(INL)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

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Thursday 22 October 2020

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- **Gender Equality in EU's foreign and security policy**
Report: Ernest Urtasun (A9-0145/2020)
[2019/2167(INI)]
Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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- **Serious security threats through the sale of EU passports and visas to criminals**
[2020/2824(RSP)]
- **State of the Energy Union**
[2020/2825(RSP)]
- **Aligning the Energy Charta Treaty with the European Green Deal**
[2020/2827(RSP)]

12:00 Announcement of the Sakharov Prize

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13:00 Announcement of results

- **Announcement of results**

14:30 - 15:45 Second voting session

- **Final vote**
- **Deforestation**
Report: Delara Burkhardt (A9-0179/2020)
[2020/2006(INL)]
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
- **Votes on amendments**
- **Ernest Urtasun (FEMM A9-0145/2020) - Gender Equality in EU's foreign and security policy**
- **Peter Jahr (AGRI A8-0200/2019) - Common agricultural policy - support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States and financed by the EAGF and by the EAFRD**
- **Ulrike Müller (AGRI A8-0199/2019) - Common agricultural policy: financing, management and monitoring**

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18:00 - 19:15 Third voting session

- **Final votes**

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Report: Peter Jahr (A8-0200/2019)

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[2018/0216(COD)]

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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Report: Ulrike Müller (A8-0199/2019)

[2018/0217(COD)]

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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Report: Eric Andrieu (A8-0198/2019)

[2018/0218(COD)]

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

21:30 Announcement of results

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 19/10/2020

17:00 Opening plenary session

17:30 Bureau meeting

The President's agenda

Tuesday 20/10/2020

PLENARY SESSION

The President's agenda

Wednesday 21/10/2020

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10:30 Videoconference with the European Ombudswoman, Ms Emily O'Reilly

11:30 Meeting with the Chief Negotiator of Task Force for the Brexit, Mr Michel Barnier

15:00 Press conference tomorrow on the latest COVID-19 developments and major files on this week's plenary agenda

The President's agenda

Thursday 22/10/2020

PLENARY SESSION

10:00 Meeting of the Conference of Presidents

14:00 Videoconference with the Prime Minister of North Macedonia, Mr Zoran Zaev; SPAAK protocol entrance

The President's agenda

Sunday 25/10/2020

Visit to Portugal

PRESS CONFERENCES

Pre-session briefing

Monday 19/10/2020 16:00-17:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Briefing Greens/EFA

Tuesday 20/10/2020 10:30-11:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Ska KELLER (DE), and Philippe LAMBERTS (BE), Co-Chairs

Briefing GUE/NGL

Tuesday 20/10/2020 12:00-12:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Manon AUBRY (FR), and Martin SCHIRDEWAN (DE), Co-Chairs

S&D Briefing

Tuesday 20/10/2020 14:00-14:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, (ES), Chair

David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament, on “Latest situation on COVID-19 and European Parliament's response”

Wednesday 21/10/2020 15:00-16:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*