

The Week Ahead 30 September – 06 October 2019

Commissioners-designate hearings and committees' meetings, Brussels

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Hearings of Commissioners-designate. From Monday afternoon until Thursday evening, MEPs will hold public hearings of Commissioners-designate in the parliamentary committees, to examine whether a candidate is qualified both to be Member of the College of Commissioners and to carry out their assigned duties. Hearings are set to last until 8 October.

Each Commissioner-designate will face a three-hour hearing in one or several committees related to their assigned portfolio. MEPs will assess their ability and willingness to address citizens' concerns and deliver on the programme that President-elect Ursula von der Leyen presented to MEPs in July. The detailed schedule of the [hearings can be found here](#).

2020 EU budget. The Budgets Committee will adopt their position on next year's annual budget, the last of the current multiannual framework, to be confirmed in plenary on 23 October. After that, the EP's negotiating team will strive to find an agreement with the Council before the end of the conciliation period on 18 November. (*Tuesday*)

Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean. The Civil Liberties Committee will hold a public hearing on the Search and Rescue operations in the Mediterranean with Carola Rackete, ship captain of the Sea Watch rescue vessel, Ammiraglio Vittorio Alessandro from the Italian coastguard "Guardia costiera" as well as representatives from the Commission, FRONTEX and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights. (*Thursday*)

President's diary. EP President David Sassoli will attend the public Assembly of the Employers' Association of Turin (Unione Industriale di Torino), in Turin on Monday. Mr Sassoli will open the "Mediterraneo" exhibition in the EP Yehudi Menuhin space on Tuesday. On Wednesday, he will meet European Trade Union Confederation General Secretary Luca Visentini, Lombardy Region President Attilio Fontana and European Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly, as well as meeting with H.S.H. Princess Stéphanie of Monaco and Latvian Prime Minister Arturs Kariņš.

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THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's agenda

Monday 30/09/2019

11:00 Public Assembly of the Industrial Union of Turin (TNE-Torino Nuova Economia)

The President's agenda

Tuesday 01/10/2019

18:00 Opening of the exhibition "Mediterraneo" (Yehudi Menuhin)

The President's agenda

Wednesday 02/10/2019

10:00 Meeting with Mr Visentini ETUC General Secretary

11:00 Official welcome to Latvian Prime Minister Kariņš (PHS ground floor)

14:30 Meeting with Mr Fontana, President of Regione Lombardia

15:00 Pass by Library and DG ITEC Innovation Week

16:00 Meeting with European Ombudsman Ms Emily O'Reilly

17:00 Official welcome to H.S.H. Princess of Monaco

PRESS CONFERENCES

“5G, Health Risks and Precautionary Principle : A new rationale”

Tuesday 01/10/2019 11:30-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050

Philippe LAMBERTS (Greens /EFA, BE), Co-President, Michèle RIVASI (Greens/EFA, FR), Klaus BUCHNER (Greens/EFA, DE), Martin PALL, Marc ARAZI, and Maurizio MARTUCCI

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Tuesday 01/10/2019 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Vote

- Committee's opinion to the General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections

Debates

- EU-Australia Strategic Partnership: debate with Honourable Kevin Andrews, Father of the Australian House of Representatives, and a delegation from the Australian Parliament
- The Outcome of the UN Climate Action Summit: debate with Joyce Msuya, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Committee on Development, Subcommittee on Human Rights

Monday 30/09/2019 17:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

- Sakharov Prize 2019: Presentation of candidates

Committee on Development

Monday 30/09/2019 15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2

- The EU's humanitarian aid policies: lessons learned from the past five years. Debate with Christos Stylianides, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management

Committee on Budgets

Tuesday 01/10/2019 10:00-18:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

15.00 – 18.00

General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections (BUD) - Co- rapporteurs: Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE) and Eider GARDIAZABAL RUBIAL (S&D, ES) - Adoption of budget amendments (to be confirmed)

Committee on Budgets

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Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Wednesday 02/10/2019 14:30-15:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A001

Vote

Agenda

- Economic policies of the euro area 2019 (INI) - Vote on a report by Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE)

Committee on Regional Development

Wednesday 02/10/2019 15:00-18:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Votes

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections (BUD) - Adoption of draft opinion

Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations

- European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund (COD) - rapporteur Andrea Cozzolino (S&D, IT)
- Specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments (COD) - rapporteur Pascal Arimont (EPP, BE)
- Mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context (COD) - Cristian Ghinea (Renew, RO)
- Adjustment of annual pre-financing for the years 2021 to 2023 (COD) - rapporteur Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska (ECR, PL)

Committee on Fisheries

Wednesday 02/10/2019 09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

- How is the existing European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) being used? - Presentation by the Commission
- State of the Seas - Exchange of views with Commission representatives on the state of the stocks in the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, including a progress report on the Malta MedFish4Ever Declaration

Committee on Fisheries

Thursday 03/10/2019 09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001

- International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES): How ICES advises on sustainable management of fish stocks and marine ecosystems - Presentation by Colm Lordan, Vice-Chair, Advisory Committee, ICES

Committee on Culture and Education

Tuesday 01/10/2019 15:00-17:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3

Votes

- General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 - all sections (BUD) - rapporteur for opinion Petra Kammerevert (S&D, DE)
- Election of the fourth Vice-Chair

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Thursday 03/10/2019 09:00-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

- Hearing on "Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean" - draft programme will be available here.

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Agenda

Monday 30/09/2019 17:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3*

Draft agenda is available [here](#)

Committee on Petitions

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