

## The Week Ahead 25 November – 01 December 2019

### Plenary session, Strasbourg

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**Election of the European Commission.** As Parliament's President and political group leaders declared the public hearings of candidates closed, Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission, will present her team of Commissioners-designate to Parliament and discuss the new Commission's objectives with MEPs. Parliament will then decide (by simple majority) whether to approve the College of Commissioners in its entirety. If elected, the European Commission will take up office on 1 December. A press conference by President Sassoli and President-elect von der Leyen is scheduled for 13.30 (*Wednesday*)

**Climate Emergency/COP25.** MEPs will debate the climate and environmental emergency and discuss how to ensure that the EU leads in countering climate change, ahead of the UN climate change conference (COP25) in Madrid on 2-13 December. There will be a vote on two draft resolutions calling for the EU to commit to cutting greenhouse gas emissions to make the EU reach climate neutrality by 2050. (*Debates Monday, votes Thursday*)

**EU budget 2020.** Next year's budget for investing in the EU and its member states, which was agreed with the Council on 18 November, will be put to the plenary vote and immediately signed into law by Parliament's President. (*Debate Tuesday, vote Wednesday*)

**EU summit.** MEPs, First Commission Vice-President Frans Timmermans and a representative of the Finnish Presidency will discuss Parliament's priorities in anticipation of the European Council meeting (Brussels, 12-13 December). The main topics on the summit agenda are the EU long-term budget, EU climate change strategy, and external relations. (*Tuesday*)

**Oleg Sentsov.** Last year's laureate of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought will address plenary at 12.00 on Tuesday. The Ukrainian filmmaker, who was released from prison on 7 September, will receive his prize in person from EP President Sassoli. Oleg Sentsov and President Sassoli will hold a joint press conference at 12:45. (*Tuesday*)

**US tariffs on EU food.** Measures to mitigate the impact of the WTO Airbus ruling and subsequent tariffs levied by the US on European agricultural goods will be discussed with the Commission and wrapped up by a resolution on Thursday. (*Debate Monday, vote Thursday*)

**Violence against women.** MEPs will discuss and vote on measures to halt violence against women and urge all member states to ratify the Istanbul Convention. To mark the international day for the elimination of gender-based violence, Parliament's building will be lit up in orange on Monday evening by President Sassoli. (*Debate Monday, vote Thursday*)

**Lux Prize.** The 2019 Lux Film Prize of the European Parliament will be awarded in plenary on Wednesday at 13.00, in the presence of the three finalist filmmakers. A press conference will take place at 15.30. (*Wednesday*)

# Agenda

**President's diary.** EP President David Sassoli will meet President-elect Ursula von der Leyen on Monday. On Tuesday, he will meet with Prime Minister of Portugal, António Costa, and the 2018 Sakharov Prize laureate Oleg Sentsov. On Wednesday, the President will meet the President of the European Investment Bank, Werner Hoyer, the Irish Minister for European Affairs, Helen Mc Entee, and a delegation from the Japanese Parliament.

**Pre-session press briefing.** The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing with political groups' spokespersons at 16:30 on Monday in the Daphne Caruana Galizia Press conference room, Strasbourg.

[EP Press service contacts](#)

**Monday 25/11/2019**

## PLENARY SESSION

**17:00 - 21:00** Debates

- Resumption of session and order of business
- **2019 UN Climate Change Conference (COP25)**  
*Report: (O-000030/2019, O-000029/2019)*  
[2019/2712(RSP)]
- **EU accession to the Istanbul Convention and other measures to combat gender-based violence**  
[2019/2855(RSP)]
- **Measures to address the impact on European agriculture of the WTO ruling on the Airbus dispute**  
[2019/2895(RSP)]
- **One-minute speeches (Rule 172)**

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's agenda

16:00 Meeting with President-elect Ursula von der Leyen

17:00 Opening

17:30 Sassoli to light up European parliament building for Orange the world campaign

## PRESS CONFERENCES

**16:30-17:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**Last minute session briefing**

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**19:00-21:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

# Agenda

## Committee on Budgets

- Outcome of the conciliation Budget 2020 - Exchange of views
- Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Greece (BUD) - Rapporteur: Eva KAILI (S&D, EL) - Adoption of draft report

**19:30-22:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.4*

## Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

### *Hearing*

- European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) - Appointment procedure - hearing of the shortlisted candidates

**19:30-21:30** *Strasbourg, Salvador de Madariaga, S1*

## Committee on Constitutional Affairs

### *Debate*

- The Conference on the Future of Europe and the role of the European Parliament - exchange of views

**Tuesday 26/11/2019**

## PLENARY SESSION

**09:00 - 11:50 Debates**

(possibly) Votes on requests for urgent procedure (Rule 163)

- **Preparation of the European Council meeting of 12 and 13 December 2019**  
[2019/2722(RSP)]

**12:00 - 12:30 Formal sitting**

- **Address by Oleg Sentsov, Sakharov Prize Laureate 2018**

**12:30 - 14:30 VOTES followed by explanations of votes**

- \* • **Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Joëlle Elvinger**  
*Report: Olivier Chastel (A9-0030/2019)*  
[2019/0815(NLE)]  
[Committee on Budgetary Control](#)
- \* • **Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - François Roger Cazala**  
*Report: Isabel García Muñoz (A9-0031/2019)*  
[2019/0814(NLE)]  
[Committee on Budgetary Control](#)
- \* • **Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Alex Brenninkmeijer**  
*Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0028/2019)*  
[2019/0813(NLE)]  
[Committee on Budgetary Control](#)
- \* • **Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Nikolaos Milionis**  
*Report: Sándor Rónai (A9-0027/2019)*  
[2019/0812(NLE)]  
[Committee on Budgetary Control](#)

# Agenda

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  - **Nomination of a member of the Court of Auditors - Klaus-Heiner Lehne**  
*Report: Tomáš Zdechovský (A9-0029/2019)*  
[2019/0811(NLE)]  
[Committee on Budgetary Control](#)
  - **Mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2020**  
*Report: Monika Hohlmeier*  
[2019/2027(BUD)]  
[Committee on Budgets](#)
  
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  - **EU-Ukraine Agreement amending the trade preferences for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations provided for by the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement**  
*Report: Enikő Győri (A9-0024/2019)*  
[2019/0132(NLE)]  
[Committee on International Trade](#)
  
  - **Children rights in occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Convention of the Rights of the Child**  
[2019/2876(RSP)]
  
  - **Texts on which debate is closed**

## 15:00 - 21:00 Debates

- **Debates on foreign affairs issues in the presence of the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**
  
- **2020 budgetary procedure**  
[2019/2028(BUD)]  
[Committee on Budgets](#)

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's agenda

- 10:45 Meeting with Prime Minister of Portugal, Mr António Costa
- 11:30 Meeting of the 2018 Sakharov Prize laureate Oleg Sentsov

12:00 Sakharov Prize Ceremony  
12:45 Press conference 2018 Sakharov Prize

## PRESS CONFERENCES

**09:00-09:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**“Outcomes of the third trilogues on the social and market aspects of the 'Mobility' package I”**

Karima DELLI (Greens/EFA, FR), Chair of the Transport Committee

**10:10-10:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**S&D Briefing**

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, (ES), Chair

**10:30-10:50** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**Greens/EFA Briefing**

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

**11:10-11:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**EPP Briefing**

Manfred WEBER (DE), Chair

**12:45-13:45** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament, on “Sakharov Prize 2018”**

**10:50-11:10** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**Renew Europe Briefing**

Dacian CIOLOȘ (RO), Chair

**11:30-11:50** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**GUE/NGL Briefing**

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

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

**10:00-10:30** *Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 200*

**Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs**

**Vote**

- European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) - Appointment procedure - vote on the candidates for the post of EDPS

Wednesday 27/11/2019

## PLENARY SESSION

### 09:00 - 11:30 Debates

- **Presentation by the Commission President-elect of the College of Commissioners and their programme**  
[2019/2801(RSP)]

### 12:00 - 12:30 VOTES

- **Election of the Commission**  
[2019/2109(INS)]
- **Texts on which debate is closed**

### 12:30 - 13:00 (Award of the LUX Prize)

### 15:00 - 21:00 Debates

- **Topical debate (Rule 162)**
- **On-going negotiations for a new EU-ACP Partnership Agreement**  
[2019/2832(RSP)]

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's agenda

- 12:00      Vote on European Commission
- 13:00      Lux Prize Ceremony
- 13:30      Joint Press conference with Ursula Van der Leyen
- 15:30      Meeting with Mr Carballada Piñeiro and Mr Durán López, President and Vice-President of the ONCE Social group
- 16:00      Meeting with President European Investment Bank, Mr Werner Hoyer
- 17:30      Meeting with Irish Minister for European Affairs, Ms Helen Mc Entee



19:15 Meeting with the Japanese Parliament delegation (Protocol room)

## PRESS CONFERENCES

**13:30-14:30** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament, with Ursula Von Der LEYEN, President-elect of the European Commission**

**15:30-16:00** *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1.2*

**“LUX Film Prize”**

Klára DOBREV (S&D, HU), Vice-president of the European Parliament, Sabine VERHEYEN (EPP, DE), Chair of the Culture and education committee, Mads BRÜGGER, Teona MITEVSKA, and Rodrigo SOROGOYEN

Thursday 28/11/2019

## PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 Debates

**Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 144)**

12:00 - 14:00 VOTES followed by explanations of votes

- **Motions for resolutions concerning debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 144)**
- **Texts on which debate is closed**

15:00 - 16:00 Debates

**Major interpellations (Rule 139)**

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:00 *Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3*

### Committee on Budgetary Control

- Discharge 2018: General budget of the EU - European External Action Service (DEC) - Rapporteur: Tomáš ZDECHOVSKY (EPP, CZ) - Exchange of views with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica MOGHERINI, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Pietro RUSSO
- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - European Commission (DEC) - Rapporteur: Monika HOHLMEIER (EPP, DE) - Exchange of views with Neven MIMICA, Commissioner responsible for International Cooperation & Development, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Baudilio Tomás MUGURUZA
- 2018 discharge: General budget of the EU - 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th EDFs (DEC) - Rapporteur: Michèle RIVASI (Greens/EFA, FR) - Exchange of views with Neven MIMICA, Commissioner responsible for International Cooperation & Development, in the presence of the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Baudilio Tomás MUGURUZA

Friday 29/11/2019

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

### The President's agenda

18:00      Speech at the Institut Jacques Delors