



## The Week Ahead 04 – 10 May 2015

### Committee meetings, Brussels

**State aid/taxes.** The Special Committee on Tax Rulings will hold a debate with competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager, who has recently launched state aid investigations in Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Ireland and Belgium, plus tax professionals from the “big four” accountancy firms. *(Tuesday)*

**Directors' pay.** A draft law that would give shareholders "a say on pay" of listed company directors, by enabling them to approve or reject remuneration policies every three years, will be put to a vote in the Legal Affairs Committee. *(Thursday)*

**TTIP/ISDS.** Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström will join the International Trade Committee to debate new ideas for Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) in the Transatlantic Investment Partnership (TTIP) deal. *(Wednesday)*

**Economic governance.** Ahead of the June European Council on the economic coordination framework, Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee MEPs will vote their stance on Europe's economic governance architecture, including recommended changes. *(Wednesday)*

**Stability and Growth Pact/France.** French Finance Minister Michel Sapin will debate the state of the French economy with the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee. Members are likely to focus on France's deficit and a two years' leeway it was granted by the Commission to get its public spending into line with EU Stability and Growth Pact criteria. *(Thursday)*

**Asylum/unaccompanied minors.** A legislative amendment to the Dublin Regulation to clarify which EU country should process asylum applications for unaccompanied minors will be put to a vote in the Civil Liberties Committee. *(Wednesday)*

**Russia/Crimea.** One year after Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea, the Foreign Affairs Committee will vote on a resolution on the Black Sea strategic military situation. *(Monday)*

**President's diary.** President Schulz will attend a ceremony commemorating Jewish victims in WWII and deliver a speech at the annual Remembrance Day ceremony, in Nijmegen (the Netherlands), on Tuesday. On Thursday Mr Schulz will meet Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte on Thursday. On Friday, he will deliver a speech at the commemoration event "Train of 1000 – International Youth-meeting Auschwitz 2015", in Auschwitz-Birkenau. Also on Friday, Mr Schulz will attend the Citizens' Dialogue event at the 2015 EXPO in Milan, where he will open the EU pavilion on Saturday.



# Agenda

**Press briefing.** The EP Press Service will hold a press briefing on the week's activities at 11.00 on Monday. (*EP press conference room "Anna Politkovskaya", Brussels*)

Monday 04/05/2015

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

17:30-20:00

### The President's agenda

#### Nijmegen

17:30 Welcome by Hubert Bruls, mayor of Nijmegen - Town Hall Nijmegen, Korte Nieuwstraat 6

17:40 Signing of the visitors book of Nijmegen - Town Hall Nijmegen, Korte Nieuwstraat 6

18:00 Attending the ceremony for the commemoration of Jewish victims of World War II - Kitty de Wijze Square

19:00 Speech at the annual ceremony for the national commemoration of Remembrance Day - St. Stevens Church, Sint Stevenskerkhof 62

## PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

### Briefing on parliamentary agenda

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

### Committee on Foreign Affairs

- Exchange of views with a High Level Group of Parliamentarians from Tanzania (16:00 - 17:00)

#### Votes

- The impact of developments in European defence markets on the security and defence capabilities in Europe (2015/2037(INI)) – rapporteur: Ana GOMES (S&D, PT). Adoption of draft report
- The strategic military situation in the Black Sea Basin following the illegal annexation of Crimea by Russia (2015/2036(INI)) – rapporteur Ioan Mircea PAȘCU (S&D, RO). Vote on draft report

#### End of votes

15:00-18:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050*

### Committee on Budgetary Control

- ECA Special Report N° 4/2015 (2014 Discharge): Technical assistance: what contribution has it made to agriculture and rural development? - Rapporteur, Karin KADENBACH (S&D, AT) - Presentation of the Special Report by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Kersti KALJULAID, and consideration of a working document

# Agenda

- ECA Special Report No 1/2015 (2014 Discharge): Inland Waterway Transport in Europe: No significant improvements in modal share and navigability conditions since 2001 - Andrey NOVAKOV (EPP, BG) - Presentation of the Special Report by the Member of the European Court of Auditors responsible, Iliana IVANOVA, and consideration of a working document

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

## **Committee on Transport and Tourism**

- Discussion with Frank BRENNER, Executive Director of Eurocontrol

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002**

## **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development**

- Hearing on "How to simplify the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)" (**15.00-18.30**) - see *Public Hearings*

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3**

## **Committee on Culture and Education**

- Workshop on "Innovative Schools –teaching & learning in the Digital Era" (**15.00-18.30**) - see *Special events*

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

## **Committee on Regional Development**

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3**

## **Committee on Petitions**

- Discussion with a delegation from the Bundestag (Germany) on the petitions system in Germany and the EU, best practices applied, followed by discussion on various petitions by German citizens (**15.00-16.45**)

## **DELEGATIONS**

**09:00-19:00**

### **Legal Affairs delegation to Munich**

**Munich, Germany**

**4-5 May 2015**

MEPs Pavel SVOBODA (EPP, CZ), Angelika NIEBLER (EPP, DE ) and Constance LE GRIP (EPP, FR) from the Legal Affairs Committee will visit the European Patent Office (EPO) in Munich, Germany on 4-5 May. The delegation will meet the President of the EPO, Benoît BATTISTELLI, EPO's Vice president Raimund LUTZ and other staff to discuss the state of play of implementation of the unitary patent, patent law harmonization, patent related TTIP negotiations as well as patentability of biotech and climate change mitigation technologies.

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**15:00-18:30** *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002*

### The simplification of the CAP

On Monday afternoon, the **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development** will discuss with representatives of EU's executive, farmers and paying agencies the Commission's plans to simplify the EU's farm policy and its provisions on greening, market measures and administrative burden as announced by the Agriculture Commissioner Phil Hogan during the committee meeting on 24 March this year. The hearing will be organised in three panels to allow MEPs discuss the simplification from the farmer's point of view, listen to current problems and suggestions from paying agencies and wrap up the hearing with a debate on feasible solutions for simplification of the CAP.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**15:00-17:30** *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3*

### "Innovative Schools -Teaching & Learning in the Digital Era"

Members of the **Committee on Culture and education** will discuss with experts the role of new technologies, digital skills and digital tools, as well as related challenges in European education systems. Participants will address the problems of digital skills as a key competence for teaching and learning, the advantages and disadvantages of using digital tools and also the hindrances for teachers both in teaching and improving their skills.

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Tuesday 05/05/2015

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

08:30-12:30

### The President's agenda

Heerlen/ Brussels/ Hamburg

8:30 Visit to the Euroregional Police Information and Cooperation Centre (EPICC) - Spoorsingel 1, Heerlen

11:30 Meeting with thalidomide survivors - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Grand Salon Protocolaire

## PRESS CONFERENCES

09:30-10:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

### "Family Equality Day - Europe: families without borders!"

Daniele VIOTTI (S&D, IT), Sergio LO GIUDICE

11:00-11:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

### " The Holocaust of Memory"

Stelios KOULOGLOU (GUE/NGL, EL)

12:30-13:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

### "Impact of budgetary cuts in public health"

Ernest URTASUN (GREENS/EFA, ES)

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

08:30-18:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2*

### Committee on Foreign Affairs

- Exchange of views with Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, on the Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy – interparliamentary meeting with delegations from the Foreign Affairs Committees of the National Parliaments
- Exchange of views on the preparation of the June European Summit on Defence with Alain LE ROY, EEAS Executive Secretary General and Michael BARNIER, Special Adviser on European Defence and Security Policy (tbc) - interparliamentary meeting with delegations from the Security and Defence Committees of the National Parliaments. In association with the Subcommittee on Security and Defence
- Hearing on "A Security Strategy for Libya" - *See Public Hearings*

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2*

### Special Committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect

# Agenda

- Discussion with Margrethe VESTAGER, Commissioner for Competition
- Discussion with Dr Wolfgang NOLZ, Chair of Code of Conduct Working Group of the Council
- Discussion with stakeholders

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

## **Committee on Budgetary Control**

**15h00-18h30**

**Joint Hearing with BUDG Committee (see public hearings)**

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

## **Committee on Transport and Tourism**

- Hearing on "Road haulage market" (**15.00 - 17.30**) - see *Public hearings*
- Discussion with Violeta BULC, Commissioner for Transport, on the Commission's Work Programme 2016

**10:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

## **Committee on Regional Development**

- Investment for jobs and growth: promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion in the Union (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Tamás Deutsch (EPP, HU)
- Discussion with José Manuel FERNANDES, general rapporteur, budget 2016

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002**

## **Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development**

- Discussion with José Manuel FERNANDES (BUDG Rapporteur) on the Budgetary Procedure for 2016
- Discussion with a Commission representative on the extension of the period of eligibility of expenditure in Rural Development Programmes for the 2007-2013 period

**Votes (15.00-18.30)**

- The fruit and vegetables sector since the 2007 reform (INI) - vote on a draft resolution by Nuno Melo (EPP, PT)

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G3**

## **Committee on Culture and Education**

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

## **Committee on Constitutional Affairs**

- **Joint Hearing** with the **Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs** on institutional aspects of the new rules on economic governance and the role of the Eurogroup (**09.30-12.30**) - see *Public Hearings*

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G3**

## **Committee on Petitions**

- Discussion with European Commission First Vice-President Frans TIMMERMANS with responsibility for Better Regulation, Interinstitutional

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

09:30-12:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

### Institutional aspects of the new rules on economic governance and the role of the Eurogroup

Jointly with the Constitutional Affairs and Economic and Monetary Affairs committees

In a two panel discussion, MEPs will discuss with invited academic experts (1) the role of the Eurogroup in the economic governance framework and (2) the institutional aspects of governance of the Eurozone by the Eurogroup: a democratic challenge.

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15:00-17:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2*

# Agenda

## The road haulage market

Members of the **Committee on Transport and Tourism** will discuss future challenges of the European road haulage sector focussing on social conditions and safety with road haulage sector employer and employee representatives and experts from OECD, the Commission and academia

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**17:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

## A Security Strategy for Libya

Foreign Affairs MEPs are set to debate a security strategy for Libya with experts on Tuesday 5 May from 17:00 in József Antall 2Q2 room. Mediation efforts between two parallel governments in Tobruk and in Tripoli will be discussed with Hugues MINGARELLI, EEAS Managing Director and EU Special Representative for Libya, and Claudia GAZZINI, Senior analyst for Libya of the International Crisis Group. Omar ASHOUR from the British Royal Institute of International Affairs will discuss the UNSMIL mission in the field of arms collection and Kenneth DEANE, EU Civilian Operations Commander (EEAS) will focus on the role of the EU.

**15:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

## "Control challenges in the EU's own resources system"

**A joint hearing will be organised by CONT and BUDG committees** on "Control challenges in the EU's own resources system".

The hearing will be introduced by the two co-rapporteurs, Inés AYALA SENDER (S&D, ES) and Janusz LEWANDOWSKI (EPP, PL)

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**18:00-20:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, ASP 05D**

## The first 5 years of permanent Presidency of the European Council

DG EPRS organises a roundtable discussion with EP President, Martin Schulz, Former European Council President, Herman Van Rompuy and Danuta Hübner, Chair of the EP Constitutional Affairs Committee.

The roundtable discussion will evoke "the Van Rompuy experience" between 2009 and 2014.

# Agenda

These will take place in the EPRS Library reading room (ASP 05D).

Wednesday 06/05/2015

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

14:00-20:00

### The President's agenda

Liège/ Brussels

14:00 Visit to the "Liège Expo 14-18", followed by press statement - Liège Guillemins station, Guillemins Square 2, Liège

19:00 Keynote speech at the European Evening of Sports - European Olympic Committees EU Office, Cortenbergh Street 52, Brussels

## PRESS CONFERENCES

14:00-14:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

### "Reconciliation by truth: 70 years after the end of the war"

Udo VOIGT (NI, DE)

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3*

### Subcommittee on Human Rights

- Public hearing on Sport (Large sporting events) and Human Rights jointly with the Committee on Culture and Education (09:00 - 11:00) - see *Public Hearings*
- Discussion on human rights in Central Asia

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-2*

### Committee on Development

- Election Observation Mission (EOM) to Nigeria 2015 - presentation of the preliminary conclusions by Santiago FISAS AYXELA, EU Chief Observer of the EOM
- United Nations Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 14-18 March 2015, Sendai, Japan - presentation by Enrique GUERRERO SALOM (S&D, ES), Committee on Development standing rapporteur for humanitarian aid, of the report on the Committee mission
- Humanitarian response to the earthquake in Nepal - discussion with a representative of the European Commission, DG ECHO

09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 5B001*

### Subcommittee on Security and Defence

- Public hearing "The implementation of the security research programme for conflict prevention and peace building" with the Council and Commission and EEAS (09:00 - 10:30) - see *Public Hearings*
- Workshop "Pooling and Sharing: Member States' engagement and the support by the EU" (10:30 - 12:30) - see *Public Hearings*

# Agenda

- Non-proliferation and disarmament related issues, including landmines and the iTrace project - discussion with Joëlle JENNY, Director for Security Policy and Conflict Prevention, EEAS (15:00 - 18:30)
- European defence capabilities: the state of play before the June European Council - discussion with Jorge DOMECCQ, Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency (EDA)

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

## **Committee on Industry, Research and Energy**

- Energy Community, Presentation of activities by Mr Janez KOPAČ, Director of the Energy Community Secretariat and discussion
- Structured Dialogue European Parliament - European Commission, discussion with Andrus ANSIP, Vice-President for Digital Single Market

**09:00-17:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

## **Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs**

- Discussion with Timothy G. MASSAD, Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

### **Votes**

- Building a Capital Markets Union - Adoption of motion for a resolution
- The review of the economic governance framework: stocktaking and challenges - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Pervenche BERÈS (S&D, FR)

### **End of votes**

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

## **Committee on International Trade**

- Discussion with the Commission on the Stabilization mechanism for bananas under the Trade Agreement with Colombia and Peru
- Discussion with Commissioner Cecilia MALMSTRÖM on Structured Dialogue European Parliament - European Commission - joint debate
- Discussion with Commissioner Cecilia MALMSTRÖM on investment protection in TTIP - joint debate

**11:30-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3**

## **Committee on Budgets**

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

## **Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety**

- Veterinary medicinal products - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Françoise GROSSETÊTE (EPP, FR)
- Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Claudiu Ciprian TĂNĂSESCU (S&D, RO)
- Reduction of pollutant emissions from road vehicles - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Albert DEß (EPP, DE)

## Votes

- Conclusion of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the joint fulfilment of commitments thereunder - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Elisabetta GARDINI (EPP, IT)
- Limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Andrzej GRZYB (EPP, PL)

## End of votes

- Objection pursuant to Rule 106: removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances - Exchange of views on the basis of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Renate SOMMER (EPP, DE), Elisabetta Gardini (EPP, IT)

## 09:00-17:30 *Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1*

### Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

- Discussion with Elżbieta BIEŃKOWSKA, Commissioner responsible for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Discussion with Jyrki KATAINEN, Vice President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness

## 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001*

### Committee on Fisheries

- Multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks (COD) - rapporteur Jarosław Wałęsa (EPP, PL), vote on a formal mandate: decision on the opening of negotiations and on the negotiating team
- Prohibition on driftnet fisheries (COD) - vote on a draft regulation by Renata Briano (S&D, IT)
- Provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area (COD) - rapporteur Gabriel Mato (EPP, ES), vote on the early second reading political agreement
- Exchange of views with the Commission on illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing (**16.30-18.30**) (*in camera*)

## 09:00-18:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E2*

### Committee on Legal Affairs

- Discussion with Farida SHAHEED, the United Nations' special rapporteur on Copyright Policy and the right to science and culture (**11.00-11.45**)

### *In camera (15.00-18.30)*

Request for the waiver of parliamentary immunities (IMM) of the following and vote on draft reports:

- Viktor USPASKICH (ALDE, LT), rapporteur Laura FERRARA (EFDD, IT)
- Jérôme LAVRILLEUX (EPP, FR), rapporteur Heidi HAUTALA (Greens/EFA, FI)
- Janusz KORWIN-MIKKE (NI, PL), rapporteur Kostas CHRYSOGONOS (GUE/NGL, EL)
- Theodoros ZAGORAKIS (EPP, EL), rapporteur Andrzej DUDA (ECR, PL) (*vote to be confirmed*)

# Agenda

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2**

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

The European Agenda on Security - discussion with the Commission **(09.10-10.30)**

### **VOTES (11.15-12.00)**

- Provisional legal aid for suspects or accused persons deprived of liberty and legal aid in European arrest warrant proceedings (COD) – vote on a draft report by Dennis de JONG (GUE/NGL, NL)
- Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union: accession of Croatia to the Convention of 26 May 1997 (NLE) - vote on a draft report by Filiz HYUSMENOVA (ALDE, BG)
- Mutual assistance in criminal matters: accession of Croatia to the 2000 Convention and 2001 Protocol thereto (NLE) - vote on a draft report by Birgit SIPPEL (S&D, DE)
- International protection: Member State responsible for examining the application of unaccompanied minors (COD) – vote on a draft report by Cecilia WIKSTRÖM (ALDE, SE)

**Joint meeting with the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (12.00-12.30), Room PHS 3C050 - see separate draft agenda**

- Prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing (COD) - discussion and vote on draft recommendations for second reading by Krišjānis KARIŅŠ (EPP, LV) and Judith SARGENTINI (Greens/EFA, NL)
- Information accompanying transfers of funds (COD) - discussion and vote on draft recommendations for second reading by Peter SIMON (S&D, DE) and Timothy KIRKHOPE (ECR, UK)
- Situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration (INI), co-rapporteurs Roberta METSOLA (EPP, MT) and Kashetu KYENGE (S&D, IT) - discussion **(15.00-17.00)**

### ***In camera (17.30-18.30)***

- EU-US agreement on the protection of personal data when transferred and processed for law enforcement purposes (EU-US "umbrella agreement") - debriefing and discussion on the last two negotiations rounds

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G2**

## **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**

### **VOTES (10.00-12.30)**

- Ending the practice of early forced marriage of girls (RSP) - vote on question for oral answer
- Maternity leave (RSP) - vote on question for oral answer and on motion for a resolution further to a question for oral answer
- EU Strategy for equality between men and women post 2015 (INI), rapporteur Maria NOICHL (S&D, DE) - vote on draft report

### ***end of votes***

- Hearing on women's careers in science and university and glass ceilings encountered (INI), rapporteur Elissavet VOZEMBERG (EPP, EL) **(15.00-16.30)** -

see *Public Hearings*

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

**09:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, P5B001**

### **The implementation of the security research programme for conflict prevention and peace building**

Security and Defence Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "The implementation of the security research programme for conflict prevention and peace building" on Wednesday from 9:00 in room PHS 05B001. Representatives of DG Home and DG Research of the European Commission will take part in the hearing together with Angela LIBERATORE from the European Research Council and Dr. Jan Sjoerd DE VRIES from the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO).

**09:00-11:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3**

### **Sport (Large sporting events) and Human Rights**

The hearing will focus on large sporting events and their links to human rights issues. The recently adopted pledges on the obligations of host governments by the International Olympic Committee under the "Olympic Agenda 2020" will also provide an excellent basis for discussions with key stakeholders such as sports federations, sponsors and organising committees.

**10:30-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, P5B001**

### **Workshop on "Pooling and Sharing: Member States' engagement and the support by the EU"**

Security and Defence MEPs will debate Member States' engagement and the support by the EU in Pooling and Sharing on Wednesday from 10:30 in room PHS 5B001. Christian MÖLLING from Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (Berlin) will discuss the state of play and recommendations for the Pooling and Sharing in Europe, while Alex NICOLL from International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) (London) will focus on the reasons for continuing the efforts of Pooling and Sharing.

**15:00-16:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G2**

### **Women's careers in science and university and glass ceilings encountered**

Organised by the **Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee**, this hearing will examine the reasons why women are under-represented at higher hierarchical levels in the research field, even in sectors where they represent a majority. The hearing will serve as additional input for the work on the report by Elissavet VOZEMBERG (EPP, EL) and MEPs will discuss with invited experts on how best to tackle the problem.

The report underlines the presence of artificial or invisible barriers that limit the advancement of women to higher positions, particularly in the science and academic career fields. Programme initiatives and positive measures to promote gender equality are needed to erase barriers such as negative stereotypes, maternity and other family obligations, discrimination of professions into male and female, the pay gap and risk of sexual harassment.

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Thursday 07/05/2015

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

10:00-20:00

### The President's agenda

#### Brussels

10:00 Opening speech at the 18th International WDR Europaforum "Euro crisis, debt crisis – now the political crisis?" - European Parliament Brussels

10:30 Participating in the panel discussion at the 18th International WDR Europaforum "Euro crisis, debt crisis – now the political crisis?" - European Parliament Brussels

13:55 Official welcome of Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, Protocol entrance

14:00 Meeting with Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Grand Salon Protocolaire

15:30 Meeting with Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 9th floor, Salon Protocolaire A

17:30 Closing Speech at European Business Summit - Egmont Palace - 1000 Brussels

19:00 Opening speech at the European TV Gala of the Media Prize for Integration and Cultural Diversity - European Parliament Brussels

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11:30-12:00 *Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A050*

### The European Commission's public consultation on the international Minamata Convention

Michèle RIVASI (Greens/EFA, FR)

## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3*

### Subcommittee on Human Rights

- Discussion with Zeid Ra'ad Zeid AL-HUSSEIN, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

09:00-12:30 *Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-2*

### Committee on Development

- Discussion on tackling the root causes of the refugee crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa: the contribution of development cooperation
- Food security and agricultural development - state of play and post-2015 challenges - discussion with representatives of Agricord, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural

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Development (IFAD), and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-3**

## Committee on International Trade

- Extension of the provisions of the EC-Uzbekistan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement to bilateral trade in textiles (2010/0323(NLE)) – rapporteur: Maria ARENA (S&D, BE) - discussion with stakeholders

### Votes

- Strategy for the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in third countries (2014/2206(INI)) – Alessia Maria MOSCA (S&D, IT). Vote on draft report

### End of votes

- Presentation of the study "When choosing means losing: The Eastern partners, the EU and the Eurasian Economic Union"
- Presentation of the Comparative Study on Access to Documents (and confidentiality rules) in international trade negotiations

**09:00-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050**

## Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- Economic Dialogue and discussion with Michel SAPIN, Minister of Finance and Public Accounts of France

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2**

## Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

### Votes

- Establishment of a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Georgi PIRINSKI (S&D, BG)
- Family Businesses in Europe - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Zdzisław KRASNOŃBSKI (ECR, PL)
- The urban dimension of EU policies - Adoption of draft opinion - Rapporteur: Evelyn REGNER (S&D, AT)

### End of votes

- Reducing inequalities with a special focus on child poverty - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Inês Cristina ZUBER (GUE/NGL, PT)
- **The current situation of employment and working conditions in the European civil aviation sector - Discussion with experts**
- Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation in combatting unemployment - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Verónica LOPEFONTAGNÉ (EPP, ES)

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2**

## Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

- Follow up to the European Citizens' Initiative Right2Water - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Lynn BOYLAN (GUE/NGL, IE)

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**09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

## **Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection**

- Discussion with Gunther H. OETTINGER, Commissioner responsible for Digital Economy & Society
- Public Hearing: EEA-Switzerland: Obstacles with regard to the full implementation of the internal market - Rapporteur: Andreas SCHWAB (EPP, DE) - see *Public Hearings*

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001**

## **Committee on Fisheries**

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2**

## **Committee on Industry, Research and Energy**

### **Votes**

- European Energy Security Strategy - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Algirdas SAUDARGAS (EPP, LT)

### **End of votes**

- The work of the European Network for Transmission System Operators (ENTSO) in the context of the Energy Union, Presentation by ENTSO and discussion

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E2**

## **Committee on Legal Affairs**

### **VOTES (10.00-11.30)**

- Corporate governance: long-term shareholder engagement; corporate governance statement (COD), rapporteur Sergio Gaetano COFFERATI (S&D, IT) - vote on draft report
- Insolvency proceedings: scope and implementation of the Regulation (COD), rapporteur Tadeusz ZWIEFKA (EPP, PL) - vote on draft recommendation for second reading
- Towards a renewed consensus on the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights: An EU Action Plan (INI), rapporteur Pavel SVOBODA (EPP, CZ) - vote on draft report

**09:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A2**

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

**09:00-12:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G2**

## **Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**11:00-12:25 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1**

## **EEA-Switzerland: Obstacles with regard to the full implementation of the internal market**

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On Thursday at 11.00 the **Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection** will hold a hearing on "EEA-Switzerland: Obstacles with regard to the full implementation of the internal market". MEPs are concerned by the growing transposition of internal market rules deficit in those countries. This hearing will allow Members to debate the issue with experts and to prepare for the adoption of respective IMCO report - Rapporteur: Andreas Schwab (EPP, DE).

Friday 08/05/2015

## THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

12:30-13:30

### The President's agenda

#### Auschwitz-Birkenau

12:30 Speech at the commemoration event "Train of 1000 – International Youth-meeting Auschwitz 2015" - Auschwitz-Birkenau

**Saturday 09/05/2015**

## **THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY**

### **The President's diary**

#### **Milan**

Morning      Participation to the Citizens' Dialogue with HR/VP Federica Mogherini: "The European Union at EXPO: working for a sustainable future" – EXPO Milan