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PLENARY SESSION PRIORITIES - GUE/NGL GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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SITUATION IN HUNGARY/CYPRUS

GABI ZIMMER GERMANY

The fourth amendment package since 2012 to the Hungarian constitution proves that Viktor Orban is moving Hungary towards an autocracy. These latest changes



undermine democratic rights, significantly reduce the power of the constitutional court, and restrict press freedom and election campaigning. The European Parliament must condemn this violation of fundamental EU principles. On Cyprus, we strongly demand that the actions of the Troika and finance ministers be made transparent and accountable. For the sake of democracy and the people of Cyprus.

Debates: Wednesday

ECB REPORT

MARISA MATIAS

PORTUGAL

The European Parliament must have a critical position on the decisions the ECB has been making within the scope of its mandate, and also on the decisions it has



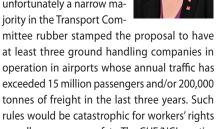
been making outside its mandate, namely in the context of the Troika. In 2011, those decisions had damaging consequences in the eurozone economy and 2012 and 2013 have demonstrated that fact in a spectacular and alarming way. If the European Parliament fails to have such a critical position, it will be actively responsible for those misguided policies.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday

GROUND HANDLING

SABINE WILS GERMANY

Following plenary's rejection last December of plans to further liberalise airport ground handling services, unfortunately a narrow ma-



rules would be catastrophic for workers' rights as well as passenger safety. The GUE/NGL continues its long-standing opposition to this proposal and calls on plenary to send it to the scrapheap.

Vote: Tuesday

FINANCIAL SUPERVISION

JÜRGEN KLUTE

GERMANY

Undoubtedly it is a great success for the European Parliament and citizens that, from 2014 on, bankers' bonuses are to be limited, banks will have to report on their net

income and pay taxes and bigger banks will have Nevertheless, crucial measures that should have limited the indebtedness of banks have been $\,$ from the Parliament on its budget for 2011. postponed. Therefore, CRD IV is a step in the right $\,$ The $\,$ GUE/NGL therefore fully supports the direction but the door out of the crisis is still far recommendation from the Committee.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Tuesday

THIS WEEK

GUE/NGL PRESS BRIEFING TUESDAY 14:30

Constitutional situation in Hungary Gabi Zimmer

European Central Bank annual report Marisa Matias

Current situation in Cyprus Takis Hadzigeorgiou

Capital Requirements (CRD IV) Jürgen Klute

Press Conference Room LOW N-1/201

BUDGET DISCHARGE

DENMARK

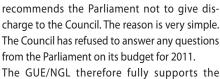
ment discusses giving discharge to EU institutions and agencies. Once again the **Budget Control Committee**

to hold more capital in order to secure lending. charge to the Council. The reason is very simple. The Council has refused to answer any questions

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday

SØREN SØNDERGAARD

Every year in April the Parlia-



ACP ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS

HELMUT SCHOLZ GERMANY

Denying Kenya, Namibia and other developing countries access to the EU market from 2014 on if they do not ratify and implement an EPA by then would sabotage regional integration in Africa. If Kenya wanted to comply it would have to leave the East African Community. While at the 1st reading Parliament sought to at least postpone the deadline until 2016, David Martin (S&D) brokered a compromise for October 2014 with Council - a date that conveniently coincides with the end of Commissioner De Gucht's term. Parliament must re-establish its 1st reading position in plenary.





EU-TURKEY RELATIONS PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY 15:00 in LOW N-1/201 Jürgen Klute and Ahmet Turk, Member of the Turkish Parliament and DTK Co-President.



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