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CLIMATE TARGETS

MARTINA ANDERSON

IRELAND

Just four months after the IPCC published a report showing that 95% of scientific research points to human action being the cause of climate change, the European Commission has unfortunately published anaemic 2030 climate and energy targets which are simply not fit for purpose. The three targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions, renewable energy and energy efficiency must be ambitious, robust and legally binding if we are to avoid unprecedented global warming.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday



PASSENGER COMPENSATION

JAROMIR KOHLIČEK

CZECH REPUBLIC

Although the number of passengers and flights in the liberalised European market continues to rise, unfortunately this has not been accompanied by an increase in service quality. The Bach report aims to clear up the grey areas that exist in the current regulation and determine how passenger rights can be accurately and clearly enforced. It is problematic if an air carrier does not automatically recognise passenger rights as a rule, as is the case for rail transport. Passengers should not have to individually assert their rights against large international entities.

Debate: Wednesday; Vote: Wednesday



THIS WEEK

GUE/NGL PRESS BRIEFING TUES 14:30

Helmut Scholz - Ukraine
Jacky Henin - Steel industry
Marie-Christine Vergiat - Refugee push-backs
Martina Anderson - 2030 Climate and energy policies

Press conference room LOW N-1/201

HOMOPHOBIA ROADMAP

DENNIS DE JONG

THE NETHERLANDS

Unfortunately, homophobia is still increasing in Europe. So far, Vice-President Reding of the European Commission has refused to develop a roadmap against homophobia. With the adoption of the present report, we can increase the pressure on the Commission to at last become more active and produce a proposal for such a roadmap before the end of the current mandate.

Debate: Monday; Vote: Tuesday



STEEL INDUSTRY

JACKY HENIN

FRANCE

The steel industry is closely linked to many other European industrial fields such as the car industry. Despite the pressure on the sector, we can't just focus on only retaining the most skilled posts, continuing restructuring that destroys jobs, or calls for greater international competition. We will continue to work with the unions and all stakeholders for a solution that involves safeguarding the steel industry in Europe..

Vote: Tuesday



ARMS TRADE TREATY

HELMUT SCHOLZ

GERMANY

Weapons destroy irrevocably the highest human right of all, the right to live. Therefore it is only to be welcomed that the community of nations has agreed to push for a stop to the lucrative trade in arms. The European Parliament supports this request and authorises the member states to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). From the very beginning the GUE/NGL group has fought for the ATT and will vote in favour of the resolution.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday



SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

CORNELIA ERNST

GERMANY

This directive introduces a European framework that will make it easier for workers from outside the EU to be granted work permits for seasonal work. Most importantly, these workers will receive equal treatment with regard to work conditions and pay. We are happy to support the only legislative act in this term that intends to facilitate legal migration.

Debate: Wednesday; Vote: Wednesday



UNDOCUMENTED WOMEN MIGRANTS

MIKAEL GUSTAFSSON

SWEDEN

If the way the EU treats asylum seekers and migrants wasn't deplorable enough, the situation for undocumented migrants in the EU is even worse as they have little or no access to basic services in the host country. As usual, it is the women from this vulnerable group who come off worst as they are discriminated against on multiple fronts: due to their gender, legal status, and background. This report assesses the obstacles undocumented migrant women face when it comes to housing, healthcare, education, fair working conditions, and access to legal support. It makes proposals on how the fundamental rights of undocumented women migrants can be protected at both the EU and the member state level.

Debate: Monday; Vote: Tuesday



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