

The Week Ahead 23 – 29 September 2024

Committee and political groups' meetings

Digital euro. The Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will discuss the latest developments of the digital euro project with Piero Cipollone, member of the European Central Bank's Executive Board. The digital euro project was launched in July 2021. MEPs will start working on the draft regulation for establishing the Digital Euro in the coming weeks (*Monday*).

2023 natural disasters. The Budgets Committee will vote to mobilise the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Greece and France to deal with the effects of six natural disasters that occurred in 2023 (*Monday*).

2024 Sakharov Prize. MEPs and the political groups will present their nominations for the 2024 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, the highest tribute paid by the EU in the field of human rights, at a joint meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Human Rights Subcommittee and Development Committee. The vote on the three finalists will take place in October (*Thursday*).

Priorities of the Hungarian Presidency. Hungary's ministers will present their priorities in the Environment, Food Safety and Public Health Committee and the Development Committee. Hungary holds the rotating Presidency of the Council until the end of 2024 (*Monday and Thursday respectively*).

President's diary. European Parliament President Roberta Metsola will be in New York for the United Nations General Assembly on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, the President will participate in the World Economic Forum Roundtable on 'Advancing a Global Agenda through a Geopolitical Recession', meet the Prime Minister of Albania Edi Rama, deliver a keynote speech at the Concordia Summit and attend the event on the "Sustainable Development Goal 4: Educating for the Next Generation" hosted by UN Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown and the Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley. On Tuesday, she will attend the opening session of the UN General Assembly, meet Tony Blair, Executive Chair of the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, and deliver a keynote speech on 'Citizen Social Responsibility: Bolstering Democracies through Civic Engagement', organised by the Clinton Global Initiative. On Thursday, President Metsola will deliver a speech on 'The Renewal of the EU' at the closing session of Campus FAES 2024, organised by the FAES Foundation.

Monday 23 September 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

United Nations General Assembly, in New York, USA (local time)

12:30 President Metsola participates at the World Economic Forum Roundtable 'Advancing a Global Agenda through a Geopolitical Recession'

14:05 President Metsola meets the Prime Minister of Albania Edi Rama

15:20 President Metsola delivers a Keynote Speech at the Concordia Summit

18:30 President Metsola attends the event "Sustainable Development Goal 4: Educating for the Next Generation" hosted by the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown and the Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Mottley

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

14:45-17:45 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debates

- Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme - Exchange of views with Anikó RAISZ, State Secretary for Environmental Affairs and the Circular Economy, Hungarian Council Presidency
- Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme - Exchange of views with Péter TAKÁCS, Minister of State for Health, Hungarian Council Presidency

15:00-16:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on Budgets

Vote

- Mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Greece and France relating to six natural disasters occurred in 2023 (2024/0212(BUD)) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Georgios AFTIAS (EPP, EL)

Debates

- Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund for Displaced Workers – EGF/2024/001 BE/Match - Belgium - Consideration of draft report
- Draft amending budget no 4 to the general budget 2024 - update of revenue (own resources) and adjustments to some decentralised agencies (2024/0185(BUD)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Siegfried MUREȘAN (EPP, RO)

15:00-16:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Debates

- Update on the digital euro - exchange of views with Piero Cipollone, Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank
- Public Hearing with Dominique Laboureix, Chair of the Single Resolution Board (SRB) (16.00 – 17.00)
- Scrutiny of delegated acts and implementing measures - exchange of views on the Commission Delegated Regulation of 24.07.2024 amending Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 (CRR) with regard to the date of application of the own funds requirements for market risk

15:00-17:45 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5E-2

Subcommittee on Human Rights

Debates

- Exchange of views on the human rights situation in Bangladesh
- Exchange of views with Stella RONNER GRUBAČIĆ, Deputy Managing Director for Values and Multilateral Relations, EEAS
- Exchange of views with representatives from the Human Rights and Democracy Network:
 - Camilo TOVAR, International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights
 - Emma ACHILLI, EU adviser, International Dalit Solidarity Network
 - Roy VIRAH-SAWMY, Policy Coordinator, European Partnership for Democracy

15:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3E-2

Committee on Fisheries

Debates

- Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic sea for 2025 and amending Regulation 2024/257 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters - COM(2024)0386 - presentation by the Commission
- Cuts in anchovy quotas in Atlantic Iberian waters for the years 2024 and 2025 - exchange of views with the Commission

- EU Oceans and Fisheries Policy – Latest Developments and Future Challenges: Fisheries policies, Aquaculture policies, Ocean Governance and Blue Economy - presentation of a study by the Policy Department B
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Tuesday 24 September 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

United Nations General Assembly, in New York, USA (local time)

09:00 President Metsola attends the Opening Session of the United Nations General Assembly

10:00 President Metsola meets Tony Blair, the Executive Chair of the TBI of Global Change

13:30 President Metsola delivers Keynote Speech: 'Citizen Social Responsibility: Bolstering Democracies through Civic Engagement', organised by the Clinton Global Initiative

Wednesday 25 September 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

EPP Study Days, Naples, Italy

11:15 President Metsola participates in a panel discussion 'Europe's Southern Border: The importance of the Mediterranean Region'

Thursday 26 September 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Madrid, Spain

12:30 President Metsola delivers a speech: 'The Renewal of the EU' at the closing session of Campus FAES 2024, organised by the FAES Foundation

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

Joint meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Development and the Subcommittee on Human Rights

Debate

- Sakharov Prize 2024: Presentation of candidates

10:00-13:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

Committee on Development

Debates

- Exchange of views with VOICE, MSF, ICRC and Red Cross on the key humanitarian priorities in the current global context
 - Priorities of the Hungarian Presidency - exchange of views with Boglárka ILLÉS, State Secretary for Bilateral Relations
 - The future of international cooperation in times of geo-economic competition exchange of views with directors at CONCORD, Oxfam EU Advocacy Office and International Planned Parenthood Federation
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