

## The Week Ahead 13 – 19 January 2025

### Committee and political groups meetings

**NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte.** The Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Subcommittee on Security and Defence and the Delegation for Relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly will meet NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte for the first time, on *Monday*. In the context of Russia's war against Ukraine, and the incoming US administration, the topics to be discussed will likely include efforts to strengthen NATO defence and deterrence as well as the delivery of military assistance to Ukraine. MEPs are also set to inquire about other regional and global security threats that require close cooperation between the EU and NATO.

**Enlargement.** MEPs in the Foreign Affairs Committee will meet Commissioner for Enlargement Marta Kos on *Tuesday*. The discussion is expected to focus on the state of play and the progress made by the ten enlargement countries.

**EU-Mercosur.** The Committee on International Trade will meet with Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security Maroš Šefčovič to discuss the trade aspects of the EU-Mercosur deal on which a political agreement was reached on 6 December 2024. (*Thursday*)

**Europol report on terrorism situation and trends.** MEPs in the Civil Liberties Committee will assess the latest annual report by Europol on the terrorism threat landscape in the EU, based on data provided by member states on terrorist attacks, arrests, and court decisions issued for terrorist offences. (*Thursday*)

**Plenary preparations.** MEPs will prepare for the 20-23 January plenary session where they will discuss the Polish Council Presidency's work programme, the new Presidency having started on 1 January. They will also assess the outcome of the December EU summit, debate the EU's strategy for the Middle East and discuss the need for EU action with regard to the continued oppression and fake elections in Belarus. In addition, MEPs will debate how to combat desertification, examine links between organised crime and the smuggling of migrants and vote on a resolution on Russia's disinformation and historical falsification to justify its war of aggression against Ukraine.

**President's diary.** EP President Roberta Metsola will meet the Chancellor of Austria, Alexander Schallenberg, and NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte on Monday. On Wednesday, she will preside over the Conference of Presidents meeting and on Thursday, she will meet the

Palestinian Prime Minister, Mohammad Mustafa.

**Pre-session press briefing.** The EP's Press Service will hold a press briefing with the Parliament's political group spokespersons at 11.00 on Friday (Anna Politkovskaya room, press centre, Brussels).

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## Monday 13 January 2025

### THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

#### The President's diary

12:00 President Metsola receives the Chancellor of Austria Alexander Schallenberg

15:30 President Metsola receives NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte

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### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

15:00-17:15 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

#### **Joint meeting of Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety**

##### Public hearing

- Forest Monitoring for resilient European Forests (see separate draft agenda)

16:00-18:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

#### **Committee on Foreign Affairs**

##### Debate

*Jointly with the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) and in association with the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (DNAT)*

- Exchange of views with Mark Rutte, Secretary General of NATO

17:00-18:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

#### **Committee on Employment and Social Affairs**

##### Debate

- Improving and enforcing working conditions of trainees and combating regular employment relationships disguised as traineeships ('Traineeships Directive') - Exchange of views on the state of play - Presentation by the Commission - Rapporteur: Alicia HOMS GINEL (S&D, ES)

17:15-19:00 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

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## Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

### Debate

- Exchange of views with the Commission on the Policy Recommendations for the future of the EU wine sector.
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## Tuesday 14 January 2025

### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

10:30-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

#### Committee on Foreign Affairs

##### Debate

- Exchange of views with Marta Kos, Commissioner for Enlargement
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## Wednesday 15 January 2025

### THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

#### The President's diary

14:00 President Metsola receives Ericsson Chairman and CEO, Börje Ekholm

17:00 President Metsola presides over the Conference of Presidents

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## Thursday 16 January 2025

### THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

#### The President's diary

11:00 Audience with his Majesty King Philippe of the Belgians, followed by New Year's Reception

14:00 President Metsola receives the Palestinian Prime Minister, Mohammad Mustafa

*Luxembourg*

18:35 President Metsola delivers a keynote speech at the event organised by Fédération des Industriels Luxembourgeois

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### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001

#### Committee on Budgets

##### Debates

- Macro-financial assistance to the Arab Republic of Egypt (2024/0071(COD)) - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Matjaž NEMEC (S&D, SI)
- Macro-financial assistance to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2024/0086(COD)) - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Johan Van Overtveldt (ECR, BE)
- Implementing Protocol (2025-2030) to the Protocol implementing the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union on the one hand, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, on the other hand (2024/0263(NLE)) - Consideration of draft opinion - Rapporteur for the opinion: Isabel BENJUMEA BENJUMEA (EPP, ES)
- 2025 Budget: Section III - Commission - exchange of views - Any other transfer request received - Rapporteur: Victor NEGRESCU (S&D, RO)

09:00-12:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q-1

#### Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

- Public Hearing on The future of the Capital Markets Union (CMU)

## 10.30 – 10.45

\*\*\* *Electronic vote* \*\*\*

- European labour market statistics on businesses, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 and Regulations (EC) No 450/2003 and (EC) No 453/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council \*\*\*I 2023/0288(COD) - Rapporteur: Irene TINAGLI (S&D, IT) - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- Amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as regards the scope of the rules for benchmarks, the use in the Union of benchmarks provided by an administrator located in a third country, and certain reporting requirements - \*\*\*I 2023/0379(COD) - Rapporteur:Jonás Fernández (S&D, ES) - Vote on the provisional agreement resulting from interinstitutional negotiations
- European Central Bank – annual report 2024 2024/2054(INI) - Rapporteur: Anouk VAN BRUG (Renew, NL) - Adoption of draft report

\*\*\* *End of electronic vote* \*\*\*

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

## Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

### Debate

- Structured dialogue with Mr Wopke HOEKSTRA, Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth

09:00-13:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 1A002

## Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

### Debates

- Appointment of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) - Hearing of the candidates
- The Commission's 2024 Rule of Law report (2024/2078(INI)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Ana Catarina MENDES (S&D, PT)
- Establishing an EU talent pool (2023/0404(COD)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Abir AL-SAHLANI (Renew, SE)
- Europol EU Terrorism Situation & Trend Report (TE-SAT) - Presentation by Jean-Philippe LECOUFFE, Europol Deputy Executive Director for Operations

### Votes

- Amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 as regards the revision of the suspension mechanism (2023/0371(COD)) - Adoption of draft report - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: Matjaž NEMEC (S&D, SI)
- Appointment of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) - Vote on the preference order of shortlisted candidates

09:15-10:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050



## Joint meeting of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

### Debate

- ECA Special report 15/2024: Climate adaptation in the EU - Presentation of the report by reporting ECA Member LEHNE - Exchange of views

09:15-12:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

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

### Debates

- Soil Monitoring and Resilience (Soil Monitoring Law) (2023/0232(COD)) - Reporting back to committee on the negotiations (Rule 75(3)) - Rapporteur: Martin HOJSIK (Renew, SK)
- Objection pursuant to Rule 115(2) and (3) authorising the placing on the market of UV-treated powder of whole *Tenebrio molitor* larvae (yellow mealworm) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 (2024/3009(RSP)) - Consideration of draft motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Alexander BERNHUBER (EPP, AT), Laurence TROCHU (ECR, FR)

### Votes

- Objection pursuant to Rule 115(2) and (3) authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize DP910521 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2024/3010(RSP)) - Adoption of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Biljana BORZAN (S&D, HR), Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA, DE), Anja HAZEKAMP (The Left, NL)
- Objection pursuant to Rule 115(2) and (3) authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 95275 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2024/3011(RSP)) - Adoption of motion for a resolution
- Objection pursuant to Rule 115(2) and (3) authorising the placing on the market of UV-treated powder of whole *Tenebrio molitor* larvae (yellow mealworm) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 (2024/3009(RSP)) - Adoption of motion for a resolution - Co-rapporteurs: Alexander BERNHUBER (EPP, AT), Laurence TROCHU (ECR, FR)
- Preventing plastic pellet losses to reduce microplastic pollution (2023/0373(COD)) - Vote on the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations - Rapporteur: César LUENA (S&D, ES)

11:30-12:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C050

## Joint meeting of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

### Debate

- Circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles, amending Regulations (EU) 2018/858 and 2019/1020 and repealing Directives 2000/53/EC and 2005/64/EC (2023/0284(COD)) - Presentation by the

Commission - Exchange of views - Rapporteurs: Jens GIESEKE (EPP, DE), Paulius SAUDARGAS (EPP, LT)

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## Friday 17 January 2025

### THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

#### The President's diary

*Berlin, Germany*

EPP Leaders' meeting

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### PRESS CONFERENCES

11:00-12:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

#### Pre-session briefing

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