

The Week Ahead 15 – 21 April 2024

Committee and political groups' meetings

European elections/Spring Eurobarometer survey. Parliament will publish its last Eurobarometer survey before the 6-9 June elections, covering, among other issues, citizens' interest in and awareness of the elections as well as their likelihood to vote. The survey will also report on the image citizens have of the EU and Parliament, their priorities for the electoral campaign, and the core values they want to defend (Wednesday at 7.00). The day before publication, the EP media service will hold a briefing reserved for media to present its main findings, under embargo until publication (Tuesday at 10:00).

2024 LUX European Audience Film Award. The LUX European Audience Film Award ceremony will take place in Parliament's hemicycle in Brussels. There will be a press conference with the winner immediately afterwards. Parliament and the European Film Academy award the LUX prize to help the distribution of European films with significant artistic merit that reflect cultural diversity in Europe and beyond (*Tuesday from 18:00*).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 22-25 April plenary, the last session of this legislature. MEPs will hold debates and final votes on, among other things, the right to repair, prohibiting products made with forced labour, fighting violence against women, new "ecodesign" rules, combating trafficking in human beings and protecting victims, a new EU Ethics Body, economic governance, establishing the European Disability Card, and on anti-money laundering. They will hold final votes on packaging and packaging waste, working conditions for platform workers, due diligence rules for companies, ambient air quality and clean air for Europe, plants obtained with new genomic techniques, the European Health Data Space and on the Net Zero Industry Act. MEPs will also debate the 20th anniversary of the largest ever round of EU enlargement in 2004 with Council and Commission.

European Council. EP President Roberta Metsola will address EU heads of state or government at the 17-18 April special European Council, which is expected to discuss the new European competitiveness deal and relations with Türkiye. President Metsola will hold a press conference following her address (*Wednesday*).

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).

President's diary. European Parliament President Roberta Metsola will be in Malta on Monday to visit EU-funded projects and SMEs. On Tuesday, in La Hulpe (BE), the President will participate in the High-Level Conference on the European Pillar of Social Rights. On Friday, she will be in Lisbon, where she will meet Portugal's President of the Assembleia da República, José Pedro Aguiar-Branco, and Prime Minister Luís Montenegro, followed by a joint press conference, as well as the country's President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa. On Saturday, the President will be in Malta to meet the country's President Myriam Spiteri Debono.

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Monday 15 April 2024

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

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

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Debates

- Exchange of views with the Commission on the situation of the agricultural markets, in particular concerning aspects falling under the CMO regulation - subgroup animal products
 - Exchange of views with the Commission on the organic farming situation in Europe
 - Exchange of views with the European Food Safety Authority on its scientific opinions related to the Commission proposal on protection of animals during transport
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Tuesday 16 April 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

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La Hulpe (BE)

16:00 President Metsola participates in the High-Level Conference on the European Pillar of Social Rights

PRESS CONFERENCES

10:00-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

Presentation of final Eurobarometer survey data of public opinion before 2024 elections (under embargo)

12:00-12:30 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

Current affairs in the EU

Adam BIELAN (ECR, PL), and **Dominik TARCZYŃSKI** (ECR, PL)

19:15-19:45 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

The European Audience Film Award

Evelyn REGNER (S&D, AT), EP Vice-President, European Film Academy representatives and the winner(tbc)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:30-17:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 5G-2

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Debates

- AFET EOP-EUI Seminar - European Parliament and the European University Institute high-level conference: “Enlarging and Deepening the Union: What’s at stake for the EU and EU citizens in the next parliamentary term?” Programme **(09.30-12.00)**
 - *In association with the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee* - Exchange of views with Milojko SPAJIC, Prime Minister of Montenegro **(16.00-17.00)**
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Wednesday 17 April 2024

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13:00 President Metsola presides over the Conference of Presidents meeting

President Metsola participates in the Special European Council, followed by a press conference (time to be confirmed)

Thursday 18 April 2024

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:15-13:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Debates

- Exchange of views on the Spanish Amnesty Law with:
 - Marta CARTABIA, Vice - President of the Venice Commission
 - Julien MOUSNIER, Director for Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy, European Commission
- Combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child sexual abuse material and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (recast) (2024/0035(COD)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteur: Jeroen LENAERS (EPP, NL)
- Taking stock of the EU Framework in the area of migration and asylum - exchange of views with Commission Representative (to be confirmed)
- Exchange of views with the European Commission and Polish Parliament on the use of spyware (to be confirmed)
- State of play of negotiations on Readmission Agreements and arrangements - Exchange of views with Johannes LUCHNER, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs
- Reporting from the Commission on Article 25a Visa Code - Exchange of views with Johannes LUCHNER, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs

Vote

- Measures to facilitate consular protection for unrepresented citizens of the Union in third countries (2023/0441(CNS)) - Adoption of draft report - Rapporteur: Loránt VINCZE (EPP, RO)

10:00-12:00 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 1G-3

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Debates

- Study by Policy Department C on Obstetric and gynaecological violence in the EU - Prevalence, legal frameworks and educational guidelines for prevention and elimination - Presentation by Silvia BRUNELLO and Magali GAY-BERTHOMIEU
- Achievements of the 9th parliamentary term - Exchange of views with Helena DALLI, Commissioner for Equality

10:00-12:30 Brussels, József Antall, 2Q2

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debates

- Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (2023/0353(NLE)) - Exchange of views with the Commission and the Council Presidency - Consideration of draft recommendation (consent) - Rapporteur: Silvia MODIG (The Left, FI)
- Commission Delegated Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods as regards the definition of 'engineered nanomaterials' (2024/2691(DEA)) - Consideration of draft motion for a resolution - Co- rapporteurs: Jutta PAULUS (Greens/EFA, DE), Christel SCHALDEMOSE (S&D, DK), Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI), Frédérique RIES (Renew, BE), Anja HAZEKAMP (The Left, NL)
- Objection pursuant to Rule 112(2) and (3) to draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down rules for the application of Directive (EU) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the calculation, verification and reporting of data on recycled plastic content in single-use plastic beverage bottles, repealing Commission Implementing Decision (EU) (D095662) (2024/2695(RSP)) - Consideration of draft motion for a resolution - Rapporteur: Jutta PAULUS (Greens/EFA, DE)
- Amending Regulations (EU) 2021/2115 and (EU) 2021/2116 as regards good agricultural and environmental condition standards, schemes for climate, environment and animal welfare, amendments to CAP Strategic Plans, review of CAP Strategic Plans and exemptions from controls and penalties (2024/0073(COD)) - Exchange of views with the Commission

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Friday 19 April 2024

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President Metsola in Lisbon, Portugal (all times local)

11:45 President Metsola meets the President of the Assembleia da República of Portugal, José Pedro Aguiar-Branco

12:20 President Metsola meets the Prime Minister of Portugal, Luís Montenegro

12:50 President Metsola and Prime Minister Montenegro address a press conference

13:45 President Metsola meets the President of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa

PRESS CONFERENCES

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

Pre-session briefing

Saturday 20 April 2024

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President Metsola in Malta

17:15 President Metsola meets with the President of Malta, Myriam Spiteri Debono
