

The Week Ahead 03 – 09 February 2025

Committee and political groups' meetings

New committee on democracy shield. The new Special Committee on the European Democracy Shield will hold its constitutive meeting to elect a chair and vice-chair and launch the committee's activities. It will deal with the so-called "Democracy Shield" initiative, included in the Commission's 2024-2029 political guidelines, and other initiatives designed to counter malicious interference in EU democratic processes (*Monday*).

Priorities of the Polish Presidency. Poland's ministers will continue presenting their priorities to parliamentary committees, this time for civil liberties, justice and home affairs. Poland holds the rotating Presidency of the Council until the end of June 2025 (*Thursday*).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 10 - 13 February plenary session in which MEPs will debate the EU's continued support for Ukraine after three years of Russia's war of aggression, providing support to EU regions that border Russia, as well as the continued repression of the democratic opposition in Russia one year after the murder of Alexei Navalny. Plenary will also vote on a resolution on the further deterioration of the political situation in Georgia, debate the Commission work programme for 2025, the recent proposals to boost the EU's competitiveness, the consequences of the US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement and from the World Health Organisation, as well as the threats that strategic reliance on third countries in communication infrastructure pose to EU sovereignty.

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 participate in the informal EU leaders' retreat, on Monday. On Tuesday, President Metsola will participate in the EU Ambassadors' Conference and on Wednesday she will chair the Conference of Presidents.

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Monday 03 February 2025

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11:00 President Metsola participates in the Informal EU leaders' retreat

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

16:00-17:00 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q1

Joint meeting of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Debate

- Exchange of views with Elena Flores, Chair of the InvestEU Steering Board

18:00-18:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-2

Special committee on the European Democracy Shield

Votes

- Constitutive meeting
 - Election of the Chair
 - Election of the Vice-Chairs in separate ballots
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Tuesday 04 February 2025

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09:30 President Metsola participates in the EU Ambassadors' Conference

PRESS CONFERENCES

12:30-13:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 0A50

Stop the Italian security law, stop the European authoritarian drift

Mimmo LUCANO (The Left, IT) and **Benedetta SCUDERI** (Greens/EFA, IT)

Wednesday 05 February 2025

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11:30 President Metsola receives the Uruguay's Foreign Minister Omar Paganini, and the Minister of Economy and Finance, Azucena Arbeleche

15:15 President Metsola meets with Booking.com CEO, Glenn Fogel

17:00 President Metsola presides the Conference of Presidents

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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

08:45-12:15 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 4B001

Subcommittee on Tax Matters

Debates

- Exchange of Views with Ms Laura Kövesi, European Chief Prosecutor, and Mr Yannic Hulot, Chair of Eurofisc, on "The Role of the EPPO and Eurofisc in Tackling VAT Fraud in the EU" - See separate draft programme
- Exchange of Views with Commissioner Wopke Hoekstra on Key Priorities in the Taxation Area

09:00-11:00 Brussels, Paul-Henri Spaak, 3C-050

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

The priorities of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, 2025 -Exchange of views with:

- Tomasz Siemoniak, Ministry of Interior and Administration,
- Adam Bodnar, Ministry of Justice
- Rafał Rosiński, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Digital Affairs

11.00 – 12.00

Presentation of the Special report 17/2024 on the EU trust fund for Africa by the European Court of Auditors - Presentation by Bettina JAKOBSEN, Member of the European Court of Auditors

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

Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety

Debates

- Exchange of views with Mr Costas Kadis, Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Oceans, on upcoming initiatives on oceans, at EU and international level
 - Exchange of views with the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and the European Research Council (ERC) on their recent assessment reports
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Friday 07 February 2025

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PRESS CONFERENCES

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

Pre-session briefing
