

The Week Ahead 10 – 16 February 2025

Plenary session Strasbourg

Three years of Russia's war On *Tuesday*, MEPs will debate the impact of Russia's three-year long war against Ukraine and the EU's unwavering support for the country with the Commission and the Polish Council Presidency. Ruslan Stefanchuk, Chair of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, will address MEPs at a formal sitting at noon. A resolution will be put to a vote during the March plenary session. On *Wednesday*, plenary will also debate the need for targeted support for EU regions bordering Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

Navalny murder. On *Wednesday*, plenary will debate the continued repression of domestic dissents in Russia one year after Alexei Navalny's murder. Following his death, Parliament adopted a resolution holding the Russian state - especially President Putin - responsible for his death.

Competitiveness roadmap and Commission 2025 priorities. On *Wednesday*, Ursula von der Leyen is expected to present the Commission's 2025 work programme, outlining the key policy actions and legislative initiatives planned for this year. In another debate later the same day, MEPs and representatives from the Commission and the Polish Council Presidency will discuss the recently tabled EU strategy to regain competitiveness and guarantee sustainable prosperity.

Tariff threats from the Trump administration. On *Tuesday*, MEPs and representatives from the Commission and the Polish Council Presidency will assess the current state of EU-US trade relations, multilateralism, and the EU's potential responses if the US imposes tariffs on European products.

EU strategy for the Middle East. On *Tuesday afternoon*, MEPs will discuss the planned EU Middle East strategy with the Polish Council Presidency and the Commission, set to focus on "all the steps needed for the two-state solution and strengthening partnerships with key regional stakeholders".

Christine Lagarde/Annual ECB report. On *Monday*, ECB President Christine Lagarde will brief MEPs on the state of European and global economic affairs and the European Central Bank's activities, followed by a debate with MEPs. On *Tuesday*, MEPs will adopt their annual set of recommendations for the ECB on which issues it should prioritise.

EU-Mercosur trade agreement. On *Thursday*, MEPs will review with the Commission the recently concluded EU-Mercosur free-trade deal, amidst a new geopolitical context of increasing unilateralism, and concerns over the deal's potential effects on European agriculture. Parliament must give its consent before the agreement can enter into force.

US export controls of AI Chips/Critical communication infrastructure. On *Tuesday*, MEPs will discuss how to address the US government's recent decision to restrict the export of AI Chips to certain EU Member States. On *Thursday*, they will assess the EU's progress in reducing its strategic dependency in the area of critical communication infrastructure.

Digital Services Act/Media seminar. On *Tuesday afternoon*, Parliament's Press Service will organise a press seminar on "Defending Europe's Digital Integrity: Addressing Social Media Challenges and Foreign Interference" with leading MEPs on the issue.

President's diary. On *Monday*, EP President Roberta Metsola will welcome the leader of the Belarusian democratic forces, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, and Ireland's Taoiseach, Micheál Martin. On *Tuesday*, she will hold a bilateral meeting with the Chair of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ruslan Stefanchuk, before his address in plenary. On *Saturday* and *Sunday*, President Metsola will participate in the Munich Security Conference.

Last-minute briefing. On *Monday* at 16.30, Parliament will hold a press briefing on the plenary session, which starts at 17.00. Political group briefings will take place on *Tuesday* morning.

[EP Press service contacts](#)

Monday 10 February 2025

PLENARY SESSION

17:00 - 22:00 **Debates**

Resumption of session and order of business

Situation in Sweden in the midst of the recent mass shooting in Örebro
[2025/2561(RSP)]

European Central Bank – annual report 2024

Report: Anouk Van Brug (A10-0003/2025)

[2024/2054(INI)]

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Escalation of gang violence in Sweden and strengthening the fight against organised crime

[2025/2549(RSP)]

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: the need for the European Union to contribute to resolving the humanitarian crisis of persons missing in wars and conflicts
[2025/2550(RSP)]

One-minute speeches (Rule 179)

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Brussels, Belgium

10:15 President Metsola receives leader of the Belarusian democratic forces, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

11:00 President Metsola receives Ireland's Taoiseach, Micheál Martin

European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg

16:15 President Metsola meets the President of the European Central Bank, Christine Lagarde

17:00 President Metsola presides over the opening of the plenary session

18:00 President Metsola presides over the European Parliament's Bureau

PRESS CONFERENCES

16:30-17:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Last minute session briefing

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

19:00-22:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N1.3

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

Debate

- Implementation report on the Recovery and Resilience Facility (2024/2085(INI)) - Consideration of draft report - Rapporteurs: Victor NEGRESCU (S&D, RO), Siegfried MUREȘAN (EPP, RO)
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Tuesday 11 February 2025

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 **Debates**

Preparedness for a new trade era: multilateral cooperation or tariffs
[2025/2551(RSP)]

Continuing the unwavering EU support for Ukraine, after three years of Russia's war of aggression
[2025/2528(RSP)]

12:00 - 12:30 **Formal sitting**

Address by Ruslan Stefanchuk, Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada

12:30 - 13:30 **VOTES**

Conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and the government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services

Report: Tomas Tobé (A10-0005/2025)

[2015/0188(NLE)]

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cabo Verde

Report: Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral (A10-0004/2025)

[2024/0133(NLE)]

Committee on Fisheries

Renewal of the Agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and Ukraine

Report: Borys Budka (A10-0007/2025)

[2024/0240(NLE)]

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

European Central Bank – annual report 2024

Report: Anouk Van Brug (A10-0003/2025)

[2024/2054(INI)]

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

13:30 - 22:00 **Debates (or at the end of the votes)**

The need to address urgent labour shortages and ensure quality jobs in the health care sector

[2025/2529(RSP)]

Boosting vocational education and training in times of labour market transitions

[2025/2530(RSP)]

Wider comprehensive EU-Middle East Strategy

[2024/3015(RSP)]

Escalation of violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo

[2025/2553(RSP)]

Political crisis in Serbia

[2025/2554(RSP)]

US AI chip export restrictions: a challenge to European AI development and economic resilience

Report: (O-000001/2025)

[2025/2539(RSP)]

Protecting the system of international justice and its institutions, in particular the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice

[2025/2555(RSP)]

Explanations of votes

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European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg

Visit of the Chair of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ruslan Stefanchuk

11:15 Arrival

11:20 Bilateral meeting

12:00 Formal sitting

21:00 President Metsola's call with the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States of America, Mike Johnson

PRESS CONFERENCES

09:50-10:10 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing S&D

Iratxe GARCÍA PÉREZ, (S&D,ES), President

10:10-10:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing ECR

Nicola PROCACCINI (ECR, IT) and Patryk JAKI (ECR, PL), Co-chairs

10:30-10:50 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing Renew Europe

Valérie HAYER (Renew,FR), President

10:50-11:10 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing Greens/EFA

Bas EICKHOUT (Greens/EFA,NL) and Terry REINTKE (Greens/EFA,DE), Co-Presidents

11:10-11:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing The Left

Manon AUBRY (The Left, FR) and Martin SCHIRDEWAN (The Left, DE), Co-Presidents

14:30-15:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Rwandan blood minerals: the European Union must implement an embargo

David CORMAND (Greens/EFA, FR), Majdouline SBAI (Greens/EFA,FR), Mounir SATOURI (Greens/EFA, FR), Saskia BRICMONT (Greens/EFA, BE)

15:00-15:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Call for a clear EU support for the ICC - crucial for all victims of international crimes and the EU sovereignty

Mounir SATOURI (Greens/EFA, FR), DROI Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS

14:00-16:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, R5.1

Seminar on "Defending Europe's Digital Integrity"

The EP Press Service holds a seminar for journalists on: "Defending Europe's Digital Integrity: Addressing Social Media Challenges and Foreign Interference" with key MEPs, followed by a technical briefing

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Wednesday 12 February 2025

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 KEY DEBATES

Commission Work Programme 2025
[2025/2500(RSP)]

One year after the murder of Alexei Navalny and the continued repression of the democratic opposition in Russia
[2025/2526(RSP)]

12:00 - 13:00 VOTES

VAT: rules for the digital age
Report: L'udovít Ódor (A10-0001/2025)
[2022/0407(CNS)]

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Administrative cooperation in the field of taxation
Report: Aurore Lalucq (A10-0002/2025)
[2024/0276(CNS)]

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Objection pursuant to Rule 115(2) and (3): Genetically modified maize DP910521
[2024/3010(RSP)]

Objection pursuant to Rule 115(2) and (3): Genetically modified maize MON 95275
[2024/3011(RSP)]

13:00 - 22:00 Debates (or at the end of the votes)

Topical debate (Rule 169) - Collaboration between conservatives and far right as a threat for competitiveness in the EU

Competitiveness Compass
[2025/2531(RSP)]

Need for targeted support to EU regions bordering Russia, Belarus and Ukraine
[2025/2532(RSP)]

US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, the World Health Organisation and the suspension of US development and humanitarian aid
[2025/2527(RSP)]

Honouring the memory of Ján Kuciak and Martina Kušnírová: advancing media freedom, strengthening the rule of law, and protecting journalists across the EU
[2025/2556(RSP)]

Debates on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law (Rule 150)

Recent dismissals and arrests of mayors in Türkiye
[2025/2546(RSP)]

Repression by the Ortega-Murillo regime in Nicaragua, targeting human rights defenders, political opponents and religious communities in particular
[2025/2547(RSP)]

Continuing detention and risk of the death penalty for individuals in Nigeria charged with blasphemy, notably the case of Yahaya Sharif-Aminu
[2025/2548(RSP)]

Silent crisis: the mental health of Europe's youth
[2025/2552(RSP)]

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European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg

14:00 President Metsola presides over the Conference of Presidents meeting

PRESS CONFERENCES

13:30-14:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

The Stolen Georgian European Dream and Persecution of the Opposition

Petras AUŠTREVĪČIUS (Renew, LT), **Urmas PAET** (Renew, EE) and **Dainius ŽALIMA** (Renew, LT)

Thursday 13 February 2025

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 **Debates**

EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement
[2025/2558(RSP)]

Threats to EU sovereignty through strategic dependencies in communication infrastructure
[2025/2533(RSP)]

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[2025/2548(RSP)]

Further deterioration of the political situation in Georgia
[2025/2522(RSP)]

Escalation of violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo
[2025/2553(RSP)]

15:00 - 16:00 **Debates**

Cross-border recognition of civil status documents of same-sex couples and their children within the territory of the EU
[2025/2557(RSP)]

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Sunday 16 February 2025

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