THIS WEEK IN THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS[1]

22nd to 28th October 2018

European Parliament activities

This week is a Plenary Week in the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Some of the highlights for the week ahead include:

Plastics ban. Parliament will vote on a new law to ban the sale of single-use plastic products such as cutlery, cotton buds, plates, straws, beverage stirrers and balloon sticks within the EU from 2021. (*Debate: Monday; Vote: Wednesday)*

Drinking water. MEPs will vote on plans to improve consumers' trust in drinking tap water by tightening the maximum limits for certain pollutants. They also propose setting-up free water fountains where feasible and providing free tap water, or at least for a low service fee, in restaurants, canteens and catering services. *(Debate: Monday; Vote: Tuesday)*

EU Budget 2019. MEPs will confirm their negotiating position for the 2019 EU budget, before starting talks with the Council of Ministers. Priority issues for MEPs include - ERASMUS+, tackling youth unemployment and migration, research, infrastructure investments and climate protection. *(Debate: Tuesday; Vote Wednesday)*

Klaus Iohannis/Future of Europe debate. Romanian President Klaus Iohannis will debate the Future of Europe with MEPs and EU Commission President, Jean-Claude Juncker. This is the eleventh in the series of Future of Europe debates with EU Heads of State or Government. *(Tuesday)*

Road charges. MEPs will vote on the reform of EU road charging rules, which will oblige EU countries imposing time-based road use charges to switch to distance-based charging. *(Debate: Wednesday; Vote Thursday)*

EU Summit. The outcome of the October Summit will be debated by the plenary with European Council President, Donald Tusk. *(Wednesday)*

2018 Sakharov Prize. Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament and leaders of the political groups - the Conference of Presidents - will select the 2018 laureate from among the finalists. The prize will be awarded in a ceremony in Strasbourg in December. *(Thursday)*

[1] Summaries drawn as appropriate from EU documents

Facebook/Cambridge Analytica. MEPs will urge Facebook to allow EU bodies to carry out a full audit assessing data protection and security of users' personal data. They are also set to call for election manipulation to be prevented on social platforms and for action to update EU competition rules to reflect the digital reality. *(Debate & Vote: Thursday)*

Antimicrobial resistance. MEPs will vote on a law limiting the use of antibiotics on farms to keep resistant bacteria out of food and halt the spread of drug resistance from animals to humans. To help tackle antimicrobial resistance, the law would also empower the EU Commission to select antimicrobials to be reserved only for treating humans. *(Debate & Vote: Thursday)*

European Commission activities

October 2018	Commission
22 October	Commission Vice-President Timmermans delivers keynote speech at the 40th International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners in Brussels Commissioner Katainen travels to Japan for a two-day visit and participates in the 2018 World Circular Economy Forum, co-chairs the first EU-Japan High-Level Economic, Trade and Industrial dialogue, participates in the signature ceremony of MoUs on investment cooperation between the European Investment Bank and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation and delivers a keynote address at the opening of the Hydrogen Energy Ministerial meeting.
23rd	College Meeting - on the agenda: ➢ Commission Work Programme 2019 ➢ Subsidiarity Package
24th	Commissioner King delivers a speech on the "Security Challenges Facing Europe" at Chatham House
25th	Commission Vice-President Timmermans meets with Tim Cook, CEO of Apple
26th	Commissioners Dombrovskis and King meets Mr. Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London
27th	Commissioner Hogan addresses the Macra na Feirme Annual National Conference in Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Roadmaps/Public Consultations announced by the Commission
➢ Roadmap on Public export subsidies (short-term export credit insurance) – extension of EU rules (Competition) ➢ Roadmap on the Validation of non-formal and informal learning - Evaluation

(Employment and Social Affairs)

- Roadmao on the Ex-post evaluation of the 2015-2019 protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) Mauritania (Maritime Affairs and Fisheries)
- Roadmap on the Negotiation mandate for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and Mauritania (Maritime Affairs and Fisheries)
- Roadmap on the Independent Evaluation of EU's State Building Contracts (2012-2018) (International Cooperation and Development)

Links to current European Commission consultations and roadmaps

European Council activities

October 2018	Forthcoming Council meetings
29th to 30th	Informal meeting of Transport Ministers Informal meeting of Environment Ministers

Inter-Parliamentary activities

2018	Austrian Presidency - Forthcoming Inter-Parliamentary meetings in Vienna (July to December)
15th -16th November	Conference entitled "Subsidiarity as a building principle of the European Union", Bregenz, Austria
18th-20th November	COSAC Plenary Meeting
27th -28th January (2019)	Meeting of the Secretaries General of the EU Parliaments
8th-9th April (2019)	Conference of Speakers of EU Parliaments

2018	Forthcoming Inter-Parliamentary Committee Meetings (ICM's) in the European Parliament
19th-20th November	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting with national Parliaments and CULT (Committee on Culture and Education) on *European Cultural Heritage*
20th November	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting with national Parliaments and DROI (Sub-Committee on Human Rights) on *Human rights and external actions of*

	the EU and Member States
27th November	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting with national Parliaments and JURI (Committee on Legal Affairs) and PETI (Committee on Petitions) on *Empowering Parliaments and enforcing citizen rights in the implementation and application of Union Law*

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