



European Parliament Coming Week Highlights Committee Meetings

20 April 2026	Defence. Defence and Space Commissioner Andrius Kubilius will appear before the Industry, Research and Energy Committee to discuss a range of issues, including the recently published proposal for an agile and rapid defence innovation programme (AGILE), as well as the overall EU defence readiness agenda.
20 April 2026	Enlargement. The Foreign Affairs Committee will meet with Enlargement Commissioner Marta Kos to discuss the current state of the enlargement process and the outlook for the coming six months, including the state of preparations for the pre-enlargement policy reviews.
22 April 2026	Coordination of social security systems. Parliament and Council negotiators will try to reach a deal on the revision of the regulation on social security coordination, which seeks to set fairer and clearer rules on social benefits for EU mobile workers.
President’s diary. President Roberta Metsola will participate in the conciliation committee meeting on the air passenger rights regulation (20 April). President Metsola will then be in Nicosia for the informal European Council, where she will address heads of state or government on 24 April (23-24 April).	
Link to all committee meetings here	

European Commission Coming Week Highlights

20 April 2026	Commissioner Šefčovič receives Mr Nick Thomas-Symonds, Minister for the Cabinet Office (Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations) of the UK.
20 April 2026	Commissioner McGrath meets with the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation José Manuel Albares Bueno.
21 April 2026	High Representative Vice-President Kallas meets President Tony Murphy and the members of College of the European Court of Auditors.
21 April 2026	Commissioner McGrath meets with the Joint Committee for the European Union of the Spanish Parliament, the Spanish Minister for the Presidency, Justice and Parliamentary Relations Félix Bolaños García and, the Spanish Minister for Social Rights, Consumer Affairs and Agenda 2030 Pablo Bustinduy
22 April 2026	Commissioner McGrath meets with the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine Taras Kachka.
22 April 2026	Commissioner McGrath meets with the Portuguese Minister for Foreign Affairs Paulo Rangel.
23 April 2026	Commissioner McGrath meets with Committees in the Portuguese Parliament. Later, he will deliver an address at the University of Lisbon
23 April 2026	Commissioner McGrath participates in a roundtable with stakeholders on the EU Inc., before meeting with the Portuguese Minister for Presidency António Leitão Amaro. He will then meet with the Portuguese Minister for Justice Rita Alarcão Júdice.
24 April 2026	Commissioner McGrath participates in a roundtable with stakeholders on the EU Inc., before meeting with the Portuguese Minister for Presidency António Leitão Amaro. He will then meet with the Portuguese Minister for Justice Rita Alarcão Júdice.

Link to Commission's weekly calendar [here](#)



European Council and Council of the European Union Coming Fortnight Highlights

21 April 2026	Foreign Affairs Council (details here)
21 April 2026	Informal video conference of transport ministers (details here)
23-24 April 2026	Informal meeting of heads of state or government (details here)
27 April 2026	Agriculture and Fisheries Council (details here)
28-29 April 2026	Informal meeting of transport ministers (details here)
29-30 April 2026	Informal meeting of telecommunications ministers (details here)

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EU Steel Market. Parliament and Council negotiators reached a political agreement on new measures to counter the negative effects of the global steel surplus. The provisional deal introduces lower import quotas by limiting tariff-free import volumes to 18.3 million tonnes a year: a 47% reduction compared with 2024 steel quotas. The aim is to equip the EU to counter the negative trade-related effects of global overproduction on the EU steel market once the current safeguards, in place since 2018, expire on 30 June 2026. 14 April 2026

Link to EP report [here](#)

Chemical Exposure Protection. The Employment and Social Affairs Committee adopted its position on new provisions improving EU standards to protect workers from exposure to dangerous substances, approving the sixth revision of the carcinogens, mutagens and reprotoxic substances directive (CMRD), which includes new exposure limit values for certain dangerous chemicals, based on the latest scientific data. 15 April 2026.

Link to EP report [here](#)

MFF 2028-2034. MEPs endorsed their negotiating position on the 2028-2034 EU budget, including a breakdown of the amounts they want to allocate to each EU funding programme. The 2028-2034 EU budget should be set at 1.27% of EU GNI, with debt servicing for the NextGenerationEU recovery fund (0.11% of GNI) outside the budget ceilings, according to the interim report adopted by the Budgets Committee. 15 April 2026

Link to EP report [here](#)



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Aid Scheme for Rewetting. The European Commission has approved, under EU State aid rules, a €1.3 billion German scheme to support landowners and land managers of drained peatlands that commit to rewet their land. The scheme aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing carbon storage in peatlands. 14 April 2026

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

EU Bonds. The European Commission has raised €9 billion of EU-Bonds in its 4th syndicated transaction for 2026. The dual-tranche transaction concerned a €3 billion tap of the 3-year EU-Bond, maturing on 12 July 2029, and a €6 billion new 20-year EU-Bond, maturing on 12 October 2046. 14 April 2026

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

EU Defence Funding. Following the evaluation of the 2025 calls for the European Defence Fund (EDF), the European Commission will invest €1.07 billion in 57 new EDF projects. These investments will support the goals set out in the Defence Readiness Roadmap 2030 and provide essential funding for the EU's four major defence flagships: the European Drone Defence Initiative, the Eastern Flank Watch, the European Air Shield and the European Space Shield. 15 April 2026


Link to Commission statement [here](#)

Statement by President von der Leyen with Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on the digital age verification app. Speech available [here](#). 15 April 2026

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

EU-UK Erasmus. The UK's association to Erasmus+ will place UK learners, staff, education institutions and organisations on the same footing as those in EU Member States and other third countries associated to the programme. 15 April 2026

Link to Commission statement [here](#)



Digital Markets Act. The European Commission has sent preliminary findings to Google outlining proposed measures to comply with the Digital Markets Act (DMA). Under these proposed measures, Google should allow third party search engines to access search data, such as ranking, query, click and view data, on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. 16 April 2026

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

Fisheries and Aquaculture. The European Commission has activated the crisis mechanism of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF), allowing Member States to provide financial compensation to fishers, aquaculture producers, processors and retailers whose livelihoods have been disrupted by the consequences of the conflict in the Middle East. The measure, which applies retroactively from 28 February 2026, reflects the severe impact that the region's hostilities are having on the EU's fishery and aquaculture sector. 16 April 2026

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

Sovereign Cloud Services. The European Commission is strengthening the European Union's digital sovereignty by awarding a tender that allows EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies (Union entities) to procure sovereign cloud services for up to €180 million over 6 years. 17 April 2026.

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

Action Plan under the Pact for the Mediterranean. The European Commission outlined to representatives from EU Member States and the Southern Mediterranean the first set of key initiatives, in the form of an Action Plan, to advance the implementation of the Pact for the Mediterranean. The Pact was developed through an extensive and inclusive consultation process with governments, civil society, youth, private sector, and researchers across the Mediterranean. 17 April 2026.

Link to Commission statement [here](#)



European Council and Council of the European Union Highlights Week 13 to 17 April 2026

EU Steel Market. The Council presidency and the European Parliament have reached a provisional agreement on a regulation aimed at addressing the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the EU steel market. The regulation will introduce a new framework to protect the EU steel sector from global excess production and trade diversion, while ensuring that the measure remains compatible with the EU's international trade obligations and sufficiently flexible for economic operators, including downstream industries. 13 April 2026.

Link to Council report [here](#)

European Court of Auditors Highlights Week 13 to 17 April 2026

The European Court of Auditors has published Opinion 13/2026 (pursuant to Article 322(1) TFEU) concerning the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Temporary Decarbonisation Fund – COM (2025) 990 final. The purpose of this opinion is to comment on the design, governance and funding provisions of the proposed Temporary Decarbonisation Fund. It is intended to help ensure that the future fund promotes sound financial management and contributes to the objectives of the EU's climate and industrial policies. Further details [here](#). 14 April 2026.

European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

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European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

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Interparliamentary Meetings and Conferences during the Parliamentary Dimension of the Cypriot Presidency 1st Semester: 1st January - 30th June 2026

Date	Meeting	Host	Location
3-5 May 2026	Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments		Copenhagen, Denmark
6-7 May 2026	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on the theme: How can we improve living and working condition in the EU: the role of minimum wage protection and collective bargaining (EMPL: European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs)		European Parliament, Brussels
6-7 May 2026	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on EU and Member States' role in support of global accountability mechanisms, including universal jurisdiction, international courts and special tribunals (DROI: European Parliament Sub-Committee on Human Rights)		European Parliament, Brussels
3-4 June 2026	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on the theme: Discussion on Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps and Creative Europe in the current and new Multiannual Financial Framework (including lessons learned and the way forward) (CULT: the European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education)		European Parliament, Brussels
Week of 23 June 2026 (date to be advised)	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on the theme: Discussion on Social Climate Plans implementation in Member States to fight transport poverty (social climate fund obligation) (TRAN: European Parliament Committee on Transport and Tourism)		European Parliament, Brussels
24 June 2026	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) (AFET: European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs)		European Parliament, Brussels
24-25 June 2026	Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) oversight and the future outlook concerning the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) (CONT: European Parliament Committee on Budgetary Control)		European Parliament, Brussels



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Sources: Websites of: European Parliament European Commission, European Council and Council of the European Union Council, European Court of Auditors, European Ombudsman and IPEX.
