



European Parliament Coming Week Highlights Plenary Session in Strasbourg

21 October 24	Single Market/competitiveness. Former Prime Minister of Italy, Enrico Letta, will present his report on strengthening the EU’s internal market, followed by a debate among MEPs. On 24 October, MEPs will discuss with the Commission how to close the so-called skills gap, the difference between workers’ skills and those sought after by employers.
22 October 24	Lebanon. MEPs will debate the situation in Lebanon and are set to call for an urgent ceasefire and for the UN mission in the country to be protected, after several recent attacks.
22 October 24	EU budget 2025. Parliament will debate (with a vote on 23 October) the 2025 EU budget that focuses on improving people’s lives, boosting competitiveness, and addressing further current challenges. The plenary vote will kick-start three weeks of talks with Council, aiming to reach a deal to be voted on by Parliament before the end of 2024.
22 October 24	Financial assistance to Ukraine. MEPs will debate and vote on a €35 billion financial assistance package for Ukraine as part of the G7’s support initiative. The package leverages extraordinary profits from frozen Russian assets and aims to address Ukraine’s urgent financing needs in the face of Russia’s war.
22 October 24	China/Taiwan. Parliament will discuss China’s military actions close to Taiwan, and vote on a resolution on 24 October.
23 October 24	Migration. MEPs will discuss with the Commission potential changes to EU legislation to make the return of third-country nationals who do not have the legal right to stay in Europe easier and facilitate a more orderly management of migration
23 October 24	Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism. Parliament will award the 2024 Daphne Caruana Galizia Prize for Journalism, which rewards outstanding journalism that promotes or defends the core EU principles and values.

24 October 24	Sakharov Prize 2024 winner. On Thursday, the Conference of Presidents (EP President Metsola and political group leaders) will decide on the winner of the 2024 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. The three shortlisted candidates are (in alphabetical order): Dr Gubad Ibadoghlu, academic and anti-corruption activist in Azerbaijan; María Corina Machado, as leader of the democratic forces in Venezuela and President-elect Edmundo González Urrutia; and "Women Wage Peace" and "Women of the Sun", Israel/Palestine
European Parliament President's diary. EP President Roberta Metsola will meet with Commission President von der Leyen (21 October); she will meet with the UK Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations, Nick Thomas-Symonds (22 October); she will give an address at the Daphne Caruana Galizia Journalism Prize Ceremony (23 October) . On 25 October, President Metsola will be in Rome, speaking at the Commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the death of Alcide De Gasperi's.	
Link to the full agenda of the plenary session in Strasbourg here.	

<h2 style="color: #e67e22;">European Commission</h2> <h3 style="color: #e67e22;">Coming Week Highlights 21 to 25 October 2024</h3>	
23 October 24	Commission President von der Leyen in Albania: meets with Prime Minister Edi Rama; delivers a speech at the inauguration ceremony for the College of Europe campus in Tirana.
24 October 24	Commissioner Mairead McGuinness in Dublin: delivers a keynote speech at the U.S.-Ireland Economic Summit: "100 Years of Partnership" organised by the US Embassy in Ireland.
26 October 24	Commission President von der Leyen in Kosovo: meets with President Vjosa Osmani Sadriu; meets with Prime Minister Albin Kurti; Leyen in Montenegro: meets with President Jakov Milatović; meets with Prime Minister Milojko Spajić.
Link to Commission's weekly calendar here	



European Council and Council of the European Union Coming Fortnight Highlights.

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Agriculture and Fisheries Council. Meeting details [here](#).

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Support for Ukraine. MEPs in the European Parliament Trade Committee voted to support a loan of up to €35 billion to Ukraine as the EU's contribution to the G7's support initiative. 14 October 2024.

Link to EP report [here](#)

Sakharov Prize 2024. Members of Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Development committees have chosen the three finalists for the 2024 Sakharov Prize. 17 October 2024.

Link to EP report [here](#)

President Metsola. Speaking to leaders gathered at the European Council meeting, European Parliament President Metsola reiterated Parliament's unwavering support for Ukraine. She called for a coordinated European approach to ensure the integrity of Schengen. 17 October 2024.

Link to EP report [here](#)



European Commission. Highlights Week 14 to 18 October 2024.

Support for Asia Pacific region. The European Commission announced a new humanitarian aid package of €21.5 million for the Asia-Pacific region, bringing the total EU support to almost €95 million in 2024. The new funding will support humanitarian projects in Bangladesh, Myanmar, Indonesia and Malaysia. 15 October 2024.

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

Independent Review of Europe's competitiveness and sustainability. More excellent research, impactful innovation and technology scale-ups are needed to make Europe more globally competitive, secure and sustainable. These are among the twelve expert recommendations presented to the Commission to strengthen Horizon Europe, the EU research and innovation programme, and its successor. 16 October 2024.

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

Investments from Third Countries Review. EU Member States and the European Commission are strengthening their cooperation on identifying and addressing investments from third countries that threaten EU security or public order, according to the Fourth Annual Report on the Screening of Foreign Direct Investments. 17 October 2024.

Link to Commission statement [here](#)

New Rules to Strengthen Cybersecurity. The European Commission has adopted the first implementing rules on cybersecurity of critical entities and networks under the Directive on measures for high common level of cybersecurity across the Union. This implementing act details cybersecurity risk management measures as well as the cases in which an incident should be considered significant and companies providing digital infrastructures and services should report it to national authorities. 17 October 2024.

Link to Commission statement [here](#)



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UN Biodiversity Convention. The European Council approved conclusions in view of the Conference of Parties on the Convention on biological diversity (COP16) and the meetings on the Cartagena protocol and the Nagoya protocol, to be held in Cali, Colombia, from 21 October to 1 November 2024. The conclusions will serve as the EU's general negotiating position at the meetings. 15 October 2024.

Link to Council report [here](#)

Eurogroup upcoming work priorities. The President of the Eurogroup, Minister Paschal Donohoe, sent a letter to the President of the Euro Summit, Charles Michel, to report on the recent work by the Eurogroup and upcoming work priorities. 15 October 2024.

Link to report [here](#)

Conclusions adopted at the European Council. A number of conclusions were adopted at the meeting of the European Council meeting on 17 October 2024

Link to Conclusions report [here](#)

Further information on the European Council meeting are contained [here](#).

European Court of Auditors Highlights Week 14 to 18 October 2024

EU adaptation policy and climate change. There is a risk that the EU's adaptation policy might not keep pace with climate change, according to a report published by the European Court of Auditors. Extreme climate events such as heatwaves, drought and flooding are occurring with increasing severity and frequency. They also have major economic consequences. While the EU has a sound framework for addressing the impact of climate change, adaptation policies experience issues when put into practice, the report finds. 16 October 2024.

Further details can be accessed [here](#).

European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Link to European Committee of the Regions Home Page [here](#)

Link to European Committee of the Regions News Page [here](#)

Inter-parliamentary meetings and conferences during the Parliamentary Dimension of the Hungarian Presidency 2nd Semester - 1st July - 31 December June 2024

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Date	Meeting	Host	Location
27-29 October	LXXII. COSAC Plenary		Budapest
11-12 November	Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG on Europol)		EP/Brussels
2 December	Inter-parliamentary meeting on Evaluation of EUROJUST's activities	LIBE	EP/Brussels
4 December	Inter-parliamentary meeting on E-Justice: lessons learned from national perspectives	JURI	EP/Brussels
4 - 5 December	Conference on the topic of cultural heritage and the identity of national communities (Budapest)		Budapest
12 December	Inter-parliamentary meeting on Rule of Law	LIBE	EP/Brussels
9 - 10 February	Meeting of the Secretaries General of the European Union Parliaments (EUSG)		Budapest
11 - 13 May 2025	Conference of the Speakers of European Union Parliaments (EUSC)		Budapest

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