



## European Parliament Coming Week Highlights Committee Meetings and other issues

<b>30 September 2024</b>	<b>ECB President Lagarde.</b> Members of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will discuss lowering the key European Central Bank interest rate further with ECB President Christine Lagarde and the need for a Capital Markets Union. This is President Lagarde’s first meeting with the parliamentary committee since the June European elections.
<b>30 September 2024</b>	<b>Ukraine/financial assistance.</b> The International Trade Committee will have a first discussion on the proposed Ukraine Loan Cooperation Mechanism, and an exceptional Macro-Financial Assistance (MFA) loan of up to €35 billion to the country, with Commission Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis.
<b>30 September 2024</b>	<b>European Public Prosecutor.</b> European Chief Prosecutor Laura Kövesi will update MEPs in the Civil Liberties Committee on her office’s current work and future challenges.
<b>1/2 October 2024</b>	<b>New Commission/Confirmation hearings.</b> The Conference of Committee Chairs will prepare the confirmation hearings of the Commissioners-designate and discuss the possible timetable, common questions all candidates have to answer as well as the division of responsibilities among Parliament’s committees (Tuesday). The final decision will be taken by the Conference of Presidents (EP President and political group leaders), which is set to discuss the organisation of the hearings during their meeting (Wednesday).
<b>3 October 2024</b>	<b>Eurobarometer/Post June 2024 European elections.</b> Parliament will publish its first pan-European post-electoral opinion survey, focused on the concerns of EU citizens and the issues that motivated them to vote in June.
<b>2/3 October 2024</b>	<b>European Parliament President’s diary.</b> On Wednesday, EP President Roberta Metsola will meet the UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer. On Thursday, she will meet Esther Lynch, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation, and the President of the Austrian National Council, Wolfgang Sobotka.

[Link to all committee meetings here](#)



## European Commission Coming Week Highlights

<b>30 Sept to 4 October 2024</b>	A full listing of the European Commissioners' engagements and meetings is linked <a href="#">here</a> .
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## European Council and Council of the European Union Coming Week Highlights

<b>30 Sept to 4 October 2024</b>	No Council meetings are currently scheduled for this coming week.
<b>10 and 11 October 2024</b>	Meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council. Details for 10 October <a href="#">here</a> and for 11 October <a href="#">here</a> .

**Link to Council Meeting Calendar** [here](#)

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**Sakharov Prize 2024.** Political groups presented their candidates for the Sakharov Prize 2024 during a joint committee meeting on 26 September 2024. The three finalists will be selected in October.

Link to EP report [here](#).

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**Hungarian Presidency.** Ministers held a series of meetings in parliamentary committees to present the priorities of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council.

Further details of the Committees and Ministers' engagements is linked [here](#).

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**Next week's Plenary.** The plenary session of the European Parliament will meet in Strasbourg next week, Monday 7 to Thursday 10 October. MEPs will assess the introduction of internal border controls by some member states and their impact on the travel-free Schengen area, debate the programme of Hungary's Council Presidency with Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and look ahead at the upcoming 17-18 October EU summit. They will also debate and vote on Russian interference ahead of the upcoming presidential elections in Moldova as well as on the democratic backsliding and threats to political pluralism in Georgia. During the session, Parliament will also discuss the crisis facing the EU's automotive industry and debate ways to ensure sustainable, decent and affordable housing in Europe.

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**Business pledges on AI Pact.** 23 September 2024. The Commission announced today over a hundred companies that are the first signatories of the **EU artificial intelligence (AI) Pact** and its voluntary pledges. The signatories include multinational corporations and European small and medium enterprises (SMEs) from diverse sectors, including IT, telecoms, healthcare, banking, automotive, and aeronautics.

Link to Commission statement [here](#).

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**Infringement decisions in transposition of EU Directives.** 26 September 2024. The Commission is adopting a package of infringement decisions due to the absence of communication by Member States of measures taken to transpose EU directives into national law. The Commission is sending a letter of formal notice to those Member States who have failed to notify national measures transposing directives, whose transposition deadline expired recently. Specifically, the Commission calls on [Ireland](#) and Austria to notify measures fully transposing the provisions of the Directive on Restructuring and Insolvency as regards the use of electronic means of communication in insolvency proceedings.

Link to Commission statement [here](#).

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**Additional humanitarian aid of €10 to Lebanon.** The Commission approved additional emergency funding of €10 aims to tackle the most urgent needs such as protection, food assistance, shelter and health care in Lebanon. The EU is ready to provide further support by mobilising all the available emergency response tools, including via use of the Civil Protection Mechanism.

Link to Commission statement [here](#).



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**Consumer Rights/Alternative Dispute Resolution procedures.** 25 September 2024. The Council adopted its negotiating mandate on a package of measures to adapt the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) framework to the challenges of the digital world. Many consumers facing a disagreement with a company refuse to litigate due to the small sums involved, lengthy procedure times or a lack of confidence in the possibility of reaching a satisfactory solution. ADR mechanisms allow consumers to settle their disputes with companies before going to court.

Link to Council report [here](#)

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**Air navigation reform.** 25 September 2024. With a view to improving the overall efficiency of the way in which European airspace is organised and managed, the Council adopted its position at first reading on the reform of the Single European Sky. Reforms will seek to improve performance, organisation and management of airspaces in the EU.

Link to Council report [here](#)

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## European Court of Auditors Highlights Week 23 to 27 September 2024

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**Report on EU support for organic farming.** 23 September 2024. A report published by the European Court of Auditors sows seeds of doubt about the effectiveness of EU support for organic farming. The current strategy has significant shortcomings, and there is neither a vision nor targets for the organic sector beyond 2030. While the billions of euros the EU provides annually have extended the area of land that is organically farmed, too little attention is being paid to the requirements and needs of the sector.

Press release attached [here](#).

Copy of the Auditors' report (pdf) attached [here](#).

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**Review of EU Emergency Trust Fund.** 25 September 2024. The €5 billion EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) is not concentrating enough on priorities to tackle the root causes of instability, irregular migration, and displacement on the African continent, according to a new report by the European Court of Auditors.

Press release and further details are linked [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
<b>3-4 October</b>	Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU (IPC on SECG)		Budapest
<b>27-29 October</b>	LXXII. COSAC Plenary		Budapest
<b>11-12 November</b>	Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG on Europol)		EP/Brussels
<b>4 - 5 December</b>	Conference on the topic of cultural heritage and the identity of national communities (Budapest)		Budapest
<b>9 - 10 February</b>	Meeting of the Secretaries General of the European Union Parliaments (EUSG)		Budapest
<b>11 - 13 May 2025</b>	Conference of the Speakers of European Union Parliaments (EUSC)		Budapest

European Parliament events will be added when Parliament convenes after June elections.

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