
The Week Ahead 20 – 26 January 2025

Plenary session, Strasbourg

Polish EU Council Presidency/Donald Tusk. On *Wednesday*, MEPs will discuss the programme of Poland's six-month Council Presidency, which started on 1 January, with Prime Minister Donald Tusk and Commission President von der Leyen.

Enforcing EU digital rules to protect democracy. On *Tuesday*, MEPs will discuss the need to enforce the Digital Services Act (DSA) and tackle the spread of illegal content, online disinformation, and other societal risks to safeguard European democracy from foreign interference and algorithmic manipulation.

Trump presidency/EU-US relations. On *Tuesday*, MEPs will discuss the geopolitical and economic implications for EU-US relations of the new Trump administration.

December European Council. On *Wednesday*, MEPs will assess the results of the 19 December EU summit, which took stock of the latest events in Ukraine and the Middle East, with European Council President António Costa and Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Ceasefire agreement in Gaza. MEPs will discuss on *Monday* the ceasefire in Gaza, the need to release hostages and end the humanitarian crisis, and ways to work towards a two-state solution.

Russian disinformation on Ukraine. On *Thursday*, MEPs will vote on a resolution about Russia's manipulation of history and its use of false narratives to justify its war of aggression against Ukraine, concluding a plenary debate held in December 2024.

Repression in Belarus/Unrest in Georgia. On *Tuesday*, MEPs will debate the continuing oppression and fake elections in Belarus, and the political turmoil in Georgia around the investiture of a pro-Russian President, with representatives of the Polish Presidency and the Commission. MEPs will vote on accompanying resolutions on *Wednesday* (Belarus) and the next plenary (Georgia).

Hungary/Espionage. On *Tuesday*, plenary will assess recent media reports alleging that Hungary's intelligence services spied on EU officials investigating fraud in the country.

Venezuela. On *Tuesday*, MEPs will debate the critical situation in Venezuela after the investiture of illegitimate President Maduro, followed by a vote on a resolution on *Thursday*.

Climate crisis. On *Monday*, MEPs will debate the need for climate action to fight global warming in light of the record high temperatures in 2024.

President's diary. On *Tuesday* European Parliament President Roberta Metsola will meet Egypt's Foreign Affairs Minister Badr Abdelatty and Mayotte's Departmental Council President Ben Issa Oussen, as well as speak at a Conference of the Presidents of the Outermost Regions in the EU. On *Wednesday*, she will meet Poland's Prime Minister Donald Tusk. President Metsola will then travel to Davos, Switzerland, on *Wednesday evening*, where she will deliver the opening remarks at the World Economic Forum High-level Europe dialogue. On *Thursday*, still in Davos, she will participate in a World Economic Forum panel discussion.

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 20 January 2025

PLENARY SESSION

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

Resumption of session and order of business

Ceasefire in Gaza - the urgent need to release the hostages, to end the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and to pave the way for a two-state solution

[2025/2523(RSP)]

Heat record year 2024 - the need for climate action to fight global warming

[2025/2506(RSP)]

Powering Europe's future - advancing the fusion industry for energy independence and innovation

[2025/2507(RSP)]

One-minute speeches (Rule 179)

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg

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

Tuesday 21 January 2025

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 11:50 **Debate**

Need to enforce the Digital Services Act to protect democracy on social media platforms including against foreign interference and biased algorithms
[2025/2515(RSP)]

12:00 - 13:00 **VOTES**

EU/Republic of Serbia agreement on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Serbia

Report: Karlo Ressler (A10-0027/2024)

[2024/0074(NLE)]

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

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

Geopolitical and economic implications for the transatlantic relations under the new Trump administration
[2025/2516(RSP)]

Need to detect and to counter sabotage by the Russian shadow fleet, damaging critical undersea infrastructure in the Baltic Sea
[2025/2517(RSP)]

The Hungarian government's illegal espionage of EU institutions and investigative bodies
[2025/2505(RSP)]

Need for actions to address the continued oppression and fake elections in Belarus
[2024/3014(RSP)]

Situation in Venezuela following the usurpation of the presidency on 10 January 2025
[2025/2519(RSP)]

Further deterioration of the political situation in Georgia

[2025/2522(RSP)]

Humanitarian crisis in Sudan

[2025/2520(RSP)]

Explanations of votes

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European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg

13:40 President Metsola receives the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Badr Abdelatty

14:50 President Metsola receives the President of the Departmental Council of Mayotte Ben Issa Oussen

15:00 President Metsola addresses a Conference of the Presidents of the Outermost Regions in the EU

PRESS CONFERENCES

09:30-10:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing EPP

Manfred WEBER (EPP,DE), President

10:00-11:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing S&D

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

10:30-11:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing Renew Europe

Valérie HAYER (Renew,FR), President

11:00-11:30 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing Greens/EFA

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

11:30-12:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Briefing The Left

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

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

Briefing ECR

Patryk JAKI (ECR, PL), Co-chair

15:30-16:00 Strasbourg, Louise Weiss, N-1/201

Enforcing the Digital Services Act

Christel SCHALDEMOSE (S&D, DK) EP Vice-President and Chair of the Working Group on the implementation of the DSA

Wednesday 22 January 2025

PLENARY SESSION

09:00 - 10:30 **KEY DEBATE**

Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 19 December 2024
[2024/2879(RSP)]

10:30 - 12:20 **KEY DEBATE**

Presentation of the programme of activities of the Polish Presidency
[2024/2970(RSP)]

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

Need for actions to address the continued oppression and fake elections in Belarus
[2024/3014(RSP)]

13:30 - 21:00 **Debates (or at the end of the votes)**

Topical debate (Rule 169) - Uniting Europe against actors hostile to the EU: time to strengthen our security and defence

Addressing EU demographic challenges: towards the implementation of the 2023 Demography Toolbox
[2024/3016(RSP)]

Failure of the negotiations in Busan for a UN plastic treaty and the urgent need to tackle plastic pollution at international and Union level
[2025/2508(RSP)]

Links between organised crime and smuggling of migrants in light of the recent UN reports
[2024/3017(RSP)]

EU financing through the LIFE programme of entities lobbying EU institutions and the need for transparency
[2025/2509(RSP)]

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

Case of Jean-Jacques Wondo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
[2025/2510(RSP)]

Systematic repression of human rights in Iran, notably the cases of Pakhshan Azizi and Wrisha Moradi, and the taking of EU citizens as hostages
[2025/2511(RSP)]

Case of Boualem Sansal in Algeria
[2025/2512(RSP)]

Stepping up international action to protect whales following Iceland's decision to extend commercial whaling until 2029
[2025/2513(RSP)]

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European Parliament's plenary session in Strasbourg

10:00 *Visit of the Prime Minister of Poland Donald Tusk to the European Parliament for the Presentation of Polish Presidency of the Council's priorities*

President Metsola greets Prime Minister Tusk

President Metsola and Prime Minister Tusk have a bilateral meeting

Prime Minister Tusk addresses the European Parliament

Davos, Switzerland

20:00 President Metsola addresses opening remarks at the World Economic Forum High-level Europe dialogue

Thursday 23 January 2025

PLENARY SESSION

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

Combating Desertification: 16th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP16) of the United Nations Convention
[2024/3018(RSP)]

Cryptocurrencies - need for global standards
[2025/2514(RSP)]

12:00 - 14:00 **VOTES**

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[2025/2510(RSP)]

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[2025/2511(RSP)]

Case of Boualem Sansal in Algeria
[2025/2512(RSP)]

Russia's disinformation and historical falsification to justify its war of aggression against Ukraine
[2024/2988(RSP)]

Situation in Venezuela following the usurpation of the presidency on 10 January 2025
[2025/2519(RSP)]

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

Major interpellation (Rule 145)

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Davos, Switzerland

10:15 President Metsola participates in the World Economic Forum's Panel Discussion

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-11:00 Strasbourg, Winston Churchill, 100

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Debate

- Presentation of the Council Presidency's programme - Exchange of views with Paulina HENNIG-KLOSKA, Minister of Climate and Environment, Polish Council Presidency
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