



Agenda

The Week Ahead 16 – 22 February 2015

External Parliamentary Activities Week

The coming week is set aside for MEPs to work in their constituencies or to make delegation visits.

WTO Parliamentary Conference. A delegation of 14 MEPs, led by EP Vice-President Olli Rehn will take part in the annual session of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Parliamentary Conference in the WTO premises in Geneva, Switzerland. This conference is co-organised by the European Parliament to enhance the democratic legitimacy of WTO deals and hold it accountable to legislators. This year MEPs and MPs will look at trade as an enabler of peace and prosperity and how to better convey the benefits of the WTO to a wider public. *(Monday and Tuesday)*

Mission to Frontex. MEPs Barbara Kudrycka, Juan Fernando López Aguilar and Jeroen Lenaers from the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee will visit the headquarters of the EU border agency Frontex, in Warsaw (Poland). The delegation will meet Frontex's Executive Director, Fabrice Leggeri, and other staff to discuss the EU agency's tasks, budget and organisation, possible changes to the Frontex regulation, the role of Frontex in Eurosur, plans for a European System of Border Guards, fundamental rights and recent developments, including the Triton operation in the Mediterranean. *(Monday and Tuesday)*

President's diary. On Friday, President Schulz will pay a visit to Vienna where he will meet, among others, the President of the Austrian Parliament Doris Bures.

Monday 16/02/2015

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Transnational organised crime such as drug, arms and human trafficking, climate change and the achievement of Millennium Development Goals, the respect for human rights and the prospects for the modernisation of the Global Agreement EU-Mexico will top MEPs' debates with their counterparts from the Congress of the United States of Mexico. The MEPs will also meet the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Carlos de Icaza, the President of the Investigation Committee on the 'Iguada Case', Senator Omar Fayad, and high representatives of the Minister of Home Affairs. They will also meet with human rights defenders and NGOs, visit projects financed by the EU and meet UNESCO representatives in Mexico.

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Women's Rights delegation to European Institute for Gender Equality

Vilnius, Lithuania

18-20 February 2015

A two-member delegation of MEPs from the **Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee** will visit the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) - the agency for which the Women's Rights Committee is primarily responsible - in Vilnius from 18-20 February 2015..

The delegation is led by Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĖ (S&D, LT), Vice-Chair of the committee, and she will be accompanied by Sirpa PIETIKÄINEN (EPP, FI)

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