



Strasbourg Flash

Plenary Session Priorities 2-5 February 2009

Strategic energy review: a question of priorities

Monday, 2 February 2009

When the European Commission unveiled its second strategic energy review, it placed nuclear and CCS measures on a top level of importance. While it did also recognise the need for renewables and energy saving, it failed to give these the priority they deserve and transport was barely considered at all. Unfortunately, EP rapporteur Anne Laperrouze has followed suit.

Greens have set out the necessary real paradigm shift in energy policy in their Green New Deal. Others, meanwhile, stubbornly seek to preserve a business-as-usual scenario.

Greens' shadow: **Rebecca Harms**

Gender discrimination: a step backwards?

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Childcare provision can help strike the difficult balance between work and family life, a challenge disproportionately faced by women in Europe.

Recent statements from the Czech Presidency on revising the "Barcelona" childcare goals are perplexing. After decades of slow but steady progress in removing disincentives to participate in the labour force, it seems some quarters want women out of the workplace and back in the home.

Green MEPs **Raül Romeva, Hiltrud Breyer, Monica Frassoni** and **Heide Rühle** will table an alternative resolution on this issue.

Employer sanctions: who pays the price?

Tuesday, 3 February 2009

Many of the irregular migrants who work in the European Union are employed under exploitative conditions.

Proposed sanctions, supposedly designed against employers, are problematic because they also result in the deportation of third country nationals who are working without papers.

This situation goes from problematic to unacceptable when the proposal on the table offers no guarantee workers will be paid for their work if their migration status is in question.

Greens' shadow: **Jean Lambert**

Greens/EFA Co-Presidents briefing

with **Daniel Cohn-Bendit** and
Monica Frassoni

Tuesday, 3 February, 10.20-10.40
Press conference room

Also worth watching - Parliamentary reports, debates and resolutions

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Oral question: Doha negotiations on non-agricultural market access (NAMA) and services

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Angelilli report on combating the sexual exploitation of children & child pornography (Greens: **Lambert**)
Council and Commission statements on Guantanamo Bay and CIA renditions

Wednesday, 4 February

Florenz report on recommendations for future climate change policy

Formal sitting: Palestinian Authority

Council and Commission statements: Kosovo (Greens: **Legendijk**)

Thursday, 5 February

Graefe zu Baringdorf report on the placing on the market and use of feed for animals

Debates on cases of breaches of human rights

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