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## This week in the EP committees

### Highlights and livestream links

Human rights will be one of several high points on the agenda as the European Parliament's committees meet from 28 September to 2 October. Nominations will be presented for the EP's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought and a public hearing will put a spotlight on the situation in Russia. Other points of interest include a vote on road transport working time and a discussion of the Baltic Sea strategy.

<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Stream</b>
<b>Employment &amp; Social Affairs (EMPL)</b>	<b>29.09.2009</b> 17:00	<b>Vote on road transport "working time":</b> A key vote on Tuesday will set the EP employment committee position on working time limits for road transport workers. A major sticking point is whether self-employed drivers will be excluded from the rules set out in the Directive.	Watch
<b>Foreign Affairs (AFET)</b>	<b>30.09.2009</b> 09:00-10.30	<b>Nominees for Sakharov Prize:</b> Ten nominees have now been identified for the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. The candidates will be put forward at the foreign affairs committee meeting on Wednesday, 30 September - a first step towards announcing a	Watch

final laureat in mid-December.

**Subcom. on Human Rights (DROI)**

**30.9.2009**  
15:00

**Human rights in Russia:** Watch Recent murders of NGO activists have put the spotlight back on the human rights situation in Russia. This public hearing of the EP human rights subcommittee will highlight some of the key concerns.

**Regional development (REGI)**

**6.10.2009**  
9:00 - 10:30

**Focus: Baltic Sea:** The Swedish Presidency of the EU set the Baltic Sea strategy as one of its priorities. This regional development committee meeting offers a forum to exchange views on the EU strategy with the Swedish Presidency and the Commission.

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