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What's coming up in Parliament

Greens/EFA priorities - plenary session 16-19 September 2019

Hungary - Rule of law

General Affairs Council

One year since the Rule of Law in Hungary report, written by former Greens/EFA MEP Judith Sargentini, was supported by a large majority in the European Parliament. The report, which calls on the Council to look into the deteriorating situation around the rule of law in Hungary under the Article 7 procedure, will finally be debated in the General Affairs Council on Monday. Since the report was voted on, the situation in Hungary has deteriorated. The Finnish Presidency have put the report on the agenda after the Romanian Presidency failed to act. The European Parliament's rapporteur will be Greens/EFA MEP Gwendoline Deblos-Corfield.

More: [Sargentini report](#)

Amazon fires

Debate Tuesday

The European Parliament will debate the grave situation in the Amazon rainforest. Since the election of Jair Bolsonaro and his policy of destruction in the Amazon man made fires have torn through the forest to clear land for mass agriculture. The Greens/EFA group have called for a debate on the situation in the Amazon. The role of trade and the current economic model in Brazil is encouraging the destruction of unique and vital forest. Unfortunately, the S&D, EPP and Renew Europe groups all refused to vote on a resolution following the debate.

Climate debate ahead of UN summit

Debate Tuesday

Ahead of the UN Climate Action Summit in New York on the 23rd of September, the European Parliament will debate the EU's position going into the talks. The EU will have to boost its ambitions and step up existing plans for action on climate change if the Union is to achieve the goals of the Paris climate agreement. Greens/EFA MEP Aileen McLeod will attend the summit on behalf of the group. On Friday the Greens/EFA website will go on strike in solidarity with the global climate strike.

Brexit

Debate and vote Wednesday

The current political paralysis in the UK and the policies of the Conservative government threaten to drive the UK out of the EU without a deal at the end of October. The European Parliament will debate and vote on a resolution calling on the EU to extend the Article 50 process to avoid no deal and to protect citizen's rights.

New von der Leyen Commission

Conference of Presidents exchange of views

The new Commission line-up, presented by President-elect Ursula von der Leyen, contains several problematic issues for the Greens/EFA group, such as the choice for the Hungarian Commissioner, which raises questions about commitment to the rule of law, and the title of "protection our European way of life" for the portfolio that includes migration. Commissioner hearings in the European Parliament will take place between September 30th and October 10th. President-elect von der Leyen will attend the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament on Thursday. The Greens/EFA group had called for a full plenary debate with von der Leyen so that all MEPs and the public could view the exchange.

Money laundering

Debate Wednesday, vote Thursday

Existing EU money laundering legislation is being implemented at different levels in the Member States. Money laundering legislation will only be truly effective if it is implemented to the same level in each EU country. That's why the Greens/EFA group have called for a debate and vote this plenary session.

More

- Debate on patenting plants and biological processes - Monday
- Debate and vote on the appointment of Christine Lagarde as ECB President - Tuesday
- The full agenda for the session can be found [here](#).
- Presidential press briefing 10:30 Tuesday, in the Daphne Caruana Galizia room.

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