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Weekly preview of the Greens/EFA group - 28 May - 1 June 2012

EP priorities (full text below):

- **Rejecting ACTA - the anti-counterfeiting agreement (committee votes, Tues. and Thurs.)**
 - **EU data protection rules under review (workshop in civil liberties committee, Tues.)**
 - **Keeping track of the EU's climate change efforts (environment committee vote, Weds.)**
 - **EU project bonds to boost investment (budgets committee vote, Thurs.)**
 - **Encouraging investment in start-ups and social enterprises (economic affairs committee votes, Thurs.)**
 - **Promoting rail transport in Europe (transport committee vote, Thurs.)**
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Rejecting ACTA - the anti-counterfeiting agreement

Tues. and Thurs. 29, 31 May - Industry, civil liberties and legal affairs committee votes

Three EP committees will deliver their verdicts on the controversial ACTA anti-counterfeiting trade agreement in adopting their opinion reports, including the industry committee, with the report drafted by Greens/EFA MEP Amelia Andersdotter. With political momentum continuing to build in opposition to this problematic agreement, the Greens hope the EP will be able to finally reject ACTA once and for all before the summer. (see [latest press release](#))

EU data protection rules under review

Tues. 29 May - Civil liberties committee workshop (**Albrecht** report)

With a review of the EU's data protection legislation underway, MEPs will discuss the proposals and their implications on EU member states at a workshop in the civil liberties committee with Green MEP and EP draftsman Jan Philipp Albrecht. The Greens support the proposals to modernise data protection rules to take account of the digital age and ensure proper enforceability. (see [latest press release](#))

Keeping track of the EU's climate change efforts

Weds. 30 May - Environment committee vote (**Eickhout** report)

Revised EU rules on how to monitor and report on greenhouse gas emissions and other climate change policies in the EU will be voted on by MEPs. Green draftsman Bas Eickhout wants to introduce a reference trajectory for reporting on member states' low carbon development strategies towards 2050, as well

more detailed reporting on emissions from shipping. Reporting on commitments to climate change financing in poorer countries is also included, and the Greens support the Commission approach to ensure this is done annually.

EU project bonds to boost investment

Thurs. 31 May - Budgets committee vote

The EP's budgets committee is set to give the go-ahead for a pilot phase for EU project bonds for financing energy, transport and telecommunications projects in EU member states. The Greens have supported project bonds since the outset as an important tool for helping to revitalise Europe's flagging economy and hope the scheme is adopted permanently and on a much larger scale.

Encouraging investment in start-ups and social enterprises

Thurs. 31 May - Economic affairs committee votes (**Lamberts**, Auconie reports)

The EP's economic affairs committee will vote on two small but important reports introducing new EU rules aimed at promoting investment in start-ups and social enterprises. The two separate legislative proposals would create 'labels' that it is hoped will encourage potential investors to invest in start-ups that have difficulties accessing funding from banks, as well as social enterprises.

Promoting rail transport in Europe

Thurs. 31 May - Transport committee vote (Serrachiani report)

An EU strategy for revitalising rail transport across Europe will be voted on by the EP's transport committee, revising existing EU rules. A key element of the new proposals would be to strengthen the powers of rail regulators. There are also proposals to reduce noise pollution from freight rail. (see [latest press release](#))

Mortgages - EU rules and consumer protection

Mon. 14 May - Economic affairs committee vote (Sanchez Presedo report)

EU legislation harmonising standards applying to mortgages across the EU is set to be voted on by the lead economic affairs committee. The Greens believe the legislation should strengthen consumer protection in the mortgage sector but the proposals have been subject to industry lobbying, seeking to limit the ambition in terms of consumer protection.