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Weekly preview of the Greens/EFA group - 25-29 June 2012

Other EU priorities:

- **Combating tax fraud and evasion in the EU (EU Commission proposal, Weds.)**
- **Euro crisis - the saga continues (EU summit, Thurs. - Fri.)**

Greens/EFA events:

- **eFortress Europe - border surveillance and migration control (conference, Tues.)**
 - **Beyond austerity - kickstarting social Europe (conference, Weds.)**
 - **Green ports and shipping (hearing, Weds.)**
 - **Data protection for the digital age (hearing, Thurs.)**
 - **Island transport connectivity and transforming the shipbuilding industry (hearing, Thurs.)**
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Combating tax fraud and evasion in the EU

Weds. 27 June - EU Commission proposal

Tax fraud, evasion and arbitrage deprive exchequers in Europe of €100s billions per year. Whether through loopholes or lack of enforcement of existing rules or lack of regulation, the problem is huge. In the context of the current crisis, addressing this should be a top priority for EU policy-makers, all the more so against the background of the failed one-sided focus on fiscal contraction. The Commission has been tasked to come forward with proposals to this end.

Euro crisis - the saga continues

Thurs. - Fri. 28-29 June - Summit of EU leaders

Another EU summit and EU leaders will again be confronted with the Euro crisis, as their crisis response has so far failed abjectly. The Spanish bailout has naturally failed to convince the markets that EU leaders are taking the crisis seriously. For the Greens, the summit must take urgent steps to address the sovereign debt crisis, such as by creating a debt redemption fund and signalling the way towards debt mutualisation and Eurobonds. It must also take concrete decisions to move towards a banking union, with provisions for bank resolution and deposit guarantees. Crucially, the one-sided focus on fiscal contraction must be balanced with an investment strategy.

eFortress Europe - border surveillance and migration control

Tues. 26 June - Conference, Room ASP 1G3 European Parliament - 9.30-13.00

Against a background of moves towards increased surveillance of external borders in Europe, this conference will address the trend, looking in particular at new proposals on a European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR), Smart Borders and an EU passenger name record system. (click for [more information](#))

Beyond austerity - kickstarting social Europe

Weds. 27 June - Conference, Room ASP 1G3 European Parliament - 9.30-13.00

With the Euro crisis and the current one-sided focus on austerity as part of the crisis response, European citizens are facing dramatic social consequences. This conference will assess the consequences and seek to propose alternatives. (click for [more information](#))

Green ports and shipping

Weds. 27 June - Hearing, Room ASP 3G2 European Parliament - 15.00-18.30

This hearing will look at models for more sustainable shipping and ports. (click for [more information](#))

Data protection for the digital age

Thurs. 28 June - Hearing, Room ASP 1G3 European Parliament - 9.30-13.00

The challenges of data protection in the digital age will be the focus of this hearing. It will look at the questions of user rights, how to be forgotten, privacy technologies, police data sharing and access to corporate databases. (click for [more information](#))

Island transport connectivity and transforming the shipbuilding industry

Thurs. 28 June - Hearing, Room ASP 1G3 European Parliament - 15.00-18.30

This hearing will look at island connections and sustainable transport solutions, notably with regard to the shipbuilding industry. (click for [more information](#))