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Weekly preview of the Greens/EFA group - 13-17 May 2013

EU priorities (full text below):

- **Tax evasion and banking transparency (EU finance ministers' council, Mon. - Tues.)**
- **EU-Ukraine agreement and ongoing concerns (European Commission proposal, Weds.)**

Greens/EFA events:

- **Reindustrialising Europe the right way (conference, Weds.)**
 - **Collective rights management: how to make it work (conference, Thurs.)**
 - **Biodiversity: a European instrument for access and benefit sharing (conference, Thurs.)**
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Tax evasion and banking transparency

Mon. - Tues. 13-14 May – Council of EU finance ministers

Ahead of this month's EU summit, EU finance ministers are set to discuss EU steps to tackle tax evasion and fraud. The Greens have been very clear on the need for urgent EU action, notably closing legislative loopholes and a coherent approach to tax havens. Finance ministers are also set to discuss proposals to ensure transparency of bank accounts, which is crucial in the context of tax evasion and fraud. (see [latest press release](#))

EU-Ukraine agreement and ongoing concerns

Weds. 15 May – European Commission proposal

The European Commission is set to provisionally conclude and sign an Association Agreement, deepening economic and political relations between Ukraine and the EU. While the agreement also includes a reform agenda for Ukraine to move towards EU values and norms, the Greens believe the conclusion of the agreement is premature in the context of the current situation in Ukraine, with concerns about democratic rights and the rule of law. (see [latest press release](#))

Reindustrialising Europe the right way

Weds. 15 May – Conference - Room ASP 1G3 - European Parliament - 10-13.00

This conference will bring together stakeholders to discuss reindustrialisation in Europe and the lessons we can learn from our global competitors. (see [more information](#))

Collective rights management: how to make it work

Thurs. 16 May – Conference - Room ASP 1G3 - European Parliament - 9.30-13.00

This conference takes place in the context of the drafting of a new directive on collective rights management. The Greens have long called for reform and the conference will aim to ensure this historic opportunity can solve longstanding abuses and problems, establishing new mechanisms to facilitate the licensing of musical works in Europe and improving transparency.

Biodiversity: a European instrument for access and benefit sharing

Thurs. 16 May – Conference - Room ASP 1G3 - European Parliament - 15-18.30

This conference will bring together top experts on biodiversity and representatives of the global equity movement to put this crucial issue high on the political agenda. It aims to underline the need for decisive action and to demonstrate the beneficial consequences of ambitious EU regulation on access and benefit-sharing. (see [more information](#))