

The Week Ahead 01 – 07 April 2024

Committee meetings

Digital Markets Act (DMA). The Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee will hold an exchange of views on the implementation of the Digital Markets Act (DMA) with Commission Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager, independent experts, and industry representatives. The discussion will focus on the first assessment of compliance, including so-called “self-preferencing” and app stores. The legislation establishes new obligations for search engines, online marketplaces, app stores, online advertising, messaging, and gives new rights to EU businesses and end-users (*Wednesday*).

Anti-harassment rules. The Committee on Constitutional Affairs will vote on a draft report seeking to revise Parliament’s internal rules to improve working conditions. The revision will focus on introducing training to prevent conflict and harassment in the workplace, and to ensure good office management (*Wednesday*).

Plenary preparations. Political groups will prepare for the 10-11 April session in Brussels, where MEPs will debate and hold final votes on the EU’s new legal framework for asylum and migration, and on the reform of the EU energy and electricity markets. They will also hold final votes on the so-called “breakfast directives” to help consumers make informed and healthier decisions, on more efficient treatment and reuse of urban wastewater, on EU certification for carbon removals to help achieve EU climate neutrality by 2050, and on extending the rules to detect child sexual abuse material online. Parliament will also debate and adopt its first reading positions on the revamp of the EU’s pharmaceutical legislation and on a new Soil Monitoring Law, which sets out measures to achieve healthy soils by 2050. There will also be a vote on a resolution to enshrine the right to abortion in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, and a debate on the situation concerning the Rule of Law in Slovakia and in Hungary.

President’s diary. On Tuesday, EP President Roberta Metsola will be on an official visit to Cyprus, where she will hold a round-table discussion with young people. She will then meet the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Cyprus, Annita Demetriou, after which they will hold a press point.

EP Press service contacts

Monday 01 April 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Official visit to Cyprus

20:00 President Metsola meets with the President of the Republic of Cyprus Nikos Christodoulides

Tuesday 02 April 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

Official visit to Cyprus

09:50 President Metsola's round-table discussion with Young People

10:30 President Metsola meets the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Cyprus, Annita Demetriou

10:50 President Metsola and Speaker Demetriou speak to the press

11:45 President Metsola tours the project Amalthea Initiative with President Christodoulides

12:10 Press Conference by President Metsola and President Christodoulides

Wednesday 03 April 2024

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES

09:00-11:30 Brussels, József Antall, 4Q2

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Vote

- Amending Directive 2009/38/EC as regards the establishment and functioning of European Works Councils and the effective enforcement of transnational information and consultation rights (2024/0006(COD)) - adoption of draft report - rapporteur: Dennis RADTKE (EPP, DE)

Debates

- Exchange of views with Alexei BUZU (Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova) and Marina MOROZOVA (Member of Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Commission on Social Protection, Health and Family)
- Improving and enforcing working conditions of trainees and combating regular employment relationships disguised as traineeships ('Traineeships Directive') - presentation by the Commission
- Labour and skills shortages: an action plan - presentation by the Commission

09:00-12:15 Brussels, József Antall, 6Q2

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Debates

- Exchange of views on the implementation of the Digital Markets Act: compliance, with a focus on self-preferencing and app stores
- Report on "Enforcing consumer rights to combat greenwashing" - Presentation by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Establishing harmonised requirements in the internal market on transparency of interest representation carried out on behalf of third countries and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 (2023/0463(COD)) - rapporteur: Pablo Arias ECHEVERRIA (EPP, ES) - consideration of working document

11:00-11:30 Brussels, Altiero Spinelli, 3G-3

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Vote

- Amendments to Parliament's Rules of Procedure concerning the training on preventing conflict and harassment in the workplace and on good office management (2024/2006(REG)) - rapporteur: Gabriele BISCHOFF (S&D, DE) - adoption of draft report

Friday 05 April 2024

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

The President's diary

In Rome, Italy

16.15 President Metsola's roundtable discussion with Young Students
