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To ensure that EU programmes, including support for regions and Erasmus, will continue in the event that an agreement on the **long-term budget** covering 2021-2027 is not reached in time, the budget committee will vote Monday on a request for a contingency plan to extend all EU programmes beyond 2020.

Parliament President David Sassoli and political group leaders will discuss the European Commission's new proposal for the EU's long-term budget with Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Tuesday. The proposal will be discussed by the whole Parliament at the next plenary session on 13 May.

<u>Committees</u> will question commissioners on a range of issues linked to the **Covid-19** crisis, including the use of personal date in the fight against the pandemic and how the digital transformation can boost recovery; the impact on security and migration; and how the crisis is affecting the <u>media</u> and <u>creative</u> sectors.

Saturday 9 May is **Europe Day**, which this year marks the 70th anniversary of the Schuman declaration. Although it is unable to organise physical events for visitors to enjoy because of the coronavirus, Parliament is offering a full day of virtual programmes including Facebook lives and <u>an online</u> exhibition.