

Article – Coming up in plenary: Sakharov prize, EU summit, Covid-19, drinking water



Sakharov prize

President David Sassoli will present the [2020 Sakharov Prize](#) for Freedom of Thought to the democratic opposition in Belarus represented by several laureates, including opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, during a ceremony on Wednesday.

EU summit

Also on Wednesday, MEPs will discuss the results of the [EU summit on 10-11 Decembert](#) with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Charles Michel. The main topics on the agenda were the EU's long-term budget, the recovery package, the Covid-19 vaccine and measures as well as the 2030 target to combat climate change.

EU's long-term budget

After EU leaders reached an agreement at the summit on the EU's long-term budget and recovery package as well as the link to the rule of law, Parliament is ready to apply a fast track procedure to allow a vote on the [final package](#) as well as on the EU's 2021 budget during December's plenary

session. That would ensure EU support for people and businesses from the start of next year.

Covid-19

On Wednesday, MEPs will discuss an EU strategy to ensure the [fair distribution of vaccines](#). They are also expected to approve the €47.5 billion [React-EU package](#) to help governments mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 crisis across the EU and support jobs, businesses, healthcare and struggling sectors such as tourism and culture.

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