

[Press release – European Parliament: President Sassoli to meet Macron, Merkel, and Johnson](#)

On his first European tour, the President of the European Parliament David Sassoli will meet the President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron on Monday 7 October at the Elysée. On 8 October, he will continue to Berlin to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel and will finish with a meeting in London with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

In Paris, on Monday morning, President Sassoli will visit the Restos du Cœur before heading to the National Assembly where he will meet the President Richard Ferrand at noon. The meeting with Emmanuel Macron will take place in the Elysée at 15.30.

President Sassoli will be in Berlin on Tuesday, where he will meet Chancellor Angela Merkel at 11:00 followed by a meeting at the Bundestag with President Wolfgang Schäuble.

On Tuesday afternoon, he will arrive in London to meet with Prime Minister Boris Johnson at 10 Downing Street at 17:15 (UK time).

Discussions will focus on the beginning of negotiations on the next multi-annual budget of the European Union, where the European Parliament has an important role, Brexit, and other current challenges facing Europe.

[ESMA Opinion clarifies application of pre-trade transparency and price determination in frequent batch auctions](#)

ESMA's Opinion aims to provide sufficient clarification regarding the application of the pre-trade transparency requirements by FBA systems and the price determination process of FBA systems, ensuring consistent application throughout the EU.

- **Application of pre-trade transparency by FBA systems**

ESMA considers that trading venues operating FBA systems initiating auction calls based on the first incoming order pending a potential match should

inform market participants that an auction has started, thereby making market participants aware that there might be a trading opportunity and enabling them to participate in the auction.

- **The price determination process of FBA systems**

ESMA's Opinion sets out several practices which may undermine the price formation process and details three functionalities which would result in non-price forming FBA systems. Notably, systems that allow only for the submission of pegged orders and/or 'adjusted limit orders', the use of price band limitations and systems that lock in the prices at the beginning of an auction.

Next Steps

ESMA will keep monitoring developments in the market, including how trading venues adapt their systems to meet the guidance on the operation of FBA systems set out in this Opinion.

Should it prove necessary, ESMA will issue further guidance in order to ensure the convergent application of the MiFID II / MiFIR requirements across the EU, in particular with respect to transparency and price formation.

CALENDRIER du 7 octobre au 13 octobre 2019

(Susceptible de modifications en cours de semaine)

Déplacements et visites

Lundi 7 octobre 2019

Justice and Home Affairs Council

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** meets Mr Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, and Mr Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary-General of NATO, for a working dinner.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Amman, Jordan: is received by H.M. King Abdullah II and meets with Mr Ayman Safadi, Foreign Minister of Jordan.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Sofia, Bulgaria (until 08/10): participates in a [Citizens' Dialogue](#) on investments and competitiveness.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Vienna, Austria: opens the Southeast European Cooperative

Initiative (SECI) Conference.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Salzburg, Austria: participates in the 'Salzburg Europe Summit' – the 15th Conference of European Regions and Cities

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in a meeting of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare, in Brussels.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives Mr Hussein Kassim, chair of the academic research project 'The European Commission: Where now? Where next?'

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Rome, Italy: meets Mr Angelo Borrelli, Head of the Italian Civil Protection Department together with the Italian rescEU team; and visits the Ciampino airbase to welcome Italy's contribution to the [rescEU](#) initial transition fleet.

Mr Dimitris **Avramopoulos** and Mr Julian **King** in Luxembourg (07-08/10): participate in the Justice and Home Affairs Council and participate in the Fifth EU Internet Forum Ministerial meeting.

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives Mr Juan Manuel Moreno Bonilla, President of the Andalusian Government.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** delivers the opening speech at the European Week of Regions and Cities, in the European Parliament.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** receives Professor Frank Bournois, Dean and Executive President of the ESCP Europe Business School and Professor Valérie Moatti.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** in Sofia, Bulgaria: delivers a keynote speech at the [launch event of the Big Data for Smart Society \(GATE\) project](#).

Mardi 8 octobre 2019

Justice and Home Affairs Council

Ms Federica **Mogherini** delivers the [6th high-level EU Diplomacy Lecture](#) on 'Implementing the EU Global Strategy: Challenges and Opportunities' at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Sofia, Bulgaria: meets Mr Krasimir Valchev, Minister for Education and Science of Bulgaria; participates in an event on competitiveness, jobs and education, hosted by Education Bulgaria 2030; attends a working lunch with Mr Vladislav Goranov, Minister for Finance of Bulgaria; and meets Mr Tomislav Donchev, Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria and Mr Neno Dimov, Minister for Environment and Waters of Bulgaria.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Mr Željka Cvijanović, President of the Republic of Srpska; and participates in the [Joint REGI-COTER meeting](#) in the framework of the European Week of Regions and Cities, in Brussels.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in San José, Costa Rica: participates in the [preCOP25 meeting](#) on Climate Change; gives a speech at the high-level plenary; attends the Political Dialogue: 'How to increase the ambition and accelerate climate action?'; and attends the [EUROCLIMA+](#) side event.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Kimmo Tiilikainen, notably State Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry of Finland, ahead of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Vilnius, Lithuania: meets Mr Aurelijus Veryga, Minister for Health of Lithuania; meets Mr Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Seimas (parliament of Lithuania); and meets Mr Andrius Palionis, Minister for Agriculture of Lithuania.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Amsterdam, The Netherlands: participates in the [International Conference on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Crisis Situations](#).

Mr Phil **Hogan** receives a delegation of elected members and officials from the Southern Regional Assembly and the Northern and Western Regional Assembly of Ireland; addresses the topic of access to finance in the bioeconomy at an event organised by the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Union; and attends the reception to launch [Galway 2020 European Capital of Culture](#).

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Helsinki, Finland: delivers welcome addresses at the [Digital Transport Days](#) and Mobility as a Service Summit; and participates in the plenary session 1 on 'Data for transport'.

Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** is in Olomouc, Czechia: attends a Citizens' Dialogue together with Mr Tomáš Petříček, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Czechia and Mr Miroslav Žbánek, Mayor of the Statutory City of Olomouc; and meets Mr Jaroslav Miller, Rector of Palacký University Olomouc.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives members of the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age; and receives a delegation of Czech mayors of towns and municipalities.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Prague, Czech Republic: participates in and speaks at the Platform on 'Cultural Heritage in the Digital Age', the second of three events focusing on the future of cultural heritage funded through the Creative Europe programme.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** receives Mr Jorge Chaminé, President of the European Music Centre (CEM).

Mr Carlos **Moedas** delivers a keynote speech on 'evidence-informed policy making' with particular focus on the activities developed with the Science Advice Mechanism and the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors workshop with the new MEPs, at the European Parliament, in Brussels.

Ms Mariya **Gabriel** delivers opening remarks at the [Accelerating European Media Innovation conference](#); receives a delegation of the Kofi Annan Commission on

Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age; receives a group of young Bulgarian coders in the context of the EU Code Week 2019; and speaks at the [closing reception of the 2019 edition of Generation Code: Born at the Library](#) in Brussels.

Mercredi 9 octobre 2019

Eurogroup

College Meeting

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Martin Schulz, former President of the European Parliament and addresses the Plenary of the European Parliament on the preparations of the European Council of 17-18 October.

Mr Frans **Timmermans** meets Mr Bill Gates, Co-chair and Trustee of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and receives Mrs Birgit Honé, Minister for Federal and European Affairs and Regional Development of Lower Saxony, in Brussels.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** delivers a speech at the Conference [‘Walking the Strategic Talk: A progressive EU foreign policy agenda for the future’](#) organised by the the Instituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), in Brussels.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** receives a delegation from the Helsinki-Uusimaa region of Finland.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** receives Ms Nadia Calviño, Minister for Economy of Spain.

Mr Johannes **Hahn** participates in the [REGIOSTARS Awards Ceremony](#), in Brussels.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in San José, Costa Rica (until 10/10): participates in the [preCOP25 meeting](#) on Climate Change: attends the Political Dialogues: ‘Looking for high-level elements for an agreement on Article 6’ and ‘Damage and Losses’.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** receives representatives of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Energy and Natural Resources (CAPERN) of the National Assembly of Québec; receives Mr Anders Olauson, Honorary President of the European Patients Forum; delivers a speech at the dinner on the occasion of the visit of high-ranking representatives of German Health Insurance Funds; participates in the REGIOSTARS 2019 award ceremony – the European Commission awards to EU-funded projects which demonstrate excellence and new approaches in regional development, in Brussels.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** receives Mr Ándros Kyprianoú, Secretary General of the Progressive Party of Working People of Cyprus (AKEL).

Ms Violeta **Bulc** delivers a speech on road safety policies in the EU at the [EU Road Safety Exchange Launch Event](#) organised by the European Transport Safety Council; and presents the [Excellence in Road Safety Awards 2019](#) organised by

the European Road Safety Charter, in Brussels.

Ms Věra **Jourová** receives Ms Andrea Jelinek, Chair of European Data Protection Board; and receives Mr Martin Půta, President of the Liberec Region.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** speaks at the workshop 'Sport for active and healthy communities', organised as part of the European Week of Regions and Cities, in Brussels.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** participates in the official launch of a manifesto by Young Europe is Voting – "ungdomsøens manifesto", in Brussels.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** and Ms Mariya **Gabriel** receive Mr Bill Gates, co-chairman and members of The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Mrs Mariya **Gabriel** opens the exhibition 'Sofia – 140 Years Capital of Bulgaria' in the European Commission's Berlaymont building.

Jeudi 10 octobre 2019

Economic and Financial Affairs Council

President Jean-Claude Juncker receives Ms Ursula von der Leyen, President-elect of the European Commission.

Ms Federica **Mogherini** in Barcelona, Spain: participates in the [4th Union for the Mediterranean Regional Forum](#).

Mr Frans **Timmermans** receives Mr Ximo Puig, President of the Valencian Government.

Mr Jyrki **Katainen** in Geneva, Switzerland: participates in a working lunch with Mr Klaus Martin Schwab, Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF) and meets Mr Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Mr Neven **Mimica** in Lyon, France: participates in the [Sixth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria](#) ; and meets Mr Bill Gates, co-founder of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Mr Miguel **Arias Cañete** in San José, Costa Rica: participates in the [preCOP25 meeting](#) on Climate Change: attends the Political Dialogue: 'Review of the Gender Action Plan under the Lima work Programme on Gender'; and attends the Final Plenary Session.

Mr Phil **Hogan** participates in a roundtable organised by the European Commission with farmers' associations and environmental non-governmental organisations, in Brussels.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Leiden, the Netherlands: visits the [European Space Technology Centre](#).

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Luxembourg: attends the Economic and Financial Affairs Council meeting.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** delivers an opening speech at the annual Conference of the Single Resolution Board, in Brussels.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Athens, Greece: attends the Aristotle Address, Athens Democracy Forum.

Mr Carlos **Moedas** attends a dinner hosted by Ambassador Zhang Ming, Head of the Chinese Mission to the EU.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** in Helsinki, Finland: participates in the NordAN conference 'Alcohol and drugs in a changing society'.

Mr Vytenis **Andriukaitis** participates in the Sustainability Gala of the Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF), in Brussels.

Vendredi 11 octobre 2019

President Jean-Claude **Juncker** receives Mr Moussa Faki, Chairperson of the African Union Commission and receives the Heads of the Representations of the European Commission in the Member States, for a working lunch.

Mr Frans Timmermans in Heerlen, The Netherlands: gives a lecture on the Green New Deal at the Bernardinus college.

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Gothenburg, Sweden (until 12/10): gives a lecture on trade policies and challenges in light of the next Commission at Brännpunkt Europa, University of Gothenburg.

Mr Karmenu **Vella** receives Mr Viorel Stefan, Member of the European Court of Auditors.

Mr Christos **Stylianides** in Bonn, Germany: participates in the Ministerial Meeting of the [Bonn Agreement](#); and holds a speech at the University of Bonn.

Ms Violeta **Bulc** in Croatia: attends the inauguration of works on the Gradiška bridge, linking Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Ms Elżbieta **Bieńkowska** is in Myslowice, Poland: meets local entrepreneurs.

Ms Věra **Jourová** in Jičín, Czechia: meets Mr Jan Malý, Mayor of Jičín and speaks at the debate on 'Antisemitism in Europe and Definition of Antisemitism'.

Mr Tibor **Navracsics** in Zalakaros, Hungary: participates in a panel discussion entitled 'Acquis communautaire and national sovereignty' organised by the Hungarian Federation of Lawyers.

Ms Margrethe **Vestager** in Athens, Greece: participates in the Athens Democracy Forum and delivers a speech "Democracy in a digital age".

Samedi 12 octobre 2019

Mr Johannes **Hahn** in Venice, Italy: participates in the 2019 plenary sessions of the [Venice Commission](#).

Ms Cecilia **Malmström** in Gothenburg, Sweden: speaks at the seminar [Europe 20 years ahead](#) organised by the Centre for European Research and the Centre for European Studies at the University of Gothenburg.

Elżbieta Bieńkowska is in Krakow, Poland delivers a speech at the International Conference on the 'Role of Catholic Church in the European integration. Challenges for New Europe'.

Prévisions du mois d'octobre 2019 :

14/10 Foreign Affairs Council

14 – 15/10 Agriculture and Fisheries Council

15/10 Foreign Affairs Council

17-18/10 European Council

24/10 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council
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[Press release – Hearing of Vice President-designate Dubravka Šuica](#)



Political groups' coordinators from the committee will meet within 24 hours to assess the performance of Vice President-designate Dubravka Šuica.

Citizens' participation in EU democracy and demographic change

In her [introductory speech](#), Ms Šuica committed to improve citizens' participation in EU democracy and to address Europe's demographic change, which she sees as "a root cause of some people losing faith in our democracy". The Vice President-designate committed to dedicate herself fully to the organisation of a Conference on the Future of Europe in 2020.

MEPs from the Constitutional Affairs Committee highlighted the need for local authorities and national parliaments to be more closely involved in the Conference. She responded that the institutional set-up of the EU would be discussed with the EP, including the 'Spitzenkandidaten' system and transnational electoral lists. She also said she would support the EP's right of initiative.

MEPs also put forward several questions on migration as well as minorities' and women's rights. They reminded Ms Šuica, who has been an MEP for several years, about her vote against an EP resolution calling for greater sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as another one asking to apply the Article 7 procedure to Hungary.

You can watch the video recording of the full hearing [here](#).

Press point

At the end of the hearing, Committee Chair Antonio Tajani (AFCO, EPP, IT) and Vice President-designate Dubravka Šuica made a statement to the press. Watch the video recording [here](#).

Next steps

Based on the committees' recommendations, the Conference of Presidents will decide on 17 October if Parliament has received sufficient information to declare the hearing process closed. If so, the plenary will vote on whether or not to elect the Commission as a whole on 23 October, in Strasbourg.

Background

Members of the associated Employment and Social Affairs and Women's Rights and Gender Equality committees also participated in the hearing.

[Press release – Hearing of Vice President-designate Margaritis Schinas](#)



Political groups' coordinators from both committees will meet later this evening to assess the performance of Vice President-designate Schinas.

European way of life

During [his introductory speech](#), Mr Schinas explained that his priorities would be to make European society fair and more inclusive, deliver a new pact on asylum and migration and complete the Security Union. He defended the title assigned to him by President-elect von der Leyen, underlining that “populists should feel threatened by our values”.

MEPs of several groups criticised the title and requested that it be dropped, to avoid fuelling extremist views and the idea of “us versus them”. Members also questioned him on migration and asylum policy. Mr Schinas replied that “Europe will always be a land of asylum”, but those who do not have the right to stay will have to go back. He commended the work of NGOs and advocated for legal migration channels.

Education and culture

Mr Schinas committed to make the European Education Area a reality and to modernise the education system. He defended the creation a European Child guarantee, to ensure the necessary care to all children.

MEPs asked the Vice President-designate about measures to guarantee that young Europeans can acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for a changing society and the digital era, and demanded concrete actions in the field of education to contribute to inclusion and integration, especially for migrants.

You can watch the video recording of [the full hearing here](#).

Press point

At the end of the hearing, Civil Liberties committee Chair [Juan Fernando López Aguilar \(S&D, ES\)](#) and Culture committee Chair [Sabine Verheyen \(EPP, DE\)](#) held a press point outside the meeting room: [watch it here](#).

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