

## Press release – COVID-19: debate with Commissioner Didier Reynders



During the debate with Mr Reynders, Legal Affairs Committee MEPs are expected to examine the effects of the pandemic on the functioning of the European justice system, on the working conditions in legal institutions as well as recent initiatives in certain member states that may undermine the judiciary and pose a threat to the rule of law.

MEPs are likely to enquire about measures the Commission is taking to support struggling businesses during the current crisis. The role of digital tools in tackling disinformation and recovering from the pandemic are also likely to come up.

Changes to the 2020 Commission Work Programme and the timeframe of the upcoming legislative proposal on Artificial Intelligence will most likely also be mentioned during the debate.

**Debate:** Questions relating to the current COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences

**When:** Thursday, 7 May 2020, 11.30 – 12.30

**Where:** European Parliament, Antall building, room 4Q1, Brussels

Members of the Committee on Legal Affairs will be able to participate remotely and intervene in the debate via videoconference.

The meeting will be [web-streamed here](#) (EP Multimedia Centre).

The agenda and meeting documents are [available here](#).