

Press release – Opening – February plenary session, 27 new seats



On the day of remembrance in memory of all victims of the Foibe massacres during World War II, Vice-President McGuinness said that defending democracy and tolerance is the best tribute to the victims.

New MEPs and committee members

The [distribution of seats in the European Parliament](#) and the [numerical composition of its committees](#) have changed after Brexit. Vice-President [McGuinness](#) announced the [new MEPs](#) whose mandates started on 1 February, as well as those of the [departing British and Northern Irish MEPs](#), whose term ended with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom on 31 January.

The Vice-President also announced the corresponding [changes to the membership of Parliament's permanent committees](#). All relevant information will be attached to the [plenary session minutes](#). Read [our background note](#) to find out more about the changes to the European Parliament after Brexit.

Changes to the agenda

Tuesday

Venezuela: Council and Commission statements on *illegal entry on the territory of an EU Member State of a person included in the list of sanctions*

(without resolution) has been added in the afternoon, after the ECB debate.

Wednesday

A question for oral response by the Commission on *Better internet for children* (without resolution) has been added.

The debate on the coronavirus has been moved to Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday

A question for oral response by the Commission on *Farm to Fork Strategy – the key role of farmers and rural areas* (without resolution) has been added, as the first item. The sitting will now start at 9.00.