

Press release – Plenary session 26 March



In an effort to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Parliament is reducing the need for physical meetings on its premises, without compromising its role of democratic scrutiny as well as its ability to approve the necessary legislative measures to combat the virus and support the public, consumers, businesses and emergency services.

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https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete.html

- Although most Members of Parliament will be participating remotely, if

you need to interview Members of Parliament, please give preference to telephone or online methods unless absolutely necessary.

- The Vox Box recording studio will be open on 25 and 26 March, but under a strict regime of prior reservation and respect for social distancing.
- The press tribune in the hemicycle will be accessible (limited capacity respecting social distancing).
- The press work room will remain closed.
- More details on the plenary agenda to follow tomorrow.
- An online pre-session briefing for journalists with the EP spokesperson will be held on Thursday morning at 9.30. More details will follow.

Thank you for your understanding.