

[Press release – State of the European Union: Tuesday live online event with key MEPs](#)



As European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen is to address the House on Wednesday, Parliament will hold a [central live event](#) the day before, on Tuesday 15 September, from 16.00 to 18.00, to be opened by Parliament Vice-President Katarina Barley (S&D, DE).

The live event will be webstreamed [here](#), as well as on [EbS](#).

After a quick catch-up session on the role of Members of the European Parliament, representatives from the political groups will present their own political priorities and expectations ahead of the debate.

The event will feature a debate with young Europeans with EP Vice-President Othmar Karas (EPP, AT), where they will discuss young people's ideas for a better Europe.

The next debate will evolve around the major current topics in the European Parliament, with Committee Chair for Environment, Public Health and Food safety Pascal Canfin (Renew, FR) and Foreign Affairs Committee Chair David McAllister (EPP, DE) .

A multilingual [website](#) encourages citizens to get involved and facilitates contact with MEPs. The EP Liaison Offices in the member states have organised over 150 [online activities](#) over three weeks.

Background

The State of the European Union debate is a key moment to demonstrate the European Commission's accountability towards the EU's democratically elected

representatives. It focuses on important issues like the coming economic recovery, climate change, youth unemployment and migration flows. This annual event is significant to promote a more transparent and democratic European Union. It is an opportunity to bring the European Union closer to the citizens, highlighting the year's core action points and challenges. Citizens' rights and the democratic process are at the heart of this unique plenary debate.

The EP central [Facebook page](#) will stream the debate in English, in addition to the regular streaming in all languages on the EP website. After the debate, a wrap-up video will be [made available](#) in 24 languages.