
EP TODAY, Wednesday, 12 February

Commission 2025 Work Programme and new competitiveness strategy

At 9.00, Commissioner Šefčovič will present the Commission's 2025 work programme, followed by a discussion with MEPs and Polish EU Affairs Minister Szłapka. In an afternoon debate, starting around 14.00, plenary will review the recently tabled proposal for a new competitiveness roadmap, with Commission Vice-President Séjourné and Minister Szłapka.

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Repression in Russia one year after Navalny's murder

MEPs will examine the Kremlin's continued repression of Russia's political opposition a year after the murder of Alexei Navalny, in a debate starting around 10.30.

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US withdrawal from WHO and the Paris deal and suspension of external aid

Starting around 16.30, MEPs and Commissioner Lahbib will debate the consequences of the US Administration's decision to pull out of the World Health Organisation and the Paris Agreement on climate change, as well as the impact of the suspension of US humanitarian and development aid.

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In brief

Support to EU regions bordering Russia, Belarus and Ukraine. From around 15.00, plenary will debate with Commission Vice-President Fitto and Minister Szłapka EU support to regions sharing borders with Russia, Belarus and Ukraine.

Seven years after the Kuciak murders: threats to journalists in the EU. MEPs will assess with Commissioner McGrath the state of media freedom across the EU and discuss how to ensure the protection of journalists.

Mental health of Europe's youth. MEPs and Commissioner Micallef will discuss how to tackle increasing mental health issues among European young people.

Human rights in Türkiye, Nicaragua and Nigeria. MEPs and Commissioner Micallef will consider the recent dismissals and arrests of mayors in Türkiye, repression in Nicaragua and the risk of the death penalty in Nigeria for blasphemy charges. Three draft resolutions will be put to a vote by plenary on Thursday.

Collaboration between conservatives and far right. In this session's topical debate at 13.00, MEPs will discuss with Commission Vice-President Séjourné and Polish Minister Szłapka whether collaboration between conservatives and far right threatens competitiveness in the EU.

Votes

At noon, plenary will vote, among others, on:

- New VAT rules for the digital age, and
- Improved administrative cooperation in the field of taxation.

Live coverage of the plenary session can be found on [Parliament's webstreaming](#) and on [EbS+](#).

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