

highlights



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EPP Group Study Days

On Wednesday and Thursday, the EPP Group will hold its Study Days in Marseilles (France). The main topic of the Study Days will be 'Defending our citizens, our economies and our values: the answer is more Europe'. The first morning of debates will focus on the Arab Spring and the democratic awakening in the Mediterranean. On the second morning, MEPs and other participants will discuss how to fight against the volatility of raw material prices and ensure food security for citizens. Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament, José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, Antonio Tajani, Vice-President of the European Commission, European Commissioners Dacian Cioloș (Agriculture and Rural Development), Michel Barnier (Internal Market and Services), and Günther Oettinger (Energy), will participate alongside Algerian and Moroccan Ministers and Youssef Amrani, Secretary-General of the Union for the Mediterranean.

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European People's Party Congress

On Wednesday and Thursday, the European People's Party will hold its Congress and its traditional Summit of Heads of State and Government of the EPP political family at the Parc Chanot in Marseilles. EPP Group Chairman Joseph Daul will lead the delegation of the EPP Group which will participate in this very important event. More information at epp2011.eu

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Marking the Interna-

press conferences

Friday @ 11.00 hrs: Pre-session briefing

tional Day of Persons with Disabilities on Wednesday, **Ádám Kósa** will host a Dialogue on the first-ever World Report on Disability 2011. The event will feature representatives from both the World Bank and the World Health Organisation, responsible for shaping this Report. The European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion will participate in the debate. "At the intersection of public health, human rights and development, this report is a 'must have' resource for policy-makers, service providers, professionals, and advocates for people with disabilities and their families", said Mr Kósa, a single deaf member of the European Parliament.

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Towards safer and greener motorcycles

Although, they are more dangerous and pollute proportionately more than cars, motorcycles on European roads have increased in number by more than 34% over the past 10 years. This is a consequence of their many advantages, especially in urban environments. On Monday, Members of the Internal Market Committee will vote on the new Regulation on the type approval and market surveillance of two or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles. This will set out new rules for the safety, emission standards and construction requirements of these vehicles. Rapporteur Wim van de Camp explained: "With this new Regulation, riding a motorcycle will be greener and safer".

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EU-wide protection for victims of crime

Members of the Women's Rights and Civil Liberties Committee of the European Parliament will give the green light to the final draft of the European Protection Order Directive, which aims to grant similar protection to victims of crime in all EU States. After long negotiations with the Council to find solutions to tackle the problems of differences among Member States' legal systems, the draft, negotiated by Spanish MEP Teresa Jiménez-Becerril, will be voted on at the next plenary session of the European Parliament in December.

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Treaty Reform: do we need to change the EU Treaty?

European economic governance and the necessity of Treaty reforms will be the central topic of the 15th Summit of the EPP National Parliaments' Chairmen on Monday. The summit will feature the current Polish EU Presidency and forthcoming Presidencies. Commissioners Viviane Reding and Kristalina Georgieva will be key guests at the event. Among other speakers are Finland's European Affairs Minister, Alexander Stubb, EPP Group Vice-Chairman responsible for relations with National Parliaments, Paulo Rangel, and the European Parliament Budget Committee Chairman, Alain Lamassoure. The meeting is closed to the press, but individual requests for

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interview are possible.

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Single residence and work permit

On Monday, Members of the Civil Liberties Committee will vote on the Recommendation for the 2nd Reading on a single residence and work permit for third-country nationals. This is the first Report on legal migration to be adopted by co-decision, and a first step towards a common European policy on economic migration. It will not only help more effectively fight illegal migration, but will also recognise that all persons working legally in Europe must benefit from the same rights as European workers.

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other events

Swedish Delegation

Tuesday 6 December, 11.55-12.20 hrs (ASP 3rd floor)

Ceremony: Five-Minutes-To-Twelve-Movement's Manifestation Against Racism

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Intergroup on LGBT rights

Thursday 8 December, 10.30-12.00 hrs (2Q2)

Roundtable 'Horizon 2014: What LGBT Rights in the EU?'

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