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Meeting with Belarus opposition leader

The exiled Belarusian opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya will attend a foreign affairs committee meeting on Monday to discuss the latest developments in the country with MEPs. Members will also adopt recommendations on how the EU should reassess its relations with Belarus following the <u>fraudulent presidential elections and the brutal crackdown of mass protests</u>.

Monitoring the rule of law

On Tuesday, the <u>civil liberties committee</u> will vote on a legislative initiative regarding a permanent EU mechanism to monitor and prevent backsliding on EU values in all member states. In a plenary resolution adopted on 17 September, Parliament pointed to overwhelming evidence of breaches of rule of law in Poland.

Migration pact

On Thursday, the civil liberties committee will debate proposals for a new EU policy on asylum and migration with Commission Vice-President Margaritis Schinas and Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson. The Commission is expected to present the proposals on Wednesday as Commission President von der Leyen announced in her <u>State of the Union address</u> on 16 September.

Tackling youth unemployment

To mitigate the possible sharp rise of <u>youth unemployment in the EU</u> due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the employment and social affairs committee will vote on Monday on a resolution calling for <u>a swift reinforcement of the Youth Guarantee</u> and an increase in its financing.

Vaccines: safety, production, access

MEPs from the <u>public health</u> and the <u>industry</u> committees will hold a <u>public hearing</u> on Tuesday on <u>how to secure access to Covid-19 vaccines for everyonel</u>. They will discuss with researchers and representatives from pharmaceutical industry, academia, civil society and the European Medicines Agency, focusing on adequate clinical trials, speedy manufacturing, and distribution.

Multilingualism Day

Multilingualism is also about ensuring all Europeans can follow the work of their democratic representatives in any of the EU's 24 official languages. On Saturday, the Parliament celebrates <u>Multilingualism Day</u>, inviting people to gain insight into the work and life of interpreters and translators. People can participate online in interactive workshops.