

Article – Plenary highlights: consumer rights, homelessness, media freedom



In a [debate on Wednesday](#), MEPs urged member states to agree on the [2021-2027 budget](#) and thus allow EU funds to flow to help [alleviate the Covid-19 crisis](#). They also pointed out that Parliament needs time to consider and vote on any EU-UK deal.

MEPs set out their priorities for a [future industrial strategy](#) sustaining sovereignty, strategic autonomy, competitiveness and research and innovation in the EU. In a [resolution adopted on Wednesday](#), they urge the Commission to come up with a revised proposal reflecting the impact of the pandemic in the industrial sector and supporting businesses, especially SMEs through the necessary green and digital transitions.

On Tuesday, MEPs urged the EU to [end homelessness by 2030](#). They want measures to integrate homeless people into the labour market and provide them with equal access to health care and education.

MEPs discussed the [new EU pharmaceutical strategy](#) on Thursday. Parliament has called for increased manufacturing capacity in Europe to ensure [safe and affordable medicines](#) for all.

On Tuesday, Parliament approved [€823 million to assist](#) in rebuilding after an earthquake in Croatia and floods in Poland as well as helping seven countries tackle the Covid-19 health emergency: Portugal, Greece, Croatia, Germany, Spain, Hungary and Ireland.