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Key debate ahead of decisive EU summit

At 9.00, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will open a debate on the main topics on the agenda of the European Council meeting on 10-11 December. These include the distribution of vaccines to stop the pandemic, the long-term budget to kick-start recovery, binding carbon reduction targets, combatting terrorism and relations with Turkey.

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End violence against women

President Sassoli, Commissioner Dalli and political groups will make statements to mark the [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) and assess the current situation. The Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, known as the Istanbul Convention, was signed by the EU in 2017 and has been ratified by all but six of its member states.

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In brief

Abortion rights in Poland. MEPs will discuss the recent move by Poland's Constitutional Tribunal to effectively ban abortion that sparked ongoing protests, in a debate with Commissioner Dalli at around 16.00. A resolution will be put to the vote on Thursday.

Votes

Voting will take place between 13.00 and 14.15; first results will be announced at 16.45. The second voting session starts at 20.00 and lasts until 21.15, with results announced on Thursday morning at 8.30.

MEPs will have final votes, among other things, on:

- strengthening media freedom in the EU;
- ideas for more sustainable consumer policies;
- a new industrial strategy for Europe;
- product safety in the single market;
- stocktake of the 2019 European elections; and
- three objections (rule 112) tabled by the Environment Committee.