

## Press release – September plenary session opens in Brussels



As the COVID-19 emergency continues, President Sassoli expressed his regret that the difficult decision had to be taken not to hold the September part session in Strasbourg. The President thanked MEPs and the French authorities for their support and voiced his wish for a return to Strasbourg as soon as possible.

President Sassoli expressed solidarity with the family of Jozef Chovanec, who died having been detained in Charleroi airport in February 2018. “The respect for human rights is a key value of the European Union. We support the demand for a full investigation to ensure clarity on the case, and call for explanations from those responsible”, said the President, adding that the case has already been referred to the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee and the EP will follow the investigation closely.

### **Changes to the agenda**

#### *Monday*

Two legislative files, pursuant to Rule 163, will be voted on during the first voting session starting at 19:15:

- Sustainable rail market in view of COVID-19 outbreak, and
- Draft Amending Budget no 8 to general budget 2020 (Emergency Support Instrument for purchasing vaccines).

Three reports on the appointments of the Chair and two independent members of the Central Counterparty Supervisory Committee (CCP) have been added to the votes on Monday.

The information concerning the distribution of votes is available on the website of the European Parliament under the section "Priority information".

The changes to the agenda with timing of votes and including requests for urgent procedure on legislative files related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

### **Requests by committees to start negotiations with Council and Commission**

Decisions by committees to enter into inter-institutional negotiations (Rule 71) are published [on the plenary website](#).

If no request for a vote in Parliament on the decision to enter into negotiations is made by Tuesday 12.00 midnight, the committees may start negotiations.

Information on the extraordinary remote participation procedure is available [here](#).