

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY WEEK 2026

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## INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON STABILITY, ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE IN THE EU

### Agenda

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Monday, 23 February 2026

**12:00 – 14:00 Registration of participants from national parliaments**

**12:00 – 14:00 Political group meetings:**

- 12:00 – 14:00 EPP, (working lunch), SPINELLI ground floor Members' Salon
- 12:00 – 14:00 S&D, SPINELLI 3H1
- 12:00 – 14:00 PfE Patriots
- 12:00 – 14:00 ECR, (round table lunch), SPINELLI ground floor Members' Salon
- 12:00 – 14:00 RENEW, SPINELLI 5G1
- 12:00 – 14:00 The Greens/EFA, (working lunch), SPINELLI 5E1
- 12:00 – 14:00 The Left, SPAAK 1C51
- 12:00 – 14:00 ESN, SPAAK 07C50
  
- 12:45 – 14:00 EGOV Parliamentary Staff Meeting

**14:30 – 14:35 Family photo (hemicycle)**

**14:35 – 15:00 Opening session**

*Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAAK, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)*

- Welcoming words by **Roberta Metsola**, President of the European Parliament
- Welcoming words by **Annita Demetriou**, President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

## **15:30 – 18:30 Interparliamentary Committee Meetings (in parallel)**

### **Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)**

Meeting room: *ANTALL 4Q2*

Co-chaired by: **Costas Mavrides**, Member of the ECON Committee and **Christiana Erotokritou**, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Financial and Budgetary Affairs of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

Session I: Strengthening technological sovereignty, competitiveness and sustainable growth of the European economy

Opening panel speakers:

- **Guntram Wolff**, Professor of economics, ULB and Senior Fellow, Bruegel
- **Zach Meyers**, Director of Research, CERRE
- **Ben Butters**, Chief Executive Officer, Eurochambres

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Session II: The Savings and Investments Union: challenges and next steps.

Opening panel speakers:

- **Maximilian Bierbaum**, Head of research and EU Director, New Financial
- **Aleksandra Maczynska**, Managing Director, BETTER FINANCE
- **Matti Leppälä**, **Secretary** General/CEO, Pensions Europe

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## Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

Meeting room: *ANTALL 6Q2*

Co-chaired by: **Li Andersson**, Chairperson of the EMPL Committee and **Andreas Kafkalias**, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

### Session I: No trade-off between competitiveness and a strong Social Europe for all

Opening panel speakers:

- **Mario Nava**, Director General, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- **Vojtěch Munzar**, Vice-Chair, Committee on Budget, Chamber of Deputies, Czech Republic
- **Aki Lindén**, Member, Committee on Finance, Finnish Parliament
- **James John**, Director, IMF European Offices

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### Session II: Just and competitive labour markets in the twin transition

Opening panel speakers:

- **Mario Nava**, Director General, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- **George Lawlor**, Member, Joint Committee on Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Houses of the Oireachtas, Irish Parliament
- **Jerome Caruana Cilia**, Member, Economic and Financial Affairs Committee, Parliament of Malta
- **Ivailo Kalfin**, Executive Director, Eurofound

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## **Committee on Budgets (BUDG)**

Meeting room: *ANTALL 4Q1*

Co-chaired by: **Johan Van Overtveldt**, Chairperson of the BUDG Committee and **Chrisis Pantelides**, Deputy Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Financial and Budgetary Affairs of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

Session I: Financing the EU budget: how can the revenue side of the budget and the system of own resources contribute to EU objectives and priorities

Opening panel speakers:

- **Piotr Serafin**, Commissioner for Budget
- **Pascal Saint-Amans**, Senior Fellow, Bruegel

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Session II: Focus on the next MFF: the National and Regional Partnership Plans

Opening panel speakers:

- **Séamus Boland**, President, European Economic and Social Committee
- **Kata Tüttő**, President, Committee of the Regions

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**19:00 – 21:00 Official dinner (Members' Salon, SPINELLI ground floor)**

Tuesday, 24 February 2026

**08:00 – 08:30 Welcoming Coffee**

**08:30 – 10:00 Plenary Session: Fostering a Business-Friendly Europe in the context of the Next Multiannual Financial Framework: Prospects and Challenges for the Single Market**

Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q2

Co-chaired by: **Katarina Barley**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, and **Christiana Erotokritou**, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Financial and Budgetary Affairs of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

Keynote speaker: **Enrico Letta**, President of the Jacques Delors Institute, Dean IE University, former Italian Prime Minister

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**10.15-12.00 Extraordinary plenary session: Ukraine (SPAAK Hemicycle, Gallery and ANTALL 4Q2 listening room)**

**12:00 – 13:00 Walking lunch (ANTALL 2Q, Catering area)**

**13:15 – 14:45 Plenary Session: Investing in Europe's Future: Labour Market Resilience and Social Cohesion**

Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q2

Co-chaired by: **Katarina Barley**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, and **Andreas Kafkalias**, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

Keynote speaker: **Christopher Pissarides**, Regius Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, The London School of Economics and Political Science

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