

The weekly EU developments that matter for UNHCR

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Council High-Level Meetings

Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA), 26 May

Senior level officials will:

- Discuss a progress **report on the New Pact on Migration and Asylum** including a report by the Portuguese presidency on the outcomes of the Migration Management Conference 1 – 11 May, attended by UNHCR;
- Exchange views on the **Solidarity Mechanism and European Commission Simulation Exercise**;
- Receive a presentation by Frontex on the **Frontex Annual Risk Analysis 2021: the European Integrated Border Management dimension**;
- Receive a presentation from the presidency on **Coordination mechanism – External dimension of the Pact**;
- Exchange views on the **Talent Partnerships**;
- Hear a presentation by the **Joint Coordination Platform (JCP)**.

DEVE Committee Meetings, 26-27 May

MEPs will:

- Discuss the study "**Cash for development? The use of microcredits and cash transfers as development tools**";
- Together with **AFET**, (i) exchange views with the EEAS on the situation in **Afghanistan**, and (ii) exchange views with

the EC on the **Draft Delegated Act** supplementing the **Regulation establishing the NDICI**.

- In collaboration with the **Committee on Women's Rights**, organise a hearing on **addressing inequalities in developing countries**, with specific reference to the COVID pandemic.

LIBE Committee Meetings, 26-27 May

Among [other things](#), MEPs will:

- Discuss the Commission's 2020 **Rule of law report**.
- Discuss the activities of the **Frontex Scrutiny Working Group**.
- Hold a **hearing on the New Pact for Migration and Asylum** with Commissioner Johansson, Portuguese Minister of Interior Cabrita, The High Commissioner for Refugees and representatives of Spain, Greece, Malta, France and Germany, as well as EASO ED Gregori, among others.

LAST WEEK

Council High-Level Meetings

Working Party on Integration, Migration and Expulsion (Integration), 18 May

EU officials:

- Heard a presentation from the OECD and exchanged views on the **integration of Youth with Migrant Parents**;
- Heard a presentation from the Commission and discussed the **Multiannual Financial Framework** in regard with **Integration**;
- Exchanged views on the **future of Integration of migrants in each Member State - challenges and expectations**;
- Heard a presentation on the priorities of the incoming **Slovenian Presidency**.