



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY WEEK 2026

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Republic of Cyprus

European Parliament

Brussels, 23 - 24 February 2026

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 – 14:30 *S&D, SPINELLI 3H1*

12:00 – 14:30 *PfE Patriots*

12:00 – 14:30 *RENEW*

12:00 – 14:30 *The Greens/EFA*

12:00 – 14:00 *The Left, SPAAK 1C51*

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, 3rd 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: **Christiana Ertokritou**, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Financial and Budgetary Affairs of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus and **Aurore Lalucq**, Chairperson of the ECON Committee

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

Opening panel speakers:

- **Guntram Wolff**, Senior Fellow at Bruegel
- **Zach Meyers**, Director of Research CERRE
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Exchange of views among Members of national parliaments and Members of the European Parliament

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

Opening panel speakers:

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

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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

Meeting room: *ANTALL 6Q2*

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

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

Opening panel speakers:

- **James John**, Director of IMF European Offices
- **Roxana Minzatu**, Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness - European Commission (tbc)
- Member of national Parliament
- Member of national Parliament

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

Opening panel speakers:

- **Ivailo Kalfin**, Executive Director, Eurofound
- **Roxana Minzatu**, Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness - European Commission (tbc)
- Member of national Parliament
- Member of national Parliament

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Committee on Budgets (BUDG)

Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q1

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

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:

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

Opening panel speakers

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

Tuesday, 24 February 2026

9:00 – 11:30 Plenary Session: Investing in Europe’s Future: Labour Market Resilience and Social Cohesion

Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPA AK, 3rd floor)

Co-chaired by: **Katarina Barley**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, and TBC 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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11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 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: Hemicycle (SPA AK, 3rd floor)

Co-chaired by: **Katarina Barley**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, and **Christiana Ertokritou**, 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 Institute, former Italian Prime Minister

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13:30 – 14:45 Walking lunch (ANTALL 2Q, Catering area)