



Strasbourg Flash

Greens/EFA plenary session priorities 19-22 October 2009

Monday, 19 October 2009

19.00 EP civil liberties committee vote on visa liberalisation for the Western Balkans

The European Commission's 15 July proposal excluded Bosnia-Herzegovina citizens from planned visa-free travel to the EU. Following strong criticism from the Greens and others - and recent fulfilment of criteria by the authorities - the EP civil liberties committee is expected to vote in favour of their inclusion.

Tuesday, 20 October 2009

09.00-11.50 Council and Commission statements - Climate change and developing countries in the framework of the UN conference on climate change in Copenhagen

With the Copenhagen conference now only weeks away, the Greens are urging the EU to defend a negotiating position in line with scientific recommendations on climate change.

10.20-10.40 Press briefing with Greens/EFA President **Rebecca Harms**, Press briefing room (LOW - N-1/201)

12.00-13.00 Vote on resolution on freedom of information in Europe and in Italy

13.00 Photo opportunity - Greens/EFA climate change action - ice sculpture exhibition, LOW courtyard

16.00-18.30 Joint debate - draft general budget 2010

17.00-18.45 Greens/EFA film screening: "Videocracy", Room R 5.1, European Parliament

Wednesday, 21 October 2009

09.00-11.50 Council and Commission statements: preparation of EU summit 29-30 October

Although ratification of the Lisbon Treaty is conditional on Vaclav Klaus' signature, the debate is already open on possible candidates for the Council President and Foreign Affairs High-Representative posts, as well as for nominees for the new European Commission.

15.30-16.00 Greens/EFA press conference: "Situation in Tunisia on the eve of legislative and presidential elections"

17.00-18.30 Debate: "Guinea - it's not only about fish", with Isabella Lovin and guest speakers

Thursday, 22 October 2009

09.00 Estévez report on Fisheries Partnership agreement between the EC and Guinea

On 1 October, days after the presidential guard opened fire on peaceful protestors in Conakry, Greens led a majority vote in the fisheries committee against approving this fisheries agreement, which would have granted over 1 million Euro of EU funds to the Guinean government in its first year.

15.00-16.00 Urgencies: debates on Guinea (Conakry), Iran and Sri Lanka

Press briefing

Greens/EFA plenary briefing

with: **Rebecca Harms**

Tuesday, 20 October, 10.20-10.40
Press conference room, EP, Strasbourg

Film screening

Videocracy

Screening of Erik Gandini's critically-acclaimed documentary on Silvio Berlusconi's media empire.

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Room R5.1, European Parliament, Strasbourg

Press conference

Tunisia: on the eve of legislative and presidential elections

with: **Hélène Flautre**

Wednesday, 21 October, 15.30-16.00
Press conference room, EP, Strasbourg

Cross-party debate

Guinea: it's not only about fish

with: **Isabella Lovin**, other MEPs, Florent Geel (FIDH), Thierno Sow (OGDH)

Wednesday, 21 October, 17.00-18.30
Room S2.2, LOW, EP, Strasbourg

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