

The Week Ahead 26 October – 01 November 2026

Delegations

China/trade. After an eight year gap, an International Trade committee delegation will travel to Beijing and Shanghai for talks with Chinese counterparts on fair competition and trade, better market access for European companies, industrial subsidies, secure supply chains, and critical raw materials. (*Tuesday to Thursday*)

Poland and Germany/Amazon. Employment and Social Affairs committee MEPs will investigate working conditions at Amazon warehouses in Dortmund (Germany) and Katowice (Poland). They will visit robotic and manual operation sites, and meet with workers and their representatives, who have described their working environment as excessively intense, with monitoring, deteriorating health conditions, and union-busting practices. (*Monday to Tuesday*)

Netherlands/international justice. MEPs on the Legal Affairs committee will travel to The Hague to express their solidarity with the International Criminal Court. The Court and its members have been awarded the 2026 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought. (*Wednesday*)

Hungary/EU values. A Civil Liberties committee delegation will visit Hungary to assess developments in light of the new government's pledges to restore the rule of law and bring the country back into conformity with EU and international standards. (*Monday to Wednesday*)

Serbia/election observation. A delegation of seven MEPs has joined the international election observation mission to Serbia, to monitor the country's early parliamentary elections, taking place on 25 October. (*Friday to Monday*)

Spain/EuroLat. Around 40 MEPs and parliamentarians from Latin America and the Caribbean will assess the state of EU-Latin America relations, geopolitical challenges, and prospects for the future during the 17th plenary session of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat) in Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Spain). (*Tuesday to Thursday*)

India/foreign affairs. A Foreign Affairs committee delegation will be in India to meet with Indian counterparts, government representatives and non-governmental organisations to discuss the EU-India strategic agenda and geopolitical challenges. (*Monday to Wednesday*)

Japan/defence and health. MEPs from Security and Defence and Public Health committees will visit Japan. The Defence committee MEPs will be exploring closer EU-Japan defence-

industrial cooperation, joint procurements and technology transfer, while the Public Health committee MEPs will look into EU-Japan cooperation on pharmaceuticals, biotech and healthy aging, and discuss ways to address mental health issues. (*Tuesday to Thursday*)

President's diary. Next week, European Parliament President Roberta Metsola will be in Malta where she will meet Carmelo Abela, Speaker of Malta's House of Representatives on Tuesday, and various students across Malta and Gozo throughout the week.

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Monday 26 October 2026

THE PRESIDENT'S DIARY

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Malta

10:00 President Metsola meets students at Sacred Heart College

11:00 President Metsola addresses the Federchimica's Annual General Assembly, *via video*

19:15 President Metsola addresses the MVintage Women of the Year event

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Subcommittee on Tax Matters delegation to Denmark

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Tuesday 27 October 2026

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13:00 President Metsola meets with Maltese Business Leaders

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EP Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Spain)

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Committee on Legal Affairs Delegation to The Hague, The Netherlands

- On 28 October, three members of the Committee on Legal Affairs will visit international legal institutions in The Hague - International Criminal Court, and Hague Conference on Private International Law as well as the Whistleblowers Authority in the Netherlands to promote the rule-based international order and multilateralism.

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