

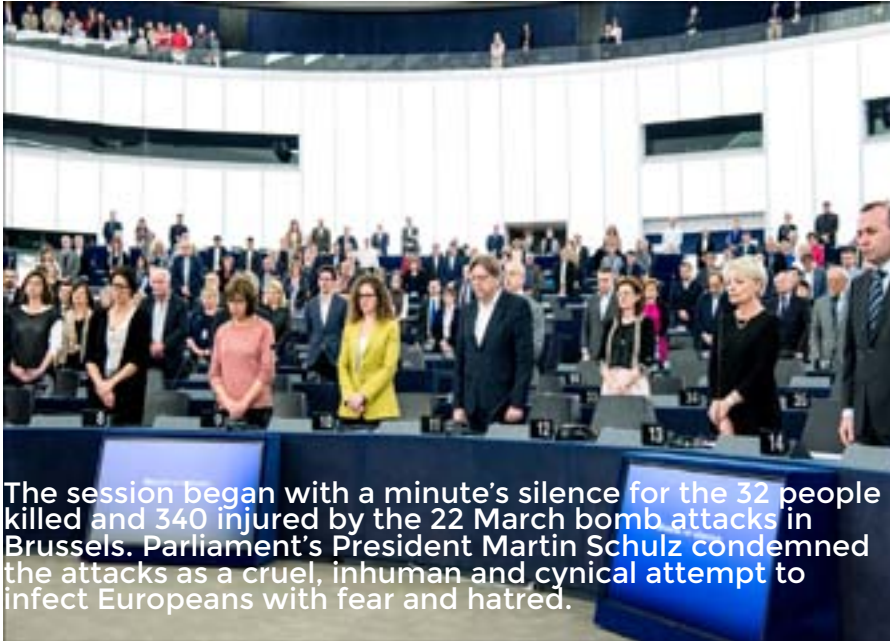


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The session began with a minute's silence for the 32 people killed and 340 injured by the 22 March bomb attacks in Brussels. Parliament's President Martin Schulz condemned the attacks as a cruel, inhuman and cynical attempt to infect Europeans with fear and hatred.



PARIS AND BERLIN CALL FOR GLOBAL TAX-HAVEN BLACKLIST

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Paris and Berlin are pressing industrialised nations to pull together a common blacklist of territories that breach transparency standards, in the toughest government responses yet to the Panama Papers affair.

Wolfgang Schäuble, Germany's finance minister, and Michel Sapin, his French counterpart, also emphasised the need for sharing and publishing the names of the ultimate beneficiaries of all corporate structures, including shell companies, trusts and foundations that can offer anonymity to their users.

The German and French governments launched their plans in separate initiatives on Monday as Brussels prepares to announce proposals this week to force large EU-based companies to disclose their annual financial results on a country-by-country basis, including for offshore jurisdictions.

"We need full transparency worldwide," Mr Schäuble said as he released a plan entitled "Fighting effectively against tax cheating, tax evasion and money laundering."

Both Mr Schäuble and Mr Sapin, who have led the way on previous global financial transparency projects, such as the automatic exchange of information between banks, want to seize the opportunity created by the Panama Papers leak to force through further reforms. Paris put Panama back on its own blacklist last week after removing it in 2012 and plans in the coming weeks to publish a list of ultimate beneficiaries of trusts and foundations with assets or beneficiaries in France.



AUSTRIA RAISES 'MIGRANT FENCE'

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Austria has begun building an anti-migrant barrier across the Brenner pass at the Italian border. "The structure will be 250 metres long and will cover both the motorway and the main road," Helmut Tomac, the head of the police in the southern Austrian state of Tyrol was reported by La Stampa as saying. The guardrails of the motorway and main road are already being taken apart to make way for the barrier.

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GREECE, UNHCR CONDEMN MACEDONIA TEAR GAS AT IDOMENI

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The UNHCR has condemned the actions of Macedonian police, who reportedly fired tear gas and rubber bullets at crowds on Greece's side of the border Sunday. Up to 12,000 refugees have slept in huts or in the open at the Idomeni crossing since February, when several Balkan nations shut their borders to them and cut off their route northward into Europe.

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€ ITALY SETS UP BANK RESCUE FUND

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Italy's financial industry has approved a government-backed plan to set up a rescue fund to help weaker banks. The Atlante fund will be made up by private money, reportedly worth €5bn, and will buy up shares and bad debt in struggling banks. Italy's banking industry is saddled with some €360bn of bad debt, around a third of the eurozone's total. Investor concern over the strength of the industry has hit banking shares this year.

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🏛️ TURKEY ASKS GERMANY TO PROSECUTE COMEDIAN FOR INSULTING ERDOGAN

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Turkey's ambassador in Berlin on Sunday sent a diplomatic note to the Foreign Ministry requesting Germany criminally prosecute comedian Jan Böhmermann for reading a poem insulting Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. While the German government defended freedom of expression in the case of the satirical song, Angela Merkel criticized Böhmermann poem as "deliberately offensive" and discussed the matter with Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu.

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€ TSIPRAS AIMING FOR DEBT RELIEF BUT SLAMS IMF

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As negotiations between Greece and its quartet of lenders dragged on into Monday night, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras again took aim at the International Monetary Fund for its "mistaken policies," saying it was "time to get serious as the livelihoods of millions of people were at stake." His remarks follow similar comments made by government officials last week to the effect that the IMF's demands for more reforms were an obstacle to a deal.

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🔍 NO CONFIDENCE MOTION TO BE DEBATED ALL DAY ON MONDAY

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A no confidence motion in the Maltese government will be debated in Parliament all day on Monday following agreement reached in the House Business Committee last evening. The debate starts at 9am and ends at 10pm. The motion was presented by the Opposition last week in the wake of the Panama Papers.

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€ GREEN LIGHT FOR NEW SCHOOL SCHEME FOR FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND MILK

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A new single framework for school schemes distributing fruits, vegetables and milk to schoolchildren will be operational as from August 2017 following yesterday decision by Agriculture Ministers in the Council meeting in Luxembourg. Member States' support comes after the positive vote by the European Parliament of the proposal presented by the European Commission to make available for this purpose €250 million per year from the EU budget.

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THE AGENDA

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- 8:30 the **plenary session** continues in Strasbourg. On the agenda: DEBATES: The situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration (report by **Kashetu Kyenge**, S&D, and **Roberta Metsola**, EPP), Measures to alleviate the crisis in the European agriculture sector - oral question. 12:30 VOTES followed by explanations of votes: Products originating in certain ACP states (report by **Jarosław Wałęsa**, EPP), Fisheries partnership agreement with Denmark and Greenland: fishing opportunities and financial contribution (recommendation by **Marco Affronte**, EFDD), EU-Macao Agreement on certain aspects of air services (recommendation by **Dieter-Lebrecht Koch**, EPP), Minimum standard rate of VAT (report by **Peter Simon**, S&D), Agreement on strategic cooperation between Brazil and Europol (report by **Claude Moraes**, S&D), Request for waiver of the parliamentary immunity of **Hermann Winkler** (report by **Angel Dzhambazki**, ECR), United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: fisheries aspects (report by **Norica Nicolai**, ALDE), Breeding animals and their germinal products (report by **Michel Dantin**, EPP), The situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration (report by **Kashetu Kyenge**, S&D, and **Roberta Metsola**, EPP), Annual reports 2012-2013 on subsidiarity and proportionality (report by **Sajjad Karim**, ECR), Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (report by **Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann**, S&D), Towards improved single market regulation (report by **Anneleen Van Bossuyt**, ECR), Learning EU at school (report by **Damian Draghici**, S&D), Erasmus+ and other tools to foster mobility in vocational education and training (report by **Ernest Maragall**, Greens/EFA), The EU role in the framework of international financial, monetary and regulatory institutions and bodies (report by **Sylvie Goulard**, ALDE), Small-scale coastal fishing in regions dependent on fishing (report by **Ruža Tomašić**, ECR), External dimension of the CFP, including fisheries agreements (report by **Linnéa Engström**, Greens/EFA). 15:00 DEBATES: Counterterrorism following the recent terrorist attacks - Council and Commission statements, Effectiveness of existing measures against tax evasion and money laundering in light of recent Panama papers revelations - Council and Commission statements, Decision adopted on public tax transparency - Commission statement, Main aspects and basic choices of the common foreign and security policy and the common security and defence policy (Article 36 TEU) - statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Situation in Nagorno-Karabakh - statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU-Cuba political and cooperation agreement - statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The EU in a changing global environment - a more connected, contested and complex world (report by **Sandra Kalniete**, EPP), Implementation and review of the EU-Central Asia Strategy (report by **Tamás Meszerics**, Greens/EFA).

- 8:30 **President Schulz officially welcomes Manuel Valls**, Prime Minister of France.
- 13:00 an **extraordinary Conference of Presidents with Manuel Valls**, Prime Minister of France.

- 11:15 **Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs**. On the agenda: Protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and the free movement of such data (Directive) (adoption of draft recommendation for second reading, rapporteur **Marju Lauristin**, S&D), Protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data, and the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) (adoption of draft recommendation for second reading, rapporteur **Jan Philipp Albrecht**, Greens/EFA) (WIC - 200).

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- An **Informal meeting of Ministers and State Secretaries for European Affairs** takes place in Scheepvaartmuseum, Amsterdam, today. The participants will have two working sessions on issues that are vital for the functioning of the European Union: the implementation of decisions by the European Council

and the Multiannual Financial Framework.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- The European Commission selected **50 small and medium sized-enterprises from 14 countries for the latest round of grant funding from the SME instrument of Horizon 2020**, the EU's framework programme for Research and Innovation. Projects run by these companies will receive up to €2.5 million each to bring their newly designed products to the market, and projects related to health will receive up to €5 million.

WHO WHEN WHERE

- 9:00 the Netherlands EU Presidency hosts a conference **"2016 Bio Economy Utrecht 2016"** (Utrecht, Rabobank).
- 9:15 the **Automotive Intelligence Centre Forum: Innovation in the automotive sector** takes place in Brussels (Autoworld, Parc du Cinquantenaire 11).
- 12:00 the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) is organising a **public hearing that aims to complement the public consultation on its preliminary opinionpdf on 'Biological effects of ultraviolet radiation relevant to health with particular reference to sunbeds for cosmetic purposes'** (EUROFORUM, Rue Robert Stumper 10, Luxembourg).

TODAY CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



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