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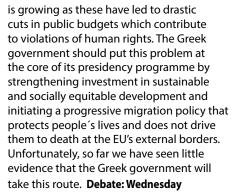
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GREEK PRESIDENCY

GABI ZIMMER

GUE/NGL PRESIDENT

Greece, the latest country to take over the EU Presidency, is one under strict dictates from the Troika. Criticism of the conditions in the memoranda

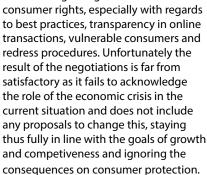


CONSUMER PROGRAMME

KYRIACOS TRIANTAPHYLLIDES

CYPRUS

The report initially included some positive elements regarding



Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Tuesday



Press conference room LOW N-1/201 **EU HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY**

ABORTION LAW IN SPAIN WED 14:00

Mikael Gustafsson, Willy Meyer, Inês

Zuber, & Marie-Christine Vergiat

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THIS WEEK

& Paul Murphy

TUES 14:30

GUE/NGL PRESS BRIEFING

Gabi Zimmer, Connie Ernst

Press conference room LOW N-1/201

GUE/NGL PRESS CONFERENCE

PORTUGAL

A homelessness strategy will only get results if it is integrated into an overall plan to combat poverty and unemployment, and to

promote economic development and to end the undermining of labour rights and standards, as well as wage levels. This must be combined with a policy of spatial planning and housing geared to meeting people's needs and rights, and not for financial or speculative interests.

Debate and Vote: Thursday

SRHR

MIKAEL GUSTAFSSON

SWEDEN

We must stand up for sexual and reproductive health and rights. Refusing a woman the right to make informed

and safe choices about her own body and sexuality is discrimination of the highest order and if we don't combat the dangerous rhetoric of the far-right more women will be denied access to safe and free abortion services. This is even more pertinent given the shocking proposals from the Spanish government to ban abortion. We must stand up and defend women's rights!

Debate: Thursday

REINDUSTRIALISING EUROPE

JACKY HENIN

The Bütikofer report is a missed opportunity for the EU's industrial policy, for jobs and for workers' rights. I cannot be satisfied

by these types of reports that continue to adhere religiously to the dictates of markets and profits. Enough resignation, the future of European industry is crucial for long-term growth and job creation. It needs more than empty words and shallow promises; it needs concrete and powerful policies directed by public authorities and workers' representatives.

FRANCE

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

HELMUT SCHOLZ

GERMANY

Two thirds of procuring entities consulted by the Commission have said they are happy with the status quo and do not need a new regulation on dealing with companies from third countries in public procurement tenders. Still, the Commission went ahead, making life more complicated for local

and regional authorities. The proposal is part of Commissioner De Gucht's aggressive external trade agenda .and aims to force third countries into signing bilateral free trade agreements with the EU so that European companies can penetrate foreign public procurement markets. We must reject this proposal.

Debate: Tuesday; Vote: Wednesday

FOOD CHAIN

MARTINA ANDERSON

IRELAND

The horrifying case of the horsemeat scandal revealed the incredible extent of food fraud throughout Europe.

Consumers have a right to know where their meat is coming from and should be able to purchase food for their families safe in the knowledge that what they are buying is in fact what it says on the label. Long and complex food chains require greater traceability to help avoid such scandals in the future.

Debate: Monday; Vote Tuesday



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