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The **#EuropeanParliament** is meeting in its Plenary session in Strasbourg next week, From Monday, May 2, to Thursday, May 5. For more information and to consult the **#PlenaryAgenda** please click <u>here</u>. The following week, always in Strasbourg, the **#FutureOfEurope** Conference's Executive Board will present to Presidents of the **#EUinstitutions** their final proposals at the ceremony that will bring the Conference to a close, on May 9. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

Last week, on Monday, April 18, **#Ukraine** completed the questionnaire to allow EU institutions to decide on Ukrainian #membership to the EU. The questionnaire was delivered to President Zelensky by **#EC** President, Ms Ursula von der Leyen on April 8, during her visit to **#Kyiv**. Accession talks will follow after the official EC recommendation on compliance and Ukraine acquiring the status of **#CandidateCountry**, most probably at the **#Council** of June 23-24. <u>EU solidarity with</u> <u>Ukraine</u>.

On <u>#DigitalPolicies</u>, a political agreement on the **#DigitalServicesAct #DSA** was reached on April 23, while for the **#DigitalMarketsAct t#DMA** this was reached already on March 25. Next steps for these two important pieces of legislation to enter into force are: the formal adoption by the two co-legislators, followed by publication on the EU Official Journal. Obligations for **#LargeSearchEngines** (DSA), designation of **#gatekeepers** (DMA) and other technical phases will follow.

The **#EP** Committee on <u>Environment, Public Health and Food Safety</u> <u>#ENVI</u> adopted on April 28 MEP Eleonora Evi's (Greens, IT) report on the **#EnergyEfficiencyDirective #EED** (recast). The report aims at strengthening the **#EuropeanCommission**'s proposal. MEP Evi is one of the Shadow Rapporteurs working on this file. The **#EP** Committee responsible for this file remains the one on <u>Industry, Research and</u> <u>Energy #ITRE</u>, led by Rapporteur MEP Mr Niels Fugsland (S&D, DK)

Newsflash and interesting publications.

- The #EUCourtOfJustice ruled that consumers' organisations will be able to initiate class actions for #GDPR infringements, where national legislation allows it. More information <u>here</u>.
- Click <u>here</u> to read the #EuropeanCentralBank #ECB Annual Report 2021 presented by VP Mr Luis De Guindos, at the EP on 28/04.
- Click <u>here</u> to read the #EP #ECONcommittee study on #GreenBonds - An assessment of the proposed EU #GreenBondStandard and its potential to prevent #greenwashing"

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