

A Plenary that better serves its Members.

Enhancing European Decision-Making, Dialogue and Scrutiny

Plenary sessions must, first and foremost, serve the Members. In concrete terms that means greater flexibility, greater accessibility to debates, more opportunities to scrutinise the executive and the co-legislator and opportunities to raise important and current issues from the Members' constituencies and allowing concerns of their citizens to be heard.

1. Plenary sessions debates to stop at 8:30pm on Monday; 7:00pm on, Tuesday and Wednesday

- More concise days lead to more focused debates and make it easier for Members to attend more debates.
- The earlier end to the plenary days allows for more flexibility for Members to attend other parliamentary meetings such as trilogues, Committee Meetings, Group meetings and shadows meetings.

2. Clearly defined agenda slots (Set start and end time for debates)

- This would allow Members to plan their agendas more easily and decide which debates they will attend.
- Clear start and end times for debate slots make it easier for Members setting the plenary agenda and easier for Members to plan their day.
- Regular times for agenda items at each session would facilitate the presence of other institutions to allow Members to scrutinise them.
- Speaking time will be calculated for each slot.