

Issues MEP BSR Riga

1. **Committee on Foreign Affairs -** Committee President: *Sherzod Rakhmatov M*

The question of how the EU might play a significant role in the Syrian Civil War in order to reach an effective opposition to ISIS and the growing terrorist threat of Islam founded terror and to establish a sound foundation for a stable future in the region. And if so in what way?

How could this result in a relief of the terrorist attacks in Europe?

1. **Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs –** Committee President: *Sara Estelle Gosswein F*

The question of how the EU might take responsibility for the imbalanced and increasing immigration into member states? The Schengen Treaty is endangered by a lack of unity within the EU to control the borders of EU, so that a growing number of countries close their national borders, like Hungary, Serbia, Slovenia, Austria and also in the north (Sweden, Denmark).

1. **Committee on Energy, Industry and Research –** Committee President: *Johanne Thoen Hansen F*

The question of how to ensure a more secure and sustainable common energy system in Europe. Are green alternatives to gas and oil imports a successful way towards this goal? Can nuclear power and/or shale-fuels increase energy efficiency and independence?

1. **Committee on Women´s Rights and Gender Equality –** Committee President: *Victor H.B.Christoffersen M*

The question of how to respect and protect women at a time when values are challenged by cultural/religious beliefs opposed to the rights they have gained in e.g. western societies? After the incidents in Germany on New Year´s night, what measures are needed to defend these rights?

1. **Committee on Culture and Education –** *Committee President: Emma Heiling F*

The question of how to empower young people to become active citizens and to have more say in the solution and decision making process in their societies and in the EU. What role can/should social media play in this process, and how can they help in overcoming EU skepticism?

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