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Totalitarianism must not be forgotten

What do young Europeans know about totalitarianism? This question will be the focal point of the Public Hearing organised by the EPP Group on Tuesday. Providing objective comprehensive information about the totalitarian past leading to a deeper understanding and discussion is a necessary condition for the sound future integration of all



European nations. There is a need for the adjustment and overhaul of European history textbooks and curricula so that young generations can learn about totalitarian regimes. The event will feature many experts in the field and EPP Group Chairman Joseph Daul will take part.

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Data Protection

In 1995, the EU set data protection principles across all EU Members States. Since then, things have changed dramatically - we are now living in the 'digital age', where personal data is flowing and being processed all the time. So, the existing rules need to be adapted to new circumstances. Ahead of a Commission proposal scheduled to be published this summer, the EPP

Group is organising a Hearing entitled 'Who pays for data protection?' to raise awareness of the different stakeholders affected by the data protection rules. European Commission Vice-President in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, Viviane Reding, will give the opening speech.

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Hazardous Waste

On Wednesday afternoon, the EPP Group is organising a Public Hearing on 'Storage and Management of Hazardous Waste in the EU' on the initiative of Bogusław Sonik, Vice-Chairman of the EP's Environment Committee. Representatives of Member State authorities, the European Commission as well as other stakeholders will take part in discussions.

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Discharge of 2009 EU Budget

On Monday, the Budgetary Control Committee will vote to discharge the European Commission's 2009 EU Budget. The so-called discharge is an annual procedure in which Parliament examines the way EU funds have been spent.



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Sport in the EU

Sport has received Treaty recognition, now that the Lisbon Treaty is up and running. On Wednesday, the EPP Group will hold a Hearing on sports to discuss different aspects of the policy, from professional sport and the fight against doping, to what happens after a sporting career ends, to the social dimension of sport. An introductory speech will be given by the European Commissioner in charge, and the event also features names such as Ramon Alfonseda, ex Barcelona footballer and Chairman of EFPA, and Pedro Garcia Aguado, gold medal winner in water polo at the 1996 Olympics.

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EU Intelligence

The time has come for stock-taking as the security challenges and the changing face of terrorism and organised crime and the relationship between them highlights the importance of stronger and redefined cooperation between the security services, not only on a bilateral but a multilateral level under the umbrella of the EU. Can Europe afford to have fragmented intelligence presence across the globe in a world of rising global threats and global competition? The EPP Group will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday afternoon on 'The Future of EU Intelligence and Internal Security' under the patronage of Ágnes Hankiss.

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