



## THE WEEK IN FRANCE

### MONDAY, March 3, 2014

- Note that the Parliament is in recess due to the ongoing electoral campaign (the municipal elections are to be held on 23 and 30 March)
- The French and the German ministers of foreign affairs are scheduled to travel to Georgia and Moldavia this Monday and Tuesday (however, EU FA ministers are to meet on Monday to discuss the Ukrainian situation)
- “Solemn declaration” delivered by UMP president Jean-François Copé (11:00 CET)
- The Socialist Party holds a press conference concerning the European Parliamentary elections

### TUESDAY, March 4, 2014

- The Constitutional Council hears two cases concerning night shifts and Sunday work
- National Assembly: meeting of the Socialist group (09:00 CET)

### WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2014

- Social partners meet again to discuss the so-called responsibility pact (the reform of the fiscal system)
- U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in Paris for bilateral talks and for a meeting of the International Support Group for Lebanon
- Government meeting (10:00 CET)
- UMP president Jean-François Copé and former prime minister François Fillon to hold a common meeting in Strasbourg (campaign event)

## THURSDAY, March 6, 2014

- Quarterly unemployment (4/2013) statistics published by INSEE (07:30 CET)
- Deadline for municipal elections candidates to file their paperwork
- The European People's Party's congress selects the leading candidate of the EPP for the European elections. French commissioner Michel Barnier runs for the job, though the German CDU does not support him.
- Closer vs. Julie Gayet case hearings start in front of a court in Nanterre

## FRIDAY, March 7, 2014

- The minister for foreign affairs is scheduled to begin a 4-day-long visit in Argentina, Chile and Uruguay
- Foreign trade and central government operations (08:45 CET) and official international reserves (14:30 CET) statistics published

## SATURDAY, March 8, 2014

- International women's day

## SUNDAY, March 9, 2014

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