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## Postal services liberalisation

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Conservatives believe in the Lisbon Agenda on economic reform. Speeding up liberalisation of postal services will better serve the needs of all users and strengthen opportunities for UK businesses to operate within the EU. Timothy Kirkhope MEP, Leader and Transport spokesman, says: **"Whilst the Transport Committee has agreed to market opening, it is later than the Commission proposed and with a number of caveats. A two year delay on full liberalisation is disappointing but the scope of the deal will remain unchanged from the Commission proposal which is welcome."** The Transport Committee endorsed the Commission text saying Member States shall ensure that universal service is guaranteed every working day and not less than five days a week. However the financing of the universal service will be left up to Member States.

**Debate: Tues 09:00-11:50**

**Vote: Weds 12:00-13:00**

## Action on cardiovascular disease

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Cardiovascular disease accounts for 42% of all deaths in Europe, making it Europe's single biggest killer. This resolution on Action To Tackle Cardiovascular Disease calls for a greater focus on preventative measures, development of action plans on lifestyle health determinants and calls on Member States to implement public education programmes to raise awareness of the risk factors. John Bowis MEP, Conservative health spokesman, says: **"Cardiovascular disease kills almost two million people across Europe every year and one in three people in the UK. We need a stronger focus on preventative measures, promotion of healthy lifestyles and targeting high risk groups."**

**Debate: Mon 17:00-24:00**

**Vote: Tues 12:00-13:00**

## Call to end primate experiments

Conservative MEPs representing every region across the UK have signed a Written Declaration on primates in scientific experiments. Animal Defenders International will be lobbying MEPs in Strasbourg throughout the week.

## One seat campaign

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Conservatives have long campaigned for an end to parliamentary sessions in Strasbourg and make every effort to put a stop to the two-seat farce. In discussions on Parliament's 2008 calendar they are calling for Thursdays in Strasbourg to be dropped, cutting sessions there to three days a month. More than one million people have so far signed the one seat petition. Leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament Timothy Kirkhope MEP says: **"Uprooting the Parliament every month is a waste of millions of pounds of British taxpayers' money."**

**Vote: Weds 12:00-13:00**

## Portuguese presidency debate

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The Leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament will speak in the debate on the programme of the new presidency. He will restate Conservative calls for a referendum in the UK on the proposed new treaty and call on Gordon Brown to deliver on Labour's promise to hold one. He will also call for the IGC mandate to be extended to include a change of seat of the European Parliament from Strasbourg to Brussels.

**Debate: Weds 9:00-11:00**

## Food safety rules

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At present there are gaps in food safety legislation with regards to food additives. With constant technological innovation the EU needs updated legislation that not only ensures market competitiveness but also protects consumers. Four food additive regulations this week pay specific attention to food enzymes and flavourings. Conservatives are working to achieve legislation that protects consumers while reducing the burden on industry. Conservative health spokesman John Bowis MEP says: **"Consumers want to know what goes into their food. We need legislation that not only ensures the right of the market to flourish, but also protects and informs consumers so they can make valid choices in their diet."**

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## Gas and electricity market

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This report is particularly important for liberalisation and UK interests as it will give companies opportunities which they have so far been denied due to various barriers. Industry, research and energy spokesman Giles Chichester MEP says: "**The critical element of the report is the issue of ownership unbundling. This ensures separation and is an effective way to ensure the least conflict of interests possible.**

**Ownership unbundling is a crucial element for the Commission to include in its 3rd Package, which we expect in the autumn, therefore it is vital for this to receive strong voting support in the European Parliament."**

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**Conservatives**  
in the European Parliament

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#### Council

- (10/07) - ECOFIN - Brussels
- (10/07) - Political and Security Committee - Brussels
- (11/07) - COREPER I - Brussels
- (12/07) - COREPER II - Brussels
- (13/07) - ECOFIN (Budget) - Brussels
- (13/07) - COREPER I - Brussels

#### Westminster/UK

- (09/07) - House of Lords  
EU Sub-Committee B
- (10/07) - House of Lords  
EU Sub-Committee A
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