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Lambert Van Nistelrooij graces this issue's cover, in an interview looking back over his 15 year European Parliament career. As he prepares to step down, the veteran Dutch deputy reminisces over his three terms as an MEP, which he says never had a dull day and unveils some of his post-Brussels plans.

Also inside, Swedish Greens MEP Linnéa Engström and the European Commission's João Aguiar Machado provide their perspectives on the Common Fisheries Policy, while Dutch EPP deputy Annie Schreijer-Pierik exposes the inhumane treatment of animals in China in the wake of an African Swine Fever outbreak. Elsewhere, in an issue that's particularly topical at the moment, European Commission vice president Jyrki Katainen argues that the EU should take immediate action to combat what he calls the "misinformation epidemic" around vaccinations.

Looking ahead to the upcoming EU elections the Parliament Mag's roving reporter Martin Banks takes a look at the increased use by NGOs and EU associations of pre-election 'manifestos' and 'pledges' for prospective MEP candidates. Our commissioning editor Raj Singh meanwhile catches up with a fresh crop of young candidate MEPs that are ready to take Europe by storm.

We also have two long-read pieces on Blockchain technology from Dutch deputy Caroline Nagtegaal and EESC rapporteur Giuseppe Guerini and a feature on NATO's 70th anniversary including an interview with deputy secretary general Rose Gottemoeller. Finally, in our 5 Questions With... column, find out why Muhammad Ali's life story became an inspiration to veteran British MEP Sajjad Karim.



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Leaving a Europe fit for the future

Stepping down after three terms as an MEP, Lambert Van Nistelrooij says he is confident that the Europe his successors will find on arrival will be one that is fit for the future.



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