



ASSEMBLEIA DA REPÚBLICA

**CONFERENCE OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE PARLIAMENTS
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES
AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

LISBOA

20 - 22 May 1999

Programme

20 MAY

THURSDAY

- 6.30 p.m.** - Departure from Hotel Ritz, Hotel Méridien and Hotel Dom Pedro to Palácio de S. Bento (Assembleia da República).
- 7.00 p.m.** - Arrival at Assembleia da República.
Concert by the Orquestra Metropolitana de Lisboa
(Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra) (Salão Nobre).
Reception hosted by the President of Assembleia da República.

21 MAY

FRIDAY

- 8.00 a.m.** - Departure of the Secretaries General and staff from the hotels to Centro Cultural de Belém (CCB).
- 8.30 a.m./9.15 p.m.** - Meeting of the Secretaries General (Siaca Room).
- 9.15 a.m.** - Departure of the Speakers or Heads of Delegations and staff from the hotels to CCB.
- 9.30 a.m./1.00 p.m.** - CONFERENCE (Siaca Room).
Opening by the President of the Conference, Mr. António de Almeida Santos.

**THEME 1. CHALLENGES FACING THE
PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTION IN A TIME
OF GLOBALISATION**

*Rapporteur : President Trillo Figueroa, Congreso de los
Diputados, España.*

Debate.

- 11.00 a.m./11.30 a.m.-** Coffee-Break and Group Photo.
- Resumption of the debate.
- 1.00 p.m.** - Lunch at CCB (Salão Nobre).
- 2.30 p.m./6.00 p.m.** - Conference.
- 2.30 p.m./4.00 p.m.** - **1a) Quality of legislation and normative simplification in the European democracy**
Rapporteur : President Luciano Violante, Camara Dei Deputati, Italia.
Debate.
- 4.00 p.m./4.30 p.m.** - Coffee-Break.
- 4.30 p.m./6.00 p.m.** - **1b) Parliaments, freedom of information and data protection**
Rapporteur: First Deputy Speaker Sir Alan Haselhurst, House of Commons, United Kingdom .
Debate.
- 6.30 p.m.** - Reception hosted by the President of the Republic at Palácio de Belém.
- 7.30 p.m.** - Return to the hotels.
- 8.30 p.m.** - Departure from the hotels to Palácio da Ajuda.
- 9.00 p.m.** - Official banquet followed by “Fado” by João Braga and Maria Ana Bobone.

22 MAY

SATURDAY

- 9.00 a.m.** - Departure from the hotels to CCB.
- 9.30 a.m./1.00 p.m.** - Conference (Siaca Room).
THEME 2. INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION AFTER THE AMSTERDAM TREATY
- 9.30 a.m./11.00 p.m.-** **2a) Scope and objectives of cooperation**
Rapporteur: President Heinz Fisher, Nationalrat, Osterreich.
Debate.

- 11.00 a.m./11.30 a.m.-** Coffee-Break.
- 11.30 a.m./1.00 p.m. -** **2b) Models and organisation of cooperation and particularly of the Conference of EU Speakers**
Rapporteur: President Birgitta Dahl, Parliament Riksdagen , Sveridge.
 Debate.
- 1.00 p.m.** - Buffet at CCB (Salão Nobre).
- 3.00 p.m.** - Departure to Ribatejo for a country festival.
- 4.00 p.m.** - Arrival at Santarém.
- 6.00 p.m.** - Arrival at Golegã (Casas do Picadeiro).
 Exhibition of the Portuguese Horses and typical dinner.
 Performance of the “Ranchos Folclóricos da Golegã” and “Campinos da Azinhaga”.
- 11.00 p.m.** - Return to Lisbon.

23 MAY
SUNDAY

- Morning**
- Breakfast at the hotels.
 - Return of the Delegations.

