

Conference of Speakers of EU Parliaments

Filoxenia Conference Centre,

Nicosia, 21 – 23 April 2013

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 21 April 2013

Arrival of delegations.

14.00 – 20.00 Registration at the hotel.

20.00 Departure by bus from the hotel to the dinner venue.

20.30 Cultural event.
Official dinner hosted by
H.E. The President of the House of Representatives
of the Republic of Cyprus,
Mr. Yiannakis L. OMIROU,
at the “Royal Hall”, Nicosia.

23.00 Return by bus to the hotel.

Monday, 22 April 2013

07.30 – 08.30 Registration at the hotel.

08.30 Departure by bus from the hotel to the *Filoxenia* Conference Center.

09.00 Opening of the Conference and welcoming address by
H.E. The President of the House of Representatives,
Mr. Yiannakis L. OMIROU.
(*Zenon Kitievs Plenary Hall, Level 0*)

Adoption of the agenda.

09.15 – 11.00 **Session I: The role of EU national parliaments and the European Parliament in enhancing democracy and human rights in third countries, emphasizing on the Mediterranean region.**

(Zenon Kitievs Plenary Hall, Level 0)

Keynote speakers:

H.E. The President of the House of Representatives,
Mr. Yiannakis L. OMIROU.

H.E. The Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malta,
Dr Angelo FARRUGIA.

Debate.

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break.

11.20 – 13.00 **Session II: Bringing citizens closer to the European Union.**

(Zenon Kitievs Plenary Hall, Level 0)

Keynote speakers:

H.E. The President of the House of Representatives of Belgium,
Mr. André FLAHAUT.

Mrs Antigoni PAPADOPOULOU, MEP,
European Parliament Rapporteur on the European Year of Citizens.

Debate.

13.00 Family photo.

13.15 – 15.00 Lunch hosted by H.E. The President of the House of Representatives,
Mr. Yiannakis L. OMIROU,
at “*Halkos*” restaurant,
Filoxenia Conference Centre.



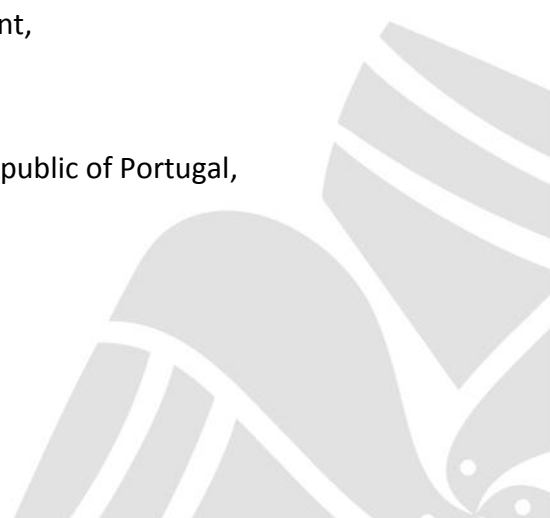
15.00 – 16.30	<p>One plus One Session</p> <p>on Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union.</p> <p><i>(Kerynia Room, Level -1)</i></p> <p>Informal discussion.</p>
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For those **NOT** participating in the One plus One Session:
Guided tour of Nicosia.

- 17.30** Arrival at the hotel.
- 20.30** Departure from the hotel by bus.
- 21.00** Reception (for all participants) hosted by
H.E. The President of the Republic of Cyprus,
Mr. Nicos ANASTASIADES,
at the Presidential Palace.
- 23.00** Return to the hotel by bus.

Tuesday, 23 April 2013

- 08.30** Departure by bus from the hotel
to the *Filoxenia* Conference Center.
- 09.00 – 11.00** **Session III: Social cohesion in times of austerity – what can national parliaments do.**
(Zenon Kitievs Plenary Hall, Level 0)
- Keynote speakers:**
- H.E. The President of the Hellenic Parliament,
Mr. Evangelos MEIMARAKIS.
- H.E. The Speaker of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal,
Mrs Maria Assunção ESTEVES.
- Debate.



- 11.00 – 11.30** Coffee break.
- 11.30 – 12.30** **Discussion and adoption of the Presidency Conclusions.**
(Zenon Kitievs Plenary Hall, Level 0)
- Closing Remarks.**
- 13.00 – 14.30** Lunch hosted by H.E. The President of the House of Representatives,
Mr. Yiannakis L. OMIROU,
at “*Halkos*” restaurant,
Filoxenia Conference Centre.
- Return to the hotel by bus.
Departure of delegations.

