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## CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION PARLIAMENTS

Vilnius, 6–8 April 2014

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### Sunday, 6 April 2014

Arrival of the delegations

15.00–19.30 Registration at the hotels

#### **Meeting of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the Presidency Trio and the European Parliament**

17.00 Departure from the hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

17.30–18.30 Meeting of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the Presidency Trio and the European Parliament (Cyprus/Lithuania/Italy)  
*Venue: Algirdas Mykolas Brazauskas Hall, Building I of the Seimas, Gedimino pr. 53, Vilnius*

18.30 Departure by bus from the Seimas for dinner in the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

18.45 Departure by bus of the heads of the delegations from the hotels for dinner in the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

19.00 Departure by bus of other participants from the hotels for dinner in the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

19.00 Guided tour of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

20.00 Dinner and cultural programme hosted by H.E. Ms Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania  
*Venue: Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, Katedros a. 4, Vilnius*

22.00 Departure for the hotels by bus



**Monday, 7 April 2014**

7.45 Departure for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania by bus

**OPENING SESSION**

*Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas*

8.30 Chaired by H. E. Ms Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Welcome speech by Mr José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission (video message)

Adoption of the agenda

**SESSION I**

**ROLE OF PARLIAMENTS IN TACKLING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRISIS**

8.45 Speech by H. E. Mr Algirdas BUTKEVIČIUS, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania

Speech by H. E. Mr Martin SCHULZ, President of the European Parliament

Speech by H. E. Mr Mogens LYKKETOFT, Speaker of the Folketing of the Kingdom of Denmark

Debate

10.30–11.00 Coffee break  
*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*

10.30 Press conference  
*Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building II of the Seimas*

11.00 Press conference (on Eastern Partnership)  
*Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building II of the Seimas*

## SESSION II

### **FIVE YEARS AFTER COMING INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY OF LISBON: LESSONS OF SUBSIDIARITY CHECKS IN PARLIAMENTS**

- 11.00            Speech by H. E. Mr Milan ŠTĚCH, Chairman of the Senate of the Czech Republic
- Speech by H. E. Mr Pietro GRASSO, President of the Senate of the Republic of Italy
- Speech by H. E. Ms Anouchka VAN MILTENBURG, President of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands
- Speech by Lord Timothy BOSWELL, Chairman of the European Union Select Committee of House of Lords of the United Kingdom
- Debate
- 13.00            Family photo  
                    *Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas*

#### **FOR THE HEADS OF THE DELEGATIONS**

##### **RECEPTION IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**

*Venue: Presidential Palace of the Republic of Lithuania, S. Daukanto a. 3, Vilnius*

- 13.10            Departure by bus of the heads of the delegations from the Seimas for the Presidential Palace of the Republic of Lithuania
- 13.30–15.00    Lunch hosted by H.E. Ms Dalia GRYBAUSKAITĖ, President of the Republic of Lithuania
- 15.00            Departure by bus from the Presidential Palace for the Seimas

- 13.00            Lunch for other participants  
                    *Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*
- 15.20            Opening of the joint exhibition of posters from the Visegrad countries and Lithuania  
                    *Venue: Lobby, Building II of the Seimas*

### SESSION III

#### INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION WITH THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

15.45

Keynote speeches:

Speech by H. E. Ms Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Speech by H. E. Ms Solvita ĀBOLTIŅA, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Interventions:

Speech by H. E. Mr Oleksandr TURCHYNOV, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (tbc)

Speech by H. E. Mr Igor CORMAN, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova

Speech by H. E. Mr David USUPASHVILI, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia

Speech by H. E. Mr Hovik ABRAHAMYAN, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Speech by H. E. Mr Oqtay ASADOV, Chairman of the Milli Mejlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan (tbc)

Speech by H. E. Mr Stanislav SHUSHKEVICH, former Speaker of the Supreme Council of Belarus

Debate

18.00

Return to the hotels by bus

19.15

Departure from the hotels for dinner by bus

19.30

Dinner hosted by H. E. Ms Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania  
*Venue: National Gallery of Art, Konstitucijos pr. 22, Vilnius*

22.00

Departure for the hotels by bus

**Tuesday, 8 April 2014**

- 8.45 Departure from the hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania by bus
- 9.30 **Commemoration of the International Roma Day and adoption of the Declaration**  
H. E. Ms Barbara PRAMMER, President of the National Council of the Republic of Austria

**SESSION IV**

**INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF FREEDOM,  
SECURITY AND JUSTICE**

- 9.40 Speech by H. E. Mr Evangelos-Vasileios MEIMARAKIS, Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament
- Speech by H. E. Ms Ewa KOPACZ, Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
- Speech by H. E. Ms Laura BOLDRINI, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Republic of Italy
- Speech by H. E. Mr Per WESTERBERG, Speaker of the Riksdag of the Kingdom of Sweden
- Debate

**CLOSING SESSION**

- 12.00 **Debate on and adoption of the Presidency conclusions**
- 12.30 Lunch  
*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*
- 12.30 Press conference  
*Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building II of the Seimas*
- 13.30 Guided tour of the Seimas (English or French) *optional*  
Return to the hotels or departure for the airport by bus
- 14.15 Return to the hotels by bus