

**MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES ON  
PRODUCTION, TRADE AND MARITIME AFFAIRS  
OF THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
Athens 16-17 MARCH 2014  
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**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Sunday, 16 March 2014**

Arrival of the participants.

**15.00-18.00** Registration in the hotels.

**19.45** Departure by bus from the hotels to the Acropolis Museum.

**20.00** Guided tour to the Acropolis Museum.

**21.15** Dinner hosted by the Chair of the Standing Committee on  
Production and Trade, Mr. Georgios VLACHOS, at the  
Acropolis Museum Restaurant.

**22.30** Return by bus to the hotels.

**Monday, 17 March 2014**

Venue: Senate Hall.

**8.30** Departure from the hotels to the Hellenic Parliament  
Registration in the Hellenic Parliament (for those not registered yet).

**9.00** **Welcome address** by Mr. Vangelis MEIMARAKIS, Speaker of the  
Hellenic Parliament.

**Introductory Remarks** by Mr. Georgios VLACHOS, Chair of the  
Standing Committee on Production and Trade of the Hellenic  
Parliament.

**09.30 - 11.00**

**SESSION I**

**Blue Growth: Building the Blue Economy**

**Keynote Speaker:** Ms **Maria DAMANAKI**, Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and  
Fisheries.

Ms **Olga KEFALOGIANNI**, Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic.

Ms **Isabella RYCKBOST**, Secretary General ESPO (European Sea Ports Organisation)

**Debate**

**11.00**

Coffee Break

**11.30 - 13.00**

**SESSION II**

**Connecting Europe - EU Transport Policy: a vehicle for Growth and Jobs**

**Mr Michalis CHRYSOCHOIDIS**, Minister of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks of the Hellenic Republic.

**Mr Fotis KARAMITSOS**, E. Commission, Deputy Director-General, D.G. Mobility and Transport.

**Mr Remigijus ŽEMAITAITIS**, Chairman of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania.

**Debate**

**13.00**

Family photo

**13.15**

Lunch

**15.00-16.45**

**SESSION III**

**SMEs : Facilitating access to financing**

Mr **Kostis HATZIDAKIS**, Minister for Development and Competitiveness of the Hellenic Republic.

Mr. **Mihai TANASESCU** Vice President, European Investment Bank

Mr. **Guido RAVOET**, Chief Executive, European Banking Federation

**Debate**

**16.45**

**Concluding Remarks** by Mr Georgios VLACHOS, Chair of the Standing Committee on Production, Trade and Maritime Affairs.

**16.50**

Guided tour to the Hellenic Parliament Exhibition "Hellas Genius Loci".

**17.00**

Departure of participants from the Hellenic Parliament.