

Courtesy Translation

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Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr President,

We would like to invite you to Berlin next year for the annual Conference of the Speakers of European Union Parliaments in Berlin.

We had originally planned to hold the Conference on 29/30 March 2021. Although the pandemic is currently worsening in many member states of the European Union, we hope that safe travel to Berlin and participation in the Conference might be possible in late spring 2021. We have therefore decided to postpone the Conference to **10/11 May 2021**. Even though video conferences have allowed us to come together digitally since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, they cannot replace in-person meetings.

In this context, your health is of the utmost priority to us! In order to allow the necessary distancing and hygiene rules to be followed, we will have to limit the size of the delegations. Should the pandemic situation fail to improve, we would instead hold the Conference on 10 May 2021 as a video conference.

The meeting of the Secretaries General is also to be postponed and will take place on **29 March 2021** as a video conference. We will continue to observe developments and will inform you in mid-March 2021 whether the Conference of Speakers can be held as an in-person meeting, or will have to be held in a virtual format.

Stay healthy!

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Dr Wolfgang Schäuble  
President of the German Bundestag

Sgd. Dr Reiner Haseloff  
President of the Bundesrat