

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE FOR THE COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY AND THE COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

4–6 September 2013
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

4 September, Wednesday

Arrival of the participants

15.00–19.00 Check-in at hotels

Meeting of the Presidency Trio and representatives of the European Parliament

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

18.00–19.00 Meeting of the Presidency Trio (Ireland/Lithuania/Greece) and
representatives of the European Parliament

Venue: Presidential Hall, Building 1 of the Seimas

Departure from the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania for the Palace
of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

19.30 Departure from hotels for the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

20.00 Dinner hosted by Mr Artūras PAULAUSKAS, Chair of the Seimas
Committee on National Security and Defence

*Venue: Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania,
Katedros a. 4, Vilnius*

22.30 Return to hotels

5 September, Thursday

- 8.30 Departure of the participants of the Working Group of the Ad Hoc Review Committee from hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 9.00–10.00 Meeting of the Working Group of the Ad Hoc Review Committee
Venue: Meeting Room of the Committee on European Affairs, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 9.30 Departure of the participants of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Review Committee from hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 10.00–11.00 Meeting of the Ad Hoc Review Committee
Venue: Meeting Room of the Committee on European Affairs, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 11.00–12.00 Meetings of political groups
11.00 Departure of other participants from hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 11.30–12.00 Registration (for those non-registered yet)
Venue: Building 1 of the Seimas

Opening Session

- 12.00–12.15 Opening remarks by Prof. Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs

Opening remarks by Mr Artūras PAULAUSKAS, Chair of the Seimas Committee on National Security and Defence
Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 12.15–12.25 Welcome address by H.E. Dalia GRYBAUSKAITĖ, President of the Republic of Lithuania
- 12.25–12.35 Welcome address by Dr Vydas GEDVILAS, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 12.35–12.45 Welcome address by Mr Elmar BROK, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament
- 12.45–12.50 Adoption of the agenda

Session 1

- 12.50–14.30 **Promoting democracy in a wider Europe: ideas and instruments**
- Keynote speaker: Mr Linas LINKEVIČIUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- Towards December European Council: Lithuania's priorities**
- Keynote speaker: Mr Juozas OLEKAS, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania
- Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas*
- Debate
- 14.30–16.00 Lunch
- Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas*
- 16.00–17.20 **EU Priorities and Strategies of the CFSP and CSDP**
- Keynote speaker: Baroness Catherine ASHTON, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission
- Debate End of the session
- 17.20–17.30 Family photo
- Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas*
- 17.30–18.00 Guided tour of the Buildings of the Seimas in English or French (*optional*)
- 18.10 Departure from the Seimas for Vilnius University Botanical Garden
- 19.00 Dinner hosted by Prof. Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Venue: Vilnius University Botanical Garden, Kairėnų g. 43, Vilnius*
- 22.30 Departure for hotels

6 September, Friday

Session 2

- 8.30 Departure from hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 9.00–10.20 **Future of EU-NATO Cooperation**

Keynote speaker: Mr Anders Fogh RASMUSSEN, NATO Secretary General

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas

Debate

10.20–10.30 Coffee break

Venue: Stained Glass Gallery , Building 1 of the Seimas

10.30–12.30 **Workshops**

Workshop 1: Eastern Partnership and its strategic importance to the European Union

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas

Moderator: Mr Audronius AŽUBALIS, Deputy Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs

Keynote speakers: Representative from the European External Action Service (tbc)

Ms Sofia ARKELSTEN, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Swedish Riksdagen

Dr Laurynas KASČIŪNAS, East European Studies Centre

Rapporteur: Mr Pat BREEN, Chair of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade, The Houses Oireachtas of the Republic of Ireland

Debate

Workshop 2: Bridging the gap between EU capabilities and ambitions: towards December European Council

Venue: Plenary Hall, Building 2 of the Seimas

Moderator: Mr Petras AUŠTREVICĪUS, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Keynote speakers:

Mr Arnaud DANJEAN, Chair of the Security and Defence Sub-Committee, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

General (ret.) Yves De KERMABON, Special Advisor to the Executive Secretary General, European External Action Service

Dr Christian MÖLLING, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Rapporteur: Mr Ioannis KEFALOGIANNIS, Member of the Standing Committee on National Defense and Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Parliament

Debate

12.30–12.45 Coffee break

Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas

12.45–13.15 Presentation of the proposals by the Ad Hoc Review Committee

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building 1 of the Seimas

13.15–14.00 Discussion of the results of the workshops and adoption of the conclusions of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference

End of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference

14.00–15.00 Lunch

Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas

Departure of the participants