



## **Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU**

Brussels, 3 – 5 April 2011



## **Programme and General information**

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## Programme

### Sunday 3 April 2011

Arrival of the delegations

Welcome service at the airport and Bruxelles-Midi railway station (as requested)

Transfer to the hotels

**15.00 – 18.00** Welcome at the hotels.

Registration and distribution of the Conference dossier and identification badge

**17.45** Departure by bus from the Radisson and Windsor hotels to the Magritte Museum. Departure on foot from the Novotel to the Windsor at 17.35

**18.00 – 19.30** Visit of the Magritte Museum followed by a welcome drink

**18.45 – 19.45** Shuttle to the hotels (every 15 minutes)

Evening reserved for embassies

### Monday 4 April 2011

Venue: Palace of the Nation, seat of the Belgian Federal Parliament, House of Representatives

**9.00** Departure by bus: Hotel Radisson: 9.00  
Hotel Windsor: 9.10 (departure on foot from the Novotel to the Windsor at 9.00)

**9.00** Registration  
Entrance: Place de la Nation (main entrance)

**9.30 – 10.00** **Opening of the Conference - Adoption of the agenda**  
*Mr. André Flahaut, Speaker of the House of Representatives*  
*Mr. Danny Pieters, Speaker of the Senate*

**10.00 – 11.30** **Topic : Parliamentary scrutiny of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP)**  
*Presentation by Mr. Danny Pieters, Speaker of the Senate*  
*Debate*

- 11.30 – 12.30** **Topic : Parliament, public opinion and media**  
*Presentation by Mr. André Flahaut, Speaker of the House of Representatives*  
*Debate*
- 12.30 – 12.45** *Photo*
- 12.45 – 14.00** Luncheon hosted by the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, for Heads of Delegation and Secretaries General  
 Venue : Reception Rooms of the House
- Luncheon for other delegates  
 Venue: Reception Rooms of the Senate
- 14.00 – 15.30** **Topic : Role of the parliaments in the oversight of the European Area of Freedom, Security and Justice**
- **Subtopic 1: Parliamentary oversight of intelligence and security services : database project for information exchange among the relevant parliamentary committees**  
*Presentation by Mr. Danny Pieters, Speaker of the Senate*
  - **Subtopic 2: Role of the parliaments in the monitoring of Europol**  
*Presentation by Mr Per Westerberg, Speaker of the Swedish Parliament*  
*Debate*
- 15.30 – 16.00** Coffee break (Coffee Room of the House)
- 16.00 – 17.30** Continuation of the debate
- 17.30** Departure by bus to the hotels
- Departure by bus from the hotels to the Castle of Laeken
1. For the Heads of Delegation:
    - Windsor : 18.10 (departure on foot from the Novotel to the Windsor hotel at 18.00)
    - Radisson : 18.15
  2. Other members of Delegations :
    - Radisson : 18.30
    - Windsor : 18.30 (departure on foot from the Novotel to the Windsor hotel at 18.20)
- 19.00 – 19.45**
- Reception hosted by His Majesty King Albert II for Heads of Delegation (Rotunda of the Royal Castle of Laeken)
  - Reception for Ambassadors (bilateral) and other delegates (Royal Greenhouses of Laeken)

- 19.45 – 22.00** Dinner hosted by the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, for all delegates (Banqueting Hall of the Royal Castle of Laeken)
- 22.00** Departure by bus to the hotels

## Tuesday 5 April 2011

Venue: Palace of the Nation, seat of the Belgian Federal Parliament, House of Representatives

- 08.40** Departure by bus for delegates attending the informal meeting (1 + 1) (Radisson & Windsor; departure on foot from the Novotel to the Windsor at 8.30)
- 09.00 – 11.00** **Topic : The financial crisis in Europe and its consequences for national budgets and the stability of the Euro : role of the parliaments and interparliamentary cooperation in the field of European economic governance and the European semester** - Informal meeting (1 + 1)  
*Presentation by Mr. Gérard Larcher, Speaker of the French Senate.*  
*Debate*
- 10.40** Departure by bus for other participants (Radisson & Windsor; departure on foot from the Novotel to the Windsor at 10.30)
- 11.00 – 11.30** Coffee break (Coffee Room of the House)
- 11.30 – 12.30** **Discussion and adoption of the Presidency Conclusions**
- 12.30** Luncheon hosted by the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate  
 Venue : Reading Room of the House of Representatives
- 12.00 – 14.00** Shuttle buses to the hotels (every 15 minutes)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Venue of the Conference

House of Representatives – Hemicycle

Entrance : Place de la Nation, Brussels (main entrance of the Federal Parliament of Belgium)

### Contact / Secretariat of the Conference

A secretariat will be available for any request during the Conference (room 2).

Call numbers: - 02 549 87 85 or 02 549 88 07

E-mail : [eusc2011@lachambre.be](mailto:eusc2011@lachambre.be)

Internet site : <http://www.ipex.eu/ipex/cms/EU-Speakers/lang/fr>

### Conference Hotels

- Hotel Novotel Grand Place  
Rue du Marché aux Herbes 120  
1000 Bruxelles
- Hotel Radisson Blu Royal  
Rue du Fossé-aux-Loups 47  
1000 Bruxelles
- Hotel Royal Windsor Grand Place  
Rue Duquesnoy 5  
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### Transfers

Coach transport will be provided between the hotels and all meeting and reception venues.

Coach transport will start from the Radisson and Windsor hotels. Participants who stay in other hotels will have to come to these two hotels. Residents at the Novotel will be taken on foot to the nearby Windsor Hotel to take the bus.

We encourage participants to use the bus transfers organised by the Belgian Parliaments.

Participants arriving by car need a pass to enter the compound of the Parliament (Place de la Nation) and of the Royal Castle in Laeken. Passes are distributed through the Embassies. Requests for additional passes are to be made to the Conference Secretariat.

Transfer schedule : see programme.

## **Registration and badges**

Registered participants will receive a badge on presentation of a document establishing their identity. This badge will be at their disposal in the hotels on Sunday 4 April 2011, from 15.00 to 18.00, or at the entrance of the Belgian Parliament, on Monday 4 April 2011 from 8.30 onwards.

Badge cord colour code:

- Speaker/Head of delegation : red
- Secretary general : yellow
- Official : blue
- Ambassador : purple
- Host staff : green
- Interpreter : cobalt blue
- Security agent : black

For security reasons and in order to provide access to the coaches, meeting rooms and receptions rooms, participants should wear their badge throughout the meeting.

## **Composition of delegations**

Delegations will note that each assembly will be allotted a maximum of 4 seats in the Hemicycle of the House of Representatives. Other members of delegation can take place in the public galleries or in the video room of the House, located at the peristyle level (ground floor).

## **Interpretation**

In accordance with article 7 of the Stockholm Guidelines of the Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU, the host parliament will provide interpretation into the following languages :

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|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| ▪ English   | ▪ Czech     | ▪ Lithuanian | ▪ Macedonian |
| ▪ French    | ▪ Greek     | ▪ Polish     | ▪ Turkish    |
| ▪ Dutch     | ▪ Hungarian | ▪ Romanian   |              |
| ▪ German    | ▪ Italian   | ▪ Spanish    |              |
| ▪ Bulgarian | ▪ Latvian   | ▪ Croatian   |              |

## **Documentation**

Meeting documents will be distributed in English and in French and will be published on the website of the Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU ([www.IPEX.eu](http://www.IPEX.eu)). Participants will receive a set of documents along with their badge.

The draft Presidency Conclusions will be available on Tuesday 5 April at the beginning of the meeting.

## **Press**

Interviews are authorised in the Peristyle of the Federal Parliament.

## **Bilateral contacts**

A room will be available for bilateral contacts (bookings are to be made through the Conference Secretariat)

## **Services for delegates**

A room with computers, fax machines and telephones will be at the participants' disposal (room 3). Computers will be connected to the internet and a Wi-Fi connection will be set up in the meeting room and its vicinity. Access to WIFI requires a code which will be available at the secretariat of the Conference (room 2).

## **Currency**

The Belgian currency is the euro. Exchange services are available at the airport or at Bruxelles-Midi railway station. The Conference hotels also provide exchange services.

## **Dinner at the Royal Castle of Laeken**

- His Majesty Albert II, King of the Belgians, will host a reception for the Heads of Delegation (Speakers or their representatives) in the Rotunda of the Castle of Laeken, from 19.00 to 19.45. Their presence is requested at 18.45 sharp.
- A reception will be offered to the Ambassadors (bilateral) and the other delegation members in the Greenhouses of the Castle of Laeken from 19.00 to 19.45.
- Dinner will be held for all participants in the Banqueting Hall of the Castle of Laeken from 19.45 to 22.00.

**Given the Protocol requirements, participation will be strictly on the basis of preliminary registration.**

**Delegates will be asked to confirm their participation when they receive their badge. This confirmation will be final.**

**Confirmed participants will receive a card indicating the table where they will be seated for dinner and are requested to bring it with them.**

## **Supporting Staff**

A waiting room will be reserved for security agents and drivers, both at the Parliament and at the Castle of Laeken. A light meal will be available.



## Medical assistance

The emergency number in Belgium is 100.

A doctor will be available in the Parliament during the Conference and can be reached by calling number 02 549 82 69.

A doctor will also be on call during the receptions outside the Parliament:

- Evening Sunday 3 April : Dr. Lieve Vandenbroucke, mobile 0497 92 11 76
- Evening Monday 4 April : Dr. Jan Walraet, mobile 0475 70 33 80.

## Security

The Belgian Federal parliament will provide all necessary security measures. **No weapons are allowed inside the Parliament buildings or in the Castle of Laeken** (reception and dinner of Monday 4 April 2011).

## Requests for the floor

- Special forms will be available on the benches in the Hemicycle of the House (one form per topic / debate)
- Speakers can speak from their seat. Press the red button to activate the microphone.

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## MAP OF THE BELGIAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

