



*27 November 2013*

**MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF PARLIAMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE PARLIAMENTARY  
FORUM FOR DEMOCRACY**

**Parliaments for democracy: towards more ambitious global cooperation**

27-28 November 2013  
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania  
Vilnius

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 27 November**

- Arrival of the participants
- 16.30–19.30 Registration at the hotels
- 19.00 Departure by bus from the hotels for the Museum of Applied Arts
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania  
*Venue: Museum of Applied Arts, Arsenalo g. 3, Vilnius*
- 22.00 Departure by bus for the hotels

**Thursday, 28 November**

- 8.00 Departure by bus from the hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 8.00 Registration of participants (for those who have not registered yet)  
*Venue: Lobby, Building II of the Seimas*



## OPENING SESSION

*Venue: Plenary Hall of the Seimas, Building II of the Seimas*

- 8.30–9.00      Opening address by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Opening address by Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy
- Welcome address by Mr Petras AUŠTREVICĪUS, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Adoption of the agenda

## SESSION I

### **THE EUROPEAN UNION EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: TOWARDS MORE AMBITIOUS COOPERATION**

Chaired by Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

- 9.00–10.30      **EU Eastern Partnership: on the eve of the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius**
- Speakers:
- Mr Linas LINKEVICĪUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- H. E. Igor CORMAN, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- Debate
- 10.30            Family photo  
*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*
- 10.30–11.00    Coffee break  
*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*
- 11.00–13.00    **The view of the Eastern Partnership countries**
- Interventions:
- Ms Ana GUȚU, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- Mr Tedo JAPARIDZE, Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Parliament of Georgia

Mr Samad SEYIDOV, Chair of the Committee on Foreign and Interparliamentary Relations of Milli Mejlis of Azerbaijan

Mr Artak ZAKARYAN, Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

Debate

First to respond: Mr Anatoliy LIABEDZKA, Belarusian opposition representative, Chairman of the United Civil Party

Second to respond: Mr David BAKRADZE, Leader of Parliamentary Minority of the Parliament of Georgia, Member of the Faction " The United National Movement"

13.00–14.00

Lunch

*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*

13.00

Press Conference

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

14.00–15.30

### **The Ukrainian course**

Speakers:

Mr Pat COX, Member of the European Parliament monitoring mission to Ukraine, former President of the European Parliament

Mr Vitaliy KALYUZHNYI, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Mr Vitali KLITSCHKO, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Mr Elmar BROK, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

Debate

First to respond: Mr Borys TARASYUK, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Second to respond: Mr Petro POROSHENKO, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Minister of Trade and Economic Development of Ukraine

15.30–16.00

Coffee break

*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*

## SESSION II

### DEMOCRACIES IN TRANSITION: LESSONS TO SHARE

- 16.00–18.15      Chaired by Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy  
Speakers:
- H. E. Karim GHELLAB, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Morocco
- Prof Vytautas LANDSBERGIS, Chair of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, Member of the European Parliament
- Prof Marija Aušrinė PAVILIONIENĖ, Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Chair of the Women's Parliamentary Group
- Debate
- First to respond: Mr Libor ROUČEK, Member of the European Parliament
- Second to respond: Mr Michał Tomasz KAMIŃSKI, Member of the European Parliament

## CLOSING SESSION

- 18.15–18.30      **Concluding remarks**
- Prof Benediktas JUODKA, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy
- Mr Ojārs Ēriks KALNIŅŠ, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
- End of the meeting
- 18.30              Departure by bus for the Tolerance Centre
- 19.00              Dinner hosted by Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Chair of the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy  
*Venue: Tolerance Center, Naugarduko g. 10/2, Vilnius*
- 22.00              Departure by bus for the hotels

### **Friday, 29 November**

Departure of the participants