

Vilnius, 20 August 2013

**Invitation to the Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial
Governance of the European Union on 16–17 October 2013**

Dear Colleagues,

In our position as Chairs of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, we are honoured to extend our invitation to you to the inaugural meeting of the interparliamentary conference under Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union to be held on 16–17 October 2013 in the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania in Vilnius. We propose to call the new conference, established by the decision of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments held in Nicosia on 23 April 2013, the Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union.

The Interparliamentary Conference will focus on the most topical issues related to the economic and financial governance of the European Union. We will debate on setting the right framework for post-crisis economic and financial governance, on how to restore economic growth in Europe and will attempt to evaluate the progress in the creation of the banking union, in achieving budgetary consolidation and in implementing structural reforms in the EU Member States most affected by the crisis.

You are cordially invited to the dinners with cultural programme on 16 and 17 October 2013.

Please note that the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments in Nicosia agreed that the new conference should consist of representatives of relevant committees from all the national Parliaments of the Member States of the European Union and the European Parliament. The Speakers of the European Union Parliaments also decided that “the new mechanism could be built upon the formula of the Conference on CFSP and CSDP, replacing the meetings of the Chairpersons of relevant Committees, organised by each Presidency, thus rendering it cost-effective. The composition and size of each delegation rests upon each Parliament.”

Please find enclosed the draft programme of the Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union, general information and hotel booking forms. For more information, please visit the website of the parliamentary dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union at www.eu2013.lrs.lt. On the website, you can also register for the Conference online.

You are kindly requested to register for the Conference **no later than 30 September 2013**.

We look forward to welcoming you in Vilnius.

Yours faithfully,

Bronius Bradauskas
Chair of the Committee on Budget and
Finance

Remigijus Žemaitaitis
Chair of the Committee on Economics

INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 16 October

Arrival of delegations

11.00 – 14.00 Registration in the hotels

Meeting of the Presidency Trio and representatives of the European Parliament

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

13.00–14.00 Meeting of the Presidency Trio (Ireland/Lithuania/Greece) and representatives of the European Parliament

Venue: A. M. Brazauskas Hall, Building I of the Seimas, Gedimino pr. 53, Vilnius

Meetings of political groups

13.30 Départure from hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

14.00–14.50 Meetings of political groups:



EPP *Venue: Meeting Room 218b, Building III of the Seimas*



S&D *Venue: Press Conference Room, Building II of the Seimas*



ALDE *Venue: Meeting Room of the Committee on European Affairs, Building I of the Seimas*

14.00 Departure by bus for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Registration in the Seimas (for those not registered yet)

Venue: Lobby, Building II of the Seimas

15.00

OPENING SESSION

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

Introductory remarks by Mr Bronius BRADAUSKAS, Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Introductory remarks by Mr Remigijus ŽEMAITAITIS, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Opening address by Dr Vydas GEDVILAS, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Adoption of the agenda

Keynote speakers:

15.10 ***The Challenge of Restoring Growth and Competitiveness in Europe***
H.E. Dalia GRYBAUSKAITĖ, President of the Republic of Lithuania

Debate

16.10 ***Genuine Economic and Monetary Union: The Imperative to Move Forward***

Mr Olli REHN, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for economic and monetary affairs and the euro

Debate

17.30 Tour of the Seimas (in English and French) *optional*

Return by bus to the hotels

18.30 Departure by bus from the Seimas for dinner

19.00 Departure from the hotels for dinner

19.30 Dinner hosted by Dr Vydas GEDVILAS, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

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

22.30 Departure to the hotels

Thursday, 17 October

08.00 Departure by bus for the Seimas

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

8.30 **SESSION I. PURPOSE AND VISION OF THE
INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC AND
FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Debate on the Rules of Procedure of the Interparliamentary Conference (tbc)

Keynote speakers:

Mr Bronius BRADAUSKAS, Chair of the Committee on Budget and finance of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Mr Philippe MARINI, Chair of the Committee on Finance of the French Senate

Mr Othmar KARAS, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Debate

10.00 Family photo

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

Coffee break

Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas

10.30

SESSION II. SETTING THE RIGHT FRAMEWORK FOR POST-CRISIS ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Keynote speakers:

Mr Algirdas ŠEMETA, Member of the European Commission responsible for taxation, customs, statistics, audit and anti-fraud

Mr Michael STÜBGEN, Member of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union of the German Bundestag (tbc)

Ms Elisa FERREIRA MEP, Rapporteur on the European Semester in the European Parliament

Debate

12.30

Lunch

Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas

12.30

Press Conference

Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building II of the Seimas

14.30

SESSION III. BANKING UNION AND FINANCIAL INTEGRATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Keynote speakers:

Mr Vitas VASILIAUSKAS, Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania

Ms Marianne THYSSEN MEP, Rapporteur on the prudential supervision of credit institutions in the European Parliament (tbc)

Mr Erkki LIIKANEN, Governor of the Bank of Finland, Member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank

Prof André SAPIR, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Senior Fellow at Bruegel

- Debate
- 16.00 Coffee break
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas
- 16.30 **SESSION IV. BUDGETARY CONSOLIDATION AND STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN EUROPE: TRACK RECORD AND PROSPECTS**
Keynote speakers:
Mr Rimantas ŠADŽIUS, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania
Mr Steffen KAMPETER, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany (tbc)
Mr Eduardo CABRITA, Chair of the Committee on Finance of the Portuguese Assembly of the Republic
Ms Pervenche BERÈS, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament
Debate
- 18.00 **Adoption of the conclusions and the rules of procedure (tbc) of the Interparliamentary Conference**
- 19.00 End of the Interparliamentary Conference
Departure by bus from the Seimas for dinner
- 20.00 Dinner hosted by Mr Bronius BRADAUSKAS, Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance, and Mr Remigijus ŽEMAITAITIS, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Venue: Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre, A. Vienuolio 1, Vilnius
- 23.00 Departure by bus to the hotels

Friday, 18 October

Departure of delegations