



LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS
SEIMAS

LITHUANIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION

Interparliamentary cooperation in the European Union

Guidelines for Interparliamentary Cooperation in the EU, adopted at the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments on 19-21 June 2008 in Lisbon, outline the following forms of interparliamentary cooperation in the EU:

- Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments (in the Presidency country)
- Meetings of the Secretaries General of the EU Parliaments (in the Presidency country)
- Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC):
 - Chairpersons meeting (in the Presidency country)
 - Plenary meeting (in the Presidency country)
- Meetings of Chairs of Sectoral Committees (in the Presidency country)
- Joint meetings on topics of common interest (in the European Parliament)
- Representatives of national Parliaments to the EU (in the European Parliament)

Parliamentary dimension events in the Seimas (1)

- 1. 7-8 July 2013** **Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC**
- 2. 21-22 July 2013** **Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Rural Affairs**
Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy
- 3. 4-6 September 2013** **Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)**

Parliamentary dimension events in the Seimas (2)

- 4. 26-27 September 2013** **Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Education, Science and Culture and the Committees on the Development of Information Society**
United in Diversity: Political and Social Development Aspects of EU Languages and Cultures
- 5. 16-18 October 2013** **Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union**
- 6. 27-29 October 2013** **L COSAC**

Parliamentary dimension events in the Seimas (3)

7. 10-11 November 2013

**Meeting of the Chairpersons of the
Committees on Social Affairs and Labour**
*Employment Incentives to Implement the
Europe 2020 Strategy*

8. 24-25 November 2013

**Meeting of the Chairpersons of the
Committees on Environment Protection
and the Committees on State Administration
and Local Authorities**
*Macro-Regional Strategies: Development and
Prospects*

9. 27-28 November 2013

**Meeting of the Chairpersons of the
Committees on Foreign Affairs and the
Parliamentary Forum for Democracy on
the development of democracy**

Additional events in the Seimas

- **4 July 2013 – Solemn sitting of the Seimas to mark the beginning of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union**
- **17 December 2013 – Joint Committee Meeting in the European Parliament**
EU Internal Energy Market for the 21 Century (tbc)

Events of the parliamentary dimension in the Seimas in the first half of 2014

- **First quarter – Meeting of the Secretaries General of the EU Parliaments**
- **Second quarter – Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments**

Additional events in the Seimas in the second half of 2013 (1)

- 1. 1 July 2013** **Meeting of Group II (representatives of workers) of the European Economic and Social Committee**
Social dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- 2. 16-18 July 2013** **Meetings of the committees of the EUROLAT Parliamentary Assembly**
- 3. 20 September 2013** **International seminar of the EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly**
- 4. 25-26 September 2013** **Academic conference**
United in Diversity: languages for mobility, jobs and active citizenship

Additional events in the Seimas in the second half of 2013 (2)

- 5. 17 October 2013** **International Conference on trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation**
- 6. 18 October 2013** **International conference marking the EU Anti-Trafficking Day**
- 7. 18-20 November 2013** **EUNEC annual conference on *Early School Leaving***
- 8. 21-November 2013** **International conference**
Arbitration: experience of European Union Member States and prospects of development in Lithuania
- 9. 2-6 December 2013** **International session of the Model European Parliament**
- 10. 13 December 2013** **Closing event of the European Year of Citizens**

Venues of the events of the parliamentary dimension

**Seimas of the Republic of
Lithuania**



Hall of the 11 March Act



Plenary Hall



Additional information

Presidency souvenirs of the Seimas are made by enterprises that employ disabled people



Additional information

Motive – amber Lithuania



Additional information

Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC)

COSAC meetings are held in the Presidency country:

- **COSAC Chairpersons meeting (preparatory) – 7-8 July 2013 in Vilnius**
- **L COSAC meeting (50th anniversary plenary) – 27-29 October 2013 in Vilnius**

Delegations in the plenary meeting:

- **Up to 6 members from each EU national Parliament and the European Parliament**
- **Up to 3 members from Parliaments of the EU candidate countries**
- **Experts and special guests may be invited**

- **Presidential Troika: 3 EU national Parliaments and the European Parliament**
- **COSAC may submit any contribution for the attention of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission**
- **COSAC promotes the exchange of information and best practice between EU national Parliaments and the European Parliament, including their special committees**
- **COSAC has a permanent secretariat based in the European Parliament in Brussels**

Additional information

Interparliamentary Conference on CFSP and CSDP

Origin:

- **Interparliamentary Conference on CFSP and CSDP replaced the meetings of the Chairpersons of Committees on Foreign Affairs (COFACC), the meetings of the Chairpersons of Committees on Defence (CODAC), and the Assembly of the Western European Union**
- **Inaugural meeting was held on 10-11 September 2012 in Paphos; second meeting - on 24-26 March 2013 in Dublin; third meeting will take place on 4-6 September in Vilnius**

Purpose:

- **To discuss issues related to the CFSP and the CSDP and to exchange information and best practice between the EU national Parliaments and the European Parliament**

Participants:

- **6 members from the EU national Parliaments**
- **16 members of the European Parliament**
- **4 observers from the Parliaments of the EU candidate countries and other European NATO members**

Additional information

Article 13 Interparliamentary Conference

Origin:

- **Conference of the Speakers of the EU Parliaments on 21-23 April 2013 in Nicosia established the Interparliamentary Conference under Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union, replacing the meetings of the Chairpersons of relevant parliamentary Committees**

Inaugural meeting:

- **Will take place on 16-18 October 2013, in the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania**
- **Proposed title of the conference – *Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union***
- **The conference could be built upon the formula of the Interparliamentary Conference on CFSP and CSDP**
- **The conference will meet twice a year and will be coordinated with the cycle of the European Semester**

More information

**Website of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency in
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