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# Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy

4 – 6 March 2015  
Riga

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Wednesday, 4 March 2015

14:00 – 18:00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the event at the hotels

18:00 – 19:00 **Meeting of the Representatives of the Presidency Troika and the European Parliament**

*Venue: Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, Jēkaba iela 11*

19:20 Departure by bus to Ziemeļblāzma Culture Palace

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20:00 Dinner hosted by **Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

*Venue: Ziemeļblāzma Culture Palace, Ziemeļblāzmas iela 36*

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus

### Thursday, 5 March 2015

7:45 – 9:45 Registration for the event at the hotels (for those not yet registered)

#### **Meeting of the heads of delegations**

8:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

8:30 – 9:30 Meeting of the heads of delegations

*Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*



### Meetings of the political groups

9:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

9:30 – 10:30 Meetings of the political groups  
*Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*

10:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

10:30 Coffee break  
*Hall 1*

**11:00 – 12:00**

### OPENING SESSION

Welcome address by *Ms Ināra Mūrniece*, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by *Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš*, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by *Mr Elmar Brok*, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

### SESSION I

**12:00 – 14:00**

#### State of Play of the European Neighbourhood Policy

*Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs*, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

*Mr Johannes Hahn*, European Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

Debate

14:00 – 14:15 Family photo

14:15 – 15:30 Lunch  
*Hall 2*

### SESSION II

**15:30 – 17:30**

#### European Common Security and Defence Policy and NATO – Better Cooperation in View of the New Security Challenges

*Mr Raimonds Vējonis*, Minister for Defence of the Republic of Latvia

*Mr Alexander Vershbow*, Deputy Secretary General of the NATO

*Mr Maciej Popowski*, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service, *TBC*

Debate

17:45 Return to the hotels by bus

19:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Museum of Decorative Arts and Design



- 20:00 Dinner hosted by **Mr Ainars Latkovskis**, Chairman of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia  
*Venue: Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Skārņu iela 10/20*
- 22:30 Return to the hotels by bus

## Friday, 6 March 2015

- 8:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre  
*Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*

### SESSION III

#### 9:00 – 11:00 **Priorities and Tasks of the Common Foreign and Security Policy**

**H.E. Ms Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Debate

- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break  
*Hall 1*

### WORKSHOPS

#### 11:30 – 13:30 **1. Towards the Riga Summit – Redefining the Eastern Partnership**

Moderator: **Ms Lolita Čigāne**, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Rapporteur: **Mr/ Ms**, Member of the European Parliament, **TBC**

Speakers:

- **Mr Juris Poikāns**, Ambassador-at-Large for the Eastern Partnership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- **Ms Kadri Liik**, Senior Policy Fellow of the European Council on Foreign Relations
- **Ms Eka Tkeshelashvili**, President of the Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies
- **Mr Andris Sprūds**, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Debate

#### **2. European Response to the Instability and Threats in the Southern Mediterranean and the Middle East**

Moderator: **Mr Atis Lejiņš**, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, founder and former Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Rapporteur: **Hon. Tonio Fenech**, Member of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Malta

Speakers:



- *Ms Élisabeth Guigou*, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly, *TBC*
- *Mr/Ms*, Member of the European Parliament, *TBC*
- *Mr Fathallah Sijilmassi*, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean
- *Mr Andrew Hammond*, Policy Analyst at the European Council on Foreign Relations
- *Ms Florence Gaub*, Senior Analyst (Middle East, North Africa) of the European Union Institute for Security Studies, *TBC*
- [Representative from the European External Action Service]

Debate

### 3. The Hybrid War – a New Security Challenge for Europe

Moderator: *Mr Rihards Kols*, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Rapporteur: *Mr Raimonds Bergmanis*, Deputy Chairman of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Speakers :

- *Mr/Ms*, Member of the European Parliament, *TBC*
- *Mr Jānis Kārklīņš*, Director of the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence
- *Mr James Sherr*, Associate Fellow of the Russia and Eurasia Programme of the Royal Institute of International Affairs – Chatham House (London)
- *Mr Oleksiy Melnyk*, Co-Director of the Foreign Relations and International Security Programmes at the Razumkov's Centre (Ukraine)
- *Mr Andis Kudors*, Executive Director of the Centre for East European Policy Studies (Latvia)

Debate

### 4. Challenges and Solutions for EU Battlegroup Deployment within the Existing Legal Framework

Moderator: *Mr/Ms*, Member of the European Parliament, *TBC*

Rapporteur: *Mr/Ms TBC*, Member of the Italian Parliament

Speakers :

- *Mr Franklin E. van Kappan*, Chairman of the Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Development Cooperation of the Senate of the Dutch Parliament
- *Mr Veiko Spolītis*, Member of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

- *Ms Nora Vanaga*, Researcher of the Center for Security and Strategic Research of the National Defence Academy of Latvia
- *Lt. Gen. Wolfgang Wosolsobe*, Director General of the EU Military Staff, European External Action Service, *TBC*

Debate

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch  
*Hall 2*

**15:00 – 16:30**

## **FINAL SESSION**

Presentation of workshop results

Adoption of the conclusions

Closing Remarks by *Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš*, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia; *Mr Elmar Brok*, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

16:45

### **Return to the hotels by bus**

Optional – guided tour of the Museum of Occupation of Latvia or the former KGB building called the “Corner House”

### **Departure of delegations**

