



Parliamentary Dimension

Draft Programme

Inter-parliamentary Conference for the
Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the
Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

Bruges, 3-5 March 2024

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Sunday 3 March 2024

Arrival of delegations

14:30-16:30 *Optional guided tour*
Meeting point: Historium, Markt 1, Bruges

17:30-18:15 Meeting of the Chairs of the Troika and the European Parliament
Venue: BMCC, Beursplein 1, Bruges

19:00 *Dining reception*
Venue: Bruges City Hall, Burg 12, Bruges

Monday 4 March 2024

Venue: BMCC, Beursplein 1, Bruges

8:00-9:00 Meeting of national parliament staff: informal CSDP Dialogue:
“State of play in addressing European Capability Gaps”
Meeting room - level 3

9:00-9:30 **Opening Session**
Auditorium - level 1

- Ms Stephanie D’Hose, speaker of the Belgian Senate
- Mr David McAllister, chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament
- Ms Els Van Hoof, chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Belgian House of representatives

9:30-11:00 **Session I – Supporting Ukraine against the Russian aggression**

- Ms Hadja Lahbib, Belgian minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions
- Mr Gert Jan Koopman, director-general, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (European Commission)
- Member of the Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada

Chair: Mr Mark Demesmaecker, chair of the Committee on Transversal Affairs of the Belgian Senate

11:00-12:30 **Session II – The ongoing process of enlargement**

- Ms Federica Mogherini, rector of the College of Europe (Bruges)
- Mr Gert Jan Koopman, director-general, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (European Commission)
- Mr Steven Van Hecke, professor in European Politics at KU Leuven

Chair: Ms Els Van Hoof, chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Belgian House of representatives

12:30-14:30 *Family photo (terrace - level 4)*

Buffet lunch offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament (level 4)

14:30-16:00 **Session III – The Strategic Compass and EU Resilience**

Auditorium - level 1

- General Robert Brieger, chairman EU Military Committee
- Admiral Michel Hofman, Belgian chief of Defence
- Ms Nathalie Loiseau, chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) of the European Parliament

Chair: Mr Peter Buysrogge, chair of the Defence Committee of the Belgian House of representatives

16:00-17:00 **Urgent debate on the situation in the Middle East**

Chair: Mr David McAllister, chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

19:00-22:00 *Dinner offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament*

Venue: Historic brewery “De Halve Maan”, Walplein 26, Bruges

Tuesday 5 March 2024

8:45-9:45 Meetings of the political groups
Meeting rooms - level 3

10:00-11:30 **Session IV – Priorities of the Common Foreign and Security Policy/Common Security and Defence Policy**
Auditorium - level 1

- Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles, high representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/vice-president of the European Commission

Chair: Ms Zeljana Zovko, vice-chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

11:30-12:00 **Closing Session**

- Mr Mark Demesmaeker, chair of the Committee on Transversal Affairs of the Belgian Senate
- Ms Nathalie Loiseau, chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) of the European Parliament

12:00-14:00 *Buffet lunch offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament*
Catering room - level 4

Departure of delegations