



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

Vienna, 11 - 12 October 2018

Draft Programme

Thursday, 11 October 2018

08:30 Departure from the hotels to the Meeting of the Troika
09:30 Departure from the hotels
09:00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika and the European Parliament
Erste Bank Campus

09:45 Meetings of the political groups
Erste Bank Campus

10:30 **Opening session**
Erste Bank Campus/Grand Hall

Welcome addresses:

Mr Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the National Council

Ms Inge Posch-Gruska, President of the Federal Council

Introductory remarks:

Mr Andreas Schieder, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Council

Mr Reinhard Eugen Bösch, Chairperson of the Defence Committee of the National Council

Mr David McAllister, Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 **Introductory statement:**
Ms Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (tbc)

12:30 Lunch at the conference venue

13:30

Session 1: Security, Migration and Control of External Borders

Erste Bank Campus/Grand Hall

Introductory statements:

Mr Mario Kunasek, Federal Minister of Defence of the Republic of Austria

Mr Fabrice Leggeri, Director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency Frontex (tbc)

Further speaker (tba)

Debate

15:00

Family photo and coffee break

15:30

Workshops

Erste Bank Campus

Workshop A: The future of the nuclear deal with Iran following the USA's withdrawal

Workshop B: The future of Permanent Structured Cooperation / PESCO – facilitating military mobility within the EU

17:00

Return to the hotels

19:00

Departure for dinner

19:30 **Visit of the State Hall of the Austrian National Library and official Dinner hosted by Mr Andreas Schieder, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr Reinhard Eugen Bösch, Chairperson of the Defence Committee**

Venue: Austrian National Library, 1010 Vienna, Josefsplatz 1

22:30 Return to the hotels

Friday, 12 October 2018

09:00 Departure from the hotels

09:30 **Session 2: The European contribution to the improvement of the political and humanitarian situation in Syria**

Erste Bank Campus/Grand Hall

Introductory statements:

Ms Helga Schmid, Secretary General of European External Action Service (tbc)

Further speakers (tba)

Debate

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Session 3: The European perspective for the Western Balkans**
Erste Bank Campus/Grand Hall

Introductory statements:

Ms Karin Kneissl, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic Austria

Mr Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (tbc)

Further speaker (tba)

Debate

13:00 Closing remarks by the Chairpersons

13:30 Lunch at the conference venue

14:30 Departure of the delegations and transfer to the hotels