

**High-level Interparliamentary Conference on
Migration and Asylum in Europe
Draft Programme
Friday, 10 December 2021**

OPENING

9:30 – 10:00

Introductory Video

Welcoming Addresses

- **David Maria Sassoli**, *President of the European Parliament*
- **Igor Zorčič**, *President of the National Assembly, Slovenia*
- **Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues**, *President of the Assembly of the Republic, Portugal*
- **Bärbel Bas**, *President of the Bundestag, Germany*

Keynote Address

- **Margaritis Schinas**, *European Commissioner for Promoting our European Way of Life*
(TBC)

SESSION 1

10:00 – 11:30

Multi-Dimensional Cooperation in Forging Tailored Migration Partnerships with Third Countries

Co-Chairs:

- **Monika Gregorčič**, *Chair of the Committee on Foreign Policy, National Assembly, Slovenia*
- **DEVE or AFET** (TBC)

Introductory Speeches:

Speaker	Institution / Function
Dr. Anže Logar TBC	<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia</i>
Sergio Sousa Pinto TBC	<i>Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Portuguese Communities, Assembleia da Republica, Portugal</i>

Remarks from Practitioners:

Speaker	Institution / Function
Fabrice Leggeri TBC	<i>FRONTEX, Executive Director</i>

Tanya Cox TBC	<i>CONCORD, European Confederation of NGOs for Relief and Development, Director</i>
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Exchange of Views with Members of National Parliaments and the European Parliament

Points for discussion may include but are not limited to:

- *Examining the content of tailored partnerships with key third countries – How to find an effective balance between positive and negative incentives for partnership? How to manage through these partnerships the different factors that drive migration?*
- *How to best make use of the role of non-governmental partners and EU agencies in shaping partnerships with third countries?*
- *What role can parliamentary diplomacy in bilateral relations with key third countries of origin and transit play in forging stronger partnerships in the context of the external dimension of a common EU approach to migration?*

LUNCH BREAK

11:30 – 13:00

SESSION 2

13:00 – 14:30

Internal Dimension of Migration and Asylum in the EU a Year After the Proposal of the Pact

Co-Chairs:

- **LIBE EP** (TBC)
- **Branko Grims**, Chair of the Committee on Internal Affairs, National Assembly, Slovenia (TBC)

Introductory Speeches:

Speaker	Institution / Function
Aleš Hojs TBC	<i>Minister of the Interior, Slovenia</i>
TBD (pending post-Bundestag elections)	<i>Chair of the Committee on Internal Affairs and Community, Bundestag, Germany</i>

Remarks from Practitioners:

Speaker	Institution / Function
Nina Gregori TBC	<i>EASO, Executive Director</i>
Catherine Woolard TBC	<i>European Council for Refugees and Exiles, Director</i>

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Points for discussion may include but are not limited to:

- *The European Commission's proposal for New Pact on Migration and Asylum a year after its introduction – how do parliaments reflect on both the progress made and on the*

existing legislative Gordian knot, and how can they contribute to the discussion and to the acceleration of finding a common EU position?

- *Implementing effective border management while ensuring human rights compliance in EU's migration and asylum policy – where are the breaking points?*
- *Between proportionate responsibility and sustainable solidarity mechanisms – how can parliaments better contribute to the establishment of a comprehensive EU approach to asylum and migration? What added value could/will the developing EU Agency for Asylum bring?*

CLOSING

14:45 – 15:15

- **Igor Zorčič**, *President of the National Assembly, Slovenia*
- **David Maria Sassoli**, *President of the European Parliament*