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AGENDA

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the European Parliament and
the Belgian Senate and House of Representatives

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Brussels, 12 - 13 February 2024

(Times indicated below are in CET)

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 12 February 2024

12.00 - 14.30 **Registration of participants from national Parliaments**
Registration desk “Station Europe” (*Place Luxembourg*)

12.00 - 14.30 **Political group meetings:**

12.30 - 14.30 EPP (*working lunch, MEP Salon, SPINELLI*)

12.00 - 14.00 S&D (*SPAANK 7C50*)

12.30 - 14.30 RENEW (*working lunch, "Lux/Bxl" Rue du Parnasse 2*)

12.30 - 14.30 ID (*working lunch, Multifunctional restaurant, SPINELLI*)

12.30 - 14.30 The Left (*SPAANK 1C51*)

14.30 – 15.30 **Opening session:**

Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAANK, 3rd floor)

Welcoming words by

Dita CHARANZOVÁ, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Eliane TILLIEUX, President of the Belgian House of Representatives

Stephanie D'HOSE, President of the Belgian Senate

Key opening remarks by **Charles MICHEL**, President of the European Council

Key opening remarks by **Valdis DOMBROVSKIS**, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission

15.40 – 15.50 **Family photo**

Hemicycle (SPAANK, 3rd floor)

16.00 - 19.00 Interparliamentary Committee Meetings (in parallel)

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)

Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q2

Co-chaired by **Eva POPTCHEVA**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament and **Stefaan VAN HECKE**, Chair of the Committee on Economic Affairs, Consumer Protection and Digital Agenda of the Belgian House of Representatives.

Topic: **Euro@25: What's next for the EMU?**

Panel I: Exchange of views with invited academics

Introductory remarks by

***Lucrezia REICHLIN**, Member of the Monetary Expert Panel of the ECON Committee, Professor of economics at the London Business School and an external fellow at Bruegel*

***Daniel GROS**, Member of the Monetary Expert Panel of the ECON Committee and Director at Bocconi University*

***Niels THYGESEN**, Chair of the European Fiscal Board, Professor Emeritus of International Economics at the University of Copenhagen and an independent member of the Delors Committee which prepared the outline of EMU in 1988-9*

Exchange of views among Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament

Panel II: Exchange of views with invited policy makers

Introductory remarks by

***Mairead MCGUINNESS**, Commissioner for financial services, financial stability and Capital Markets Union*

***Piero CIPOLLONE**, Executive Board Member of the European Central Bank*

***Pierre GRAMEGNA**, Managing Director of the European Stability Mechanism*

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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

Meeting room: ANTALL 6Q2

Co-chaired by **Dragoş PÎSLARU**, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament and **Cécile CORNET**, Chair of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Pensions of the Belgian House of Representatives.

Session I: How to best promote social investment in the context of the EU's reviewed governance framework and fiscal rules?

Introductory remarks by

Cinzia ALCIDI, *Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Economic Policy and Jobs&Skills Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)*

Agustín SANTOS MARAVER, *Member of the Committee for the EU, Spanish Congress of Deputies*

Anton MANGOV, *Deputy Head of Unit European Semester, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission*

Exchange of views among Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament

Session II: The role of upward social convergence in the context of diverging inflation, debt challenges and increased cost of living

Introductory remarks by

Enrico GIOVANNINI, *Professor Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata*

Wouter BEKE, *Member of the Committee of Finance and Budget, Belgian House of Representatives*

Barbara KAUFFMANN, *Director, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission*

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Committee on Budgets (BUDG)

Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q1

Co-chaired by **Janusz LEWANDOWSKI**, first vice-Chair of the Committee on Budget of the European Parliament and **Marie-Christine MARGHEM**, Chair of the Committee on Finance and Budget of the Belgian House of Representatives.

Session I: Lessons learned from NextGenerationEU: national and EU perspectives on how the EU budget can react in times of crisis

Introductory remarks by

Johannes HAHN, *Commissioner for Budget and Administration*

Exchange of views among Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament

Session II: The budget and the prospect of enlargement – options to reform the EU's financial, budgetary and regulatory resources

Introductory remarks by

Annemie TURTELBOOM, *Member of the European Court of Auditors*

Michael EMERSON, *Associate Senior Research Fellow at CEPS*

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19.05 – 21.00 Walking Dinner

Members' Salon (SPINELLI, ground floor)

Co-hosted by **Dita CHARANZOVÁ**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, and **Stefaan VAN HECKE**, Chair of the Committee on Economic Affairs of the Belgian Parliament

Tuesday, 13 February 2024

9.00 – 10.45 Plenary session I: Strategic investments and reforms in view of enhancing EU's growth potential

Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAAG, 3rd floor)

*Co-chaired by: **Othmar KARAS**, First Vice-President of the European Parliament, and **Mark DEMESMAEKER**, President of the Transversal Affairs Committee of the Belgian Senate*

Key speech by

Pierre WUNSCH, *Governor of the Belgian National Bank*

Panel: opening remarks by

Jean-René CAZENEUVE, *General rapporteur of the Finance Committee, French National Assembly*

Ingeborg GRÄSSLE, *Member of the Budget Committee, German Bundestag*

Céline GAUER, *Director-General, Head of the Recovery and Resilience Task Force, European Commission*

Jeromin ZETTELMEYER, *Director of Bruegel*

Exchange of views among Members of national Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament in the presence of representatives from the Committee of Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

Foyer of the Hemicycle (SPAAG, 3rd floor)

11.15 – 13.00 Plenary session II: The future of the EU single market and taxation

Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAAG, 3rd floor)

*Co-chaired by: **Dita CHARANZOVÁ**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, and **Marie LECOCQ**, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Finance and General Affairs of the Brussels Regional Parliament*

Key speech by

Vincent VAN PETEGHEM, *President of the ECOFIN Council*

Panel: opening remarks by

Christian LEYSEN, *Chair of the Committee on Energy, Environment and Climate and deputy Member of the Committee of Finance and Budget, Belgian House of Representatives*

Mathias TEGNÉR, *Member of the Committee on Taxation, Swedish Riksdag*

Zoltán VAJDA, *Chair of the Committee on the Budget, Hungarian Parliament*

Paul TANG, *Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters, European Parliament*

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13.00 – 14.30 Walking Lunch Grand Cafe Spinelli (SPINELLI, ground floor)