



FEDERAL PARLIAMENT OF BELGIUM

**Conference of the Speakers of the EU Parliaments
Brussels, 3 – 5 April 2011**

Draft programme
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Sunday 3 April 2011

Arrival of the delegations

Afternoon

Welcome and transfer to the hotels

15.00 – 18.00

Welcome at the hotels

Registration and distribution of the Conference dossier and identification badge

18.00 – 19.30

Visit of the Magritte Museum followed by a welcome drink

Evening reserved for embassies

Monday 4 April 2011

Venue: Palace of the Nation, seat of the Belgian Federal Parliament, House of Representatives

9.00

Registration

Entrance: Place de la Nation (main entrance)

9.30 – 10.00

Opening of the Conference - Adoption of the agenda

Mr. André Flahaut, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mr. Danny Pieters, Speaker of the Senate

10.00 – 11.30

Topic : Parliamentary scrutiny of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP)

Presentation by Mr. Danny Pieters, Speaker of the Senate

Debate

11.30 – 12.30

Topic : Parliament, public opinion and media

Presentation by Mr. André Flahaut, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Debate

12.30 – 12.45

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- 12.45 – 14.00** Luncheon hosted by the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, for Heads of Delegation and Secretaries General
Venue : Reception rooms of the House
- Luncheon for other delegates
Venue: Reception rooms of the Senate
- 14.00 – 15.30** **Topic : Role of the parliaments in the oversight of the European Area of Freedom, Security and Justice**
 - **Subtopic 1: Parliamentary oversight of intelligence and security services : database project for information exchange among the relevant parliamentary committees**
Presentation by Mr. Danny Pieters, Speaker of the Senate
 - **Subtopic 2: Role of the parliaments in the monitoring of Europol**
Presentation by Mr Per Westerberg, Speaker of the Swedish Parliament
Debate
- 15.30 – 16.00** Coffee break (Coffee room of the House)
- 16.00 – 17.30** Continuation of the debate
- 19.00 – 19.45** - Reception hosted by His Majesty King Albert II for Heads of Delegation (Rotunda of the Royal Palace of Laeken)
 - Reception for other delegates (Royal Greenhouses of Laeken)
- 19.45 – 22.00** Dinner hosted by the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, for all delegates (Banqueting Hall of the Royal Palace of Laeken)

Tuesday 5 April 2011

Venue: Palace of the Nation, seat of the Belgian Federal Parliament, House of Representatives

- 09.00 – 11.00** **Topic : The financial crisis in Europe and its consequences for national budgets and the stability of the Euro: role of the parliaments and interparliamentary cooperation in the field of European economic governance and the European semester** - Informal meeting (1 + 1)
Introduction by Mr. Bernard Accoyer, Speaker of the French National Assembly (to be confirmed).
Debate
- 11.00 – 11.30** Coffee break (Coffee room of the House)
- 11.30 – 12.30** **Discussion and adoption of the Conclusions of the Presidency**
- 12.30** Luncheon hosted by the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate
Venue : Reading Room of the House of Representatives