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INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

16–17 October 2013, Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 16 October

Arrival of delegations

11.00 – 14.00 Registration in the hotels

Meeting of the Presidency Trio and representatives of the European Parliament

12.30 Departure from hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

13.00–14.00 Meeting of the Presidency Trio (Ireland/Lithuania/Greece) and representatives of the European Parliament

Venue: A. M. Brazauskas Hall, Building I of the Seimas, Gedimino pr. 53, Vilnius

Meetings of political groups

13.00 Departure from hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

14.00–14.50 Meetings of political groups:



EPP

Venue: Meeting Room 218b, Building III of the Seimas



S&D

Venue: Press Conference Room, Building II of the Seimas



ALDE

Venue: Meeting Room of the Committee on European Affairs, Building I of the Seimas



Greens

Venue: President Hall, Building I of the Seimas



GUE/NGL

Venue: A. Stulginskis Hall, Building I of the Seimas

- 14.00 Departure by bus for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Registration in the Seimas (for those not registered yet)
Venue: Lobby, Building II of the Seimas
- 15.00 **OPENING SESSION**
Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas
Co-Chaired by Mr Bronius BRADAUSKAS, Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and Mr Remigijus ŽEMAITAITIS, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Welcome address by H. E. Dalia GRYBAUSKAITĖ, President of the Republic of Lithuania
Welcome address by H. E. Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Opening address by Mr Othmar KARAS, Vice-President of the European Parliament
Adoption of the agenda
- 15.30 ***The Challenge of Restoring Growth and Competitiveness in Europe***
H.E. Algirdas BUTKEVIČIUS, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania
Debate
- 16.30 ***Genuine Economic and Monetary Union: The Imperative to Move Forward***
Mr Olli REHN, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for economic and monetary affairs and the euro (*video conference*)
Debate
- 17.30 Tour of the Seimas (in English and French) *optional*
- 18.10 Departure by bus from the Seimas for dinner
- 18.40 Guided tour of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania
(in English or French)
Dinner hosted by H. E. Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Venue: Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, Katedros a. 4, Vilnius
- 22.30 Departure to the hotels

Thursday, 17 October

- 7.30–8.00 Departure by bus for the Seimas (exact time to be confirmed in the hotels)
- 8.30 **SESSION I. PURPOSE AND VISION OF THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**
- Chaired by Mr Remigijus ŽEMAITAITIS, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Keynote speakers:
- Mr Bronius BRADAUSKAS, Chair of the Committee on Budget and finance of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Mr Philippe MARINI, Chair of the Committee on Finance of the French Senate
- Mr Othmar KARAS, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Debate
- 10.00 Family photo
- Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas*
- Coffee break
- Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*
- 10.30 **SESSION II. SETTING THE RIGHT FRAMEWORK FOR POST-CRISIS ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**
- Chaired by Mr Bronius BRADAUSKAS, Chair of the Committee on Budget and finance of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Keynote speakers:
- Mr Algirdas ŠEMETA, Member of the European Commission responsible for taxation, customs, statistics, audit and anti-fraud
- Mr Norbert BARTHLE, Member of the Budget Committee of the German Bundestag
- Ms Elisa FERREIRA MEP, Rapporteur on the European Semester in the European Parliament
- Debate
- 12.30 Lunch
- Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*
- 12.30 Press Conference
- Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building II of the Seimas*

- 14.30 **SESSION III. BANKING UNION AND FINANCIAL INTEGRATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**
- Chaired by Mr Remigijus ŽEMAITAITIS, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Keynote speakers:
- Mr Vitas VASILIAUSKAS, Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania
- Mr Erkki LIIKANEN, Governor of the Bank of Finland, Member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank
- Prof André SAPIR, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Senior Fellow at Bruegel
- Debate
- 16.00 Coffee break
- Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*
- 16.30 **SESSION IV. BUDGETARY CONSOLIDATION AND STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN EUROPE: TRACK RECORD AND PROSPECTS**
- Chaired by Mr Bronius BRADAUSKAS, Chair of the Committee on Budget and finance of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, and Mr Remigijus ŽEMAITAITIS, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- Keynote speakers:
- Mr Rimantas ŠADŽIUS, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania
- Mr Eduardo CABRITA, Chair of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Public Administration of the Portuguese Assembly of the Republic
- Ms Martine GUERGUIL, Assistant Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund
- Ms Pervenche BERÈS, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament
- Debate
- 18.00 **Adoption of the conclusions of the Interparliamentary Conference**
- 19.00 End of the Interparliamentary Conference
- Departure by bus from the Seimas for dinner
- 20.00 Dinner hosted by Mr Bronius BRADAUSKAS, Chair of the Committee on Budget and Finance, and Mr Remigijus ŽEMAITAITIS, Chair of the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

*Venue: Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre, A. Vienuolio 1,
Vilnius*

23.00 Departure by bus to the hotels

Friday, 18 October

Departure of delegations