

**Interparliamentary Conference for
the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)**

Rome, 5 - 7 November 2014

Senate of the Republic

Programme

Wednesday, 5 November 2014

- 15.00 - 18.30 Arrival of participants and registration at the hotels
19.00 Visit to Capitoline Museums and welcome cocktail

Thursday, 6 November 2014

- 8.30 - 9.15 Political Group meetings
(*EPP: Defence Committee meeting room; S&D: Plenary Hall*)
9.15 - 10.00 Meeting of the Heads of Delegations and of the Working Group on the Rules
(*Plenary Hall*)
10.00 - 10.15 Coffee break
10.30 - 11.00 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**
(*Plenary Hall*)

Welcome speeches:

President of the Italian Senate, Pietro Grasso

President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Laura Boldrini

11.00 - 11.30 ***Opening Session***

- Opening remarks by the Chairman of the Italian Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Pier Ferdinando CASINI
- Opening remarks by the Chairman of the Italian Chamber Foreign Affairs Committee, Fabrizio CICCHITTO
- Opening remarks by the Chairman of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee, Elmar BROK

- 11.30 - 11.45 Remarks by the Italian Defence Minister, Roberta PINOTTI, on:
Defence as a pillar of European integration

- 11.45 - 13.30 **1st Session: The Mediterranean and the crises at the borders of the European Union. Regional and global challenges: from the Middle East to Ukraine**
- Address by the Italian Foreign Affairs Minister, Paolo GENTILONI
 - Debate
- 13.30 Family photo
- 13.45 - 14.45 Working lunch in Sala Garibaldi and Sala Maccari
- 15.00 - 16.30 **2nd Session: The Libya crisis**
- Remarks by the Chairman of the Italian Senate Defence Committee, Nicola LATORRE
 - Address by the United Nations Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, Bernardino LEÓN
 - Debate
- 16.30 - 19.00 **3rd Session: The European Union as a global player: priorities and strategies within the CFSP and the CSDP**
- The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the European Commission, Federica MOGHERINI
 - Debate
- 19.30 Visit to the National Gallery of Ancient Art in Palazzo Barberini
- 20.30 Dinner at Palazzo Barberini
(*via delle Quattro Fontane, 13 - 00186 Rome*)

Friday, 7 November 2014

8.30 - 10.30 **Break-out sessions:**

1) *Parliamentary perspectives on the future of the EU Battlegroups*
(*Venue: Plenary Hall*)

Moderator: Chairwoman of the European Parliament Security and Defence Sub-Committee, Anna FOTYGA

Rapporteur: Vice Chairman of the Italian Chamber Defence Committee, Massimo ARTINI

Speakers:

- Director General of Defence Policy in the Spanish Ministry of Defence, Juan Francisco MARTÍNEZ NÚÑEZ

- Director General of the European Union Military Staff, Wolfgang WOSOLSOBE
- Senior Fellow in the European Affairs area at International Affairs Institute (IAI), Nicoletta PIROZZI
- Debate

2) *Strengthening EU-Africa relations*

(Environment Committee meeting room)

Moderator: Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Latvia, Ojārs Ēriks KALNIŅŠ

Rapporteur: Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hellenic Parliament, Manousos VOLOUDAKIS

Speakers:

- University of Milan and ISPI Researcher, Giovanni CARBONE
- Director and Senior Coordinator for the Great Lakes Region, European External Action Service (EEAS), Koen VERVAEKE
- Debate

3) *Regional stability and enlargement to the Western Balkans*

(Defence Committee meeting room)

Moderator: Foreign Affairs Committee of the Italian Senate, Giorgio TONINI

Rapporteur: Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, Ana GOMES

Speakers:

- Director for Western Balkans, European External Action Service (EEAS), Fernando GENTILINI
- Deputy Director of the Office for European Integration of the Government of Republic of Serbia, Srdjan MAJSTOROVIĆ
- Chairman of the European Stability Initiative (ESI), Gerald KNAUS

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30 **4th Session: Prospects of the European defence: strengthening the cooperative approach with strategic partners**

- Introduction by the Chairman of the Italian Chamber Defence Committee, Elio VITO
- Address by the Italian Defence Under-Secretary, Domenico ROSSI
- Debate



12.30 - 14.00 **Closing Session**

- Reports by rapporteurs on break-out sessions
- Adoption of Rules and Conference conclusions

14.00 Working lunch in Sala Garibaldi and Sala Maccari