



STORTINGET

8 May 2017

Dear President,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 19 April which included the calendar of the inter-parliamentary conferences that the Riigikogu is organising within the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the forthcoming Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, which is commencing 1 July 2017.

The calendar of your presidency includes a number of highly interesting parliamentary events. Norway is closely associated with the EU through the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement and a number of other agreements. With the EU and Norway so deeply integrated, we share a common interest in increased cooperation and knowledge sharing. Participation in the meetings forecasted provides an important and valuable opportunity to this end.

I am aware that for certain meetings, the Estonian EU Presidency would need to consult with its troika partners before extending invitations to special guests. This is the case for the COSAC chairpersons and the COSAC plenary meetings as well as the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU. I would be very grateful if you would forward this letter to the chairpersons of the standing committees responsible for those meetings to facilitate these consultations.

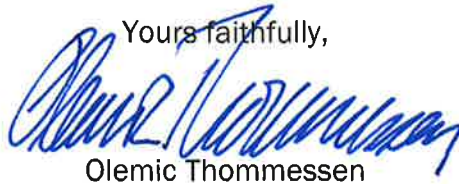
Honourable Eiki Nestor
President of the Riigikogu
Estonia



In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with the EU Presidency of the Republic of Estonia this fall.

Looking forward to continued close cooperation, I remain

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Olemic Thommessen', written in a cursive style.

Olemic Thommessen