Inter-parliamentary Conference

ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE AND JOB CREATION
IN THE EU AND IN ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

with Members of the European Parliament and
Members of Parliament of EU Enlargement Countries

Sarajevo
15 – 16 October 2015

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FINAL PROGRAMME
Thursday 15 October 2015

Co-Chairs: Ms Ljiljana Zovko, MP, Chair of the Committee on Finance and Budget of the House of Peoples, PA BiH and Mr Theodor Dumitru Stolojan, MEP

14:30 – 15:00  Arrivals and registration

15:00 – 15:15  Welcome by Mr Šefik Džaferović, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina (tbc)

15:30 – 15:50  Keynote speech by Mr Goran Svilanović, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council

15:50 – 16:10  Keynote speech by Mr Andreas Papadopoulos, Advisor on Economic Governance, DG NEAR, European Commission

16:10 – 17:10  Structural Reforms – Bottlenecks, priorities and perspectives for Foreign Direct Investment

Mr Theodor Dumitru Stolojan, MEP
Mr Norbert Funke, Director, Joint Vienna Institute

Questions and debate

17:10 – 17:35  Break

17:35 – 18:00  Sound foundations: Achieving public sector reform while reducing employment impact

Mr Javi López, MEP
Mr Andreas Papadopoulos, Advisor on Economic Governance, DG NEAR, European Commission

Questions and debate

18:00 – 19:00  Convergence towards EU standards in fiscal and taxation policies

Mr Gerolf Annemans, MEP

Questions and debate

19:30 – 21:30  Cocktail hosted by Mr Goran Svilanović, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (place: Hotel “Courtyard by Marriott”)
**Friday 16 October 2015**

Co-Chairs: Mr Theodor Dumitru Stolojan, MEP and Ms Nermina Kapetanović, MP, deputy Chair of the Joint Commity on European Integration, PA BiH

08:45  
**Arrival of the participants**

09:10 – 9:40  
**Challenges and solutions for encouraging job creation in the Balkans**

Mr Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council

Mr Amjad Bashir, MEP

Questions and debate

09:40 – 10:25  
**The experience of new EU Member states in catching up and implementing the country-specific recommendations**

Ms Elena Flores, Director for International economic and financial relations, global governance, DG ECFIN, European Commission

Questions and debate

10:25 – 10:45  
**Break**

10:45 – 11:20  
**The Parliaments’ role in fostering and supporting convergence towards EU standards**

Ms Dubravka Šuica, MEP

Questions and debate

11:20 – 12:10  
**Transparency, economic reform and public interest**

Ms Mady Delvaux, MEP

Questions and debate

12:10 – 12:30  
**Conclusions and recommendations**

End of the conference