**Draft Programme (dated 09/02/2016)**

**European Semester Conference 2016**
**European Parliament**
**Brussels, 16 February 2016**

**Monday, 15 February 2016**

16.00 – 18.00 Registration of participants from national parliaments*

18.00 - 19.30 Political group meeting: S&D - Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats. Meeting room: ASP 5G2 (Altiero Spinelli Building, 5th floor)**

**Tuesday, 16 February 2016**

8.00 - 10.00 Registration of participants from national Parliaments*

8.30 – 10.00 Political group meeting: EPP - European People's Party (Christian Democrats)**
Meeting room: JAN 6Q1 (József Antall Building, 6th floor)

10.00 - 11.30 Plenary session (part 1): The revamped European Semester and the role of the European Parliament and national parliaments
Meeting room: Hemicycle (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 3rd floor)
*Chaired by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament*
*Key notes and exchange of views with Donald Tusk, President of the European Council (tbc), and Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission*

11.30-13.00 Plenary session (part 2): Policy priorities of the 2016 European Semester Cycle
Meeting room: Hemicycle (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 3rd floor)
*Co-chaired by Roberto Gualtieri, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Thomas Händel, Chair of the European Parliament’s Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*
*Introductory remarks and exchange of views with Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President of the European Commission for the Euro and Social Dialogue, and Pierre Moscovici, European Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs*
13.00 – 15.00  Lunch
Espace Yehudi Menuhin (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 1st floor)

Political group meetings:
13.00 - 15.00  ALDE - Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe**  
Meeting room: Salon in the Members' restaurant (Altiero Spinelli Building, ground floor)
14.00 - 15.00  GUE/NGL - Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left**  
Meeting room: PHS 1C051 (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 1st floor)

15.00 – 18.00  Interparliamentary committee meetings (in parallel)

1) Interparliamentary committee meeting organised by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON):
Topics: - Follow-up on BEPS (Base Erosion and Profit Shifting)  
- Banking Union: State-of-play
Meeting room: PHS 3C050 (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 3rd floor)

2) Interparliamentary committee meeting organised by the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL):
Topics: - What is a Social Triple A? - A European pillar of social rights, including wage setting mechanisms  
- Investment policies for job creation: EU investment instruments and skills policies
Meeting room: JAN 4Q1 (József Antall Building, 4th floor)

3) Interparliamentary committee meeting organised by the Committee on Budgets (BUDG):
Topic: - EU and national expectations, and how to increase the democratic accountability of the next MFF negotiations
Meeting room: JAN 6Q2 (József Antall Building, 6th floor)

18.30  Dinner (by invitation only)
Members' restaurant (Altiero Spinelli Building, ground floor)