



Draft Programme (dated 02/02/2016)

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

Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, and

Donald Tusk, President of the European Council (tbc)

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

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** Indicative timing. Meetings of the political groups will be organised by the respective group.

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)