Study Visit
to the European Parliament

MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

Brussels
21- 22 March 2017

European Parliament
Altiero Spinelli Building – A1E1

FINAL PROGRAMME
21 March 2017

08:30 – 09:00  Arrival and registration of the participants

09:00 – 09:20  Introduction to the study visit and presentation of the EP Support programme for the parliaments of enlargement countries by

Mr Pietro Ducci, Director for Democracy Support (DG EXPO)

Mr Krzysztof Bernacki, Head of Unit, Pre-Accession Actions Unit (DG EXPO)

Mr Thierry Jacob, Administrator, Pre-Accession Actions Unit (DG EXPO)

09:20 – 09:50  General Introduction on the role of the European Parliament and its place in the institutional structure of the EU

Mr Jan Řebřina, Administrator, Visits and Seminars Unit (DG COMM)

09:50 – 10:50  The Progress report for Montenegro and the EU’s support to Montenegro’s European integration

Mr Thomas Hagleitner, Acting Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission

11:15 – 11:30  Break

11:30 – 12:40  60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome

Solemn commemoration in Parliament’s Hemicycle

12:45 – 13:50  Lunch hosted by Mr Ioan Mircea Paşcu, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament

(Member’s salon 6 - ASP O G - Ground floor) On invitation only

14:00 – 14:30  Progress of Western Balkans in the path towards EU Membership

Mr David McAllister, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

14:30 – 15:15  Ensuring high standards of transparency and ethics in the administration

Ms Rosita Hickey, Head of the Strategic Inquiries Unit, Office of the EU Ombudsman

15:15 – 15:35  Coffee break

15:35 – 16:20  EU security and defence challenges and perspectives

Ms Anna Elżbieta Fotyga, MEP, Chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Mr Ioan Mircea Paşcu, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Rapporteur on the implementation of the Common Security and Defence Policy for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

16:40 – 17:45  Civil society in the Enlargement process

Ms Ulrike Lunacek, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament, Shadow-Rapporteur on Montenegro in the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the Greens/EFA group
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09:00 - 09:50  European politics, geostrategy and the enlargement process
               Mr Elmar Brok, MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

09:50 – 10:30  The EU Member states and the European Union’s policy towards Western Balkans
               Mr Eduard Auer, Head of Division "Western Balkans", European External Action Service

10:30 – 12:30  The US security and defence policy and its impact on the EU
               Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Security and Defence with:
               Mr Ian Lesser, Vice President for Foreign Policy, German Marshall Fund of the United States
               Mr Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies
               Mr Jan Joel Andersson, Senior Analyst, European Union Institute for Security

12:30 – 14:10  Lunch break

14:10 – 14:40  EP and NATO
               Ms Eva Kaili, MEP, Chair of the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

14:40 – 15:40  Financial scrutiny and the use of IPA funds
               Mr Derek Vaughan, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Member of the Committee on Regional Development
               Mr Szabolcs Fazakas, Member of the European Court of Auditors

15:40 – 16:00  Coffee break

16:00 – 16:50  Montenegro’s progress in the path toward EU Membership
               Mr Charles Tannock, MEP, Rapporteur on Montenegro for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

17:00 – 18:00  Visit to the Parlamentarium

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