Pre-Accession Actions Unit

Inter-parliamentary Conference

Organised in cooperation with the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

TOWARDS INDEPENDENT AND MODERN JUDICIAL SYSTEMS IN THE ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

with Members of the Pre-Accession Countries' Parliaments and the European Parliament

Hosted by the Parliament of Montenegro

Pržno (Budva), Montenegro
18-19 June 2015

Hotel Maestral, Conference Room

PROGRAMME
18 June 2015

14.00-15.00  Arrival and registration of the participants

Co-chaired by  Ms Mady Delvaux, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, and Ms Snežana Jonica, MP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Political System, the Judiciary and the Administration

15.00-15.30  Opening of the inter-parliamentary conference: Welcome addresses

Mr Suljo Mustafić, MP, Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro

Ms Mady Delvaux, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs

15.30-16.30  The rule of law and the independence of the judiciary: Fundamental criteria for accession to the EU

Mr. Alojz Peterle, MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Mr. James Hamilton, President of the International Association of Prosecutors, former Member of the Venice Commission, Council of Europe

Questions and Debate

16.30-17.30  Modernisation of the judicial systems, including eJustice

Mr. Emil Radev, MEP, Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs

Questions and Debate

17.30-17.45  Coffee break

17.45-18.45  Judicial reforms of Croatia ahead of its accession to the EU

Professor Josip Kregar, MP, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Parliament of Croatia

Questions and Debate

18.45-19.45  Ensuring independence, quality and efficiency of the justice systems in enlargement countries

Mr Amjad Bashir, MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Mr. Marc Jorna, DG JUST, European Commission

Questions and Debate

20.30  Official Dinner offered by the European Parliament
(at Restaurant "Demizana")
19 June 2015

09.00-10.00 Judicial cooperation: moving from the Hague Conventions to EU regulations and regional judicial cooperation

Ms Mady Delvaux, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs

Questions and Debate

10.00-10.45 Fight against corruption in the judiciary

Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar, MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Questions and Debate

10.45-11.45 Judicial reforms in the Western Balkans and Turkey: the perspective of individual enlargement countries

Members of Parliament from the Western Balkans and Turkey (one representative per Parliament; 5 minutes each)

Ms Sabine Zwaenepoel, Senior Rule of Law Co-ordinator, Chapter desk for Chapters 23 and 24, DG NEAR, European Commission

Questions and Debate

11.45-12.00 Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs

12.00-13.30 Lunch offered by the Parliament of Montenegro
(in the premises of Hotel Maestral)

End of the conference