Inter-parliamentary Conference

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OVERSIGHT OF IPA* FUNDS: SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES
*(EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance)

with Members of the Enlargement Countries' Parliaments
and the European Parliament

Belgrade, 16 September 2016

National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
13 Nikole Pašića Square – Small Plenary Hall

FINAL PROGRAMME
Co-chairs: Ms Marinika Tepić, MP, Chair of the Committee on European Integration of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and Mr Derek Vaughan, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control of the European Parliament (morning) / Mr Franc Bogović, MEP (afternoon),

8:30–9:00 Arrivals and registration

9:00 Opening of the Conference

9:15–10:00 Introductory statements

Mr Veroljub Arsić, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia

HE Mr Michael Davenport, Head of the Delegation of the European Union in Belgrade

Ms Ana Ilić, Deputy Director – Coordinator for EU Funds, European Integration Office, Government of the Republic of Serbia

10:00–11:00 Aligning IPA II with the Enlargement Strategy

Mr Franc Bogović, MEP, Member of the Committee on Regional Development

Mr Gazmend Turdiu, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

Exchange of views

11:00–11:30 Break

11:30–12:30 Parliamentary oversight of External Instruments, in particular IPA

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

Exchange of views
12:30 – 13:30  
**Official Lunch hosted by Mr Veroljub Arsić, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia (on invitation only)**

13:30 – 14:30  
**Efficiency of usage of EU Funds and interaction with the parliament and the civil society**

**Ms Terry Reintke**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Regional Development, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

**Ms Danijela Božović**, Belgrade Open School, Sectoral Civil Society Organizations (SECO)

Exchange of views

15:30 – 16:40  
**Regional and cross-border cooperation involving IPA and structural funds**

**Mr Jan Olbrycht**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgets

**Ms Marinika Tepić**, MP, Chair of European Integration Committee of the National Assembly of Serbia

**Mr Jurij Kobal**, Director, Oikos development consulting

Exchange of views

16:40 – 17:00  
**Break**

17:00 – 17:35  
**Introducing budget support under IPA II: Emphasising the role of the Parliament in the national budget cycle and monitoring of reform results.**

**Ms Terhi Karvinen**, Budget Support Coordinator, European Commission, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations

Exchange of views

17:35 – 17:50  
**Concluding remarks**
17:50 – 18:30  
Tour of the National Assembly’s building

End of the conference