Interparliamentary Conference

WITH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE PRE-ACCESSION COUNTRIES’ PARLIAMENTS

THE INSTRUMENT FOR PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT (IPARD): LESSONS LEARNT AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Organised by the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG) in cooperation with the EP Committees on Foreign Affairs (AFET) and Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) as well as the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

Belgrade, 13 April 2018

Meeting room: Small Plenary Room
National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
Nikole Pašića Sq. 13

PROGRAMME
Thursday, 12 April 2018

Arrival in Belgrade

Friday, 13 April 2018

08:45 Registration of the participants

**In the Chair:**

- **Mr Nenad Čanak**, MP, Chair of the European Integration Committee, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
- **Mr Czesław Siekierski**, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

09:00–09:10 Opening of the conference

- **Mr Nenad Čanak**, MP, Chair of the European Integration Committee, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
- **Mr Czesław Siekierski**, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

09:10–10:00 Welcome address

- **Mr Vladimir Marinković**, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
- **Ms Jardranka Joksimović**, Minister for European Integration (tbc)
- **Mr Branislav Nedimović**, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
- **Ms Eleni Theocharous**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **Ms Steliana Nedera**, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative

10:00–10:30 IPARD in the pre-accession region: An introduction

- **Mr Boban Ilic**, Secretary General, Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South Eastern Europe
- **Mr Zoran Janjatović**, Assistant Minister, Head of the Managing Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water management

10:30–10:45 Coffee break

10:45–11:45 The IPARD in the context of EU accession

- **Mr Ivari Padar**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Mr Liam Breslin**, Head of Unit, Pre-accession Assistance, DG AGRI, European Commission

Questions and debate
11:45 – 12:45 Development of the rural economy in pre-accession countries and the role of IPARD

Mr Czesław Siekierski, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Professor Natalija Bogdanov, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Belgrade

Questions and debate

12:45–14:30 Working lunch hosted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

14:30 – 16:00 Implementing IPARD: sound financial management and simplification

Mr Ivari Padar, MEP, Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Mr Liam Breslin, Head of Unit, Pre-accession Assistance, DG AGRI, European Commission

Questions and debate

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45 The future of the Common Agricultural Policy: design and objectives

Ms Maria Gabriela Zoană, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Questions and debate

17:45 – 18:00 Conclusions by the Co-Chairs

Mr Nenad Čanak, MP, Chair of the European Integration Committee, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

- End of programme -

Saturday, 14 April 2018

Departure