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There was also a walking dinner on the Monday evening at the European House of History where participants were invited to attend a tour of the newly opened museum. This was a new element of the event, which allowed the national Parliaments to discover the European Parliament from a different perspective. The dinner was attended by President Tajani, the Speaker of the Bulgarian Parliament and the Vice-President for Relations with national Parliaments Mairead McGuiness. For LDU, this was a welcome opportunity to work with the colleagues in DG COMM.

The event was organised by the Legislative Dialogue Unit (LDU) in the Directorate for Relations with national Parliaments alongside the ECON, EMPL and BUDG Committee Secretariats. This is the seventh year of this event and is a best practice example for the work with national Parliaments. With work ranging from cooperating with committees to ensure the smooth running of the conference, to liaising with the national Parliaments, to finding speakers for the plenary sessions to other logistical tasks, the event keeps LDU busy for several months.