Inter-parliamentary Conference

THE INTERACTION OF POLITICAL GROUPS, PARTIES AND GOVERNMENT IN THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS

with Members of the European Parliament and Members of Parliament of EU Enlargement Countries

Organised by the European Parliament’s Pre-Accession Actions Unit in cooperation with the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the political groups in the European Parliament

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Monday 30 May

In the Chair:  
Ms Tanja Fajon, MEP, Vice Chair of the Group of Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament

14:30 – 15:00  
Arrivals and registration  
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Ms Dorota Jongman, Assistant, Pre-Accession Actions Unit (DG EXPO)  
Ms Jelena Vićić, Trainee, Pre-Accession Actions Unit (DG EXPO)

15:00 – 15:10  
Welcome by the Chair

15:10 – 15:30  
Keynote speech by Ms Katarína Nevedalová, MEP, Vice-President of the Party of European Socialists

15:30 – 16:20  
From international political organisation to European parties: role in the EU integration  
Ms Tanja Fajon, MEP, Vice-President of the Group of Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament  
Ms Helga Stevens, MEP, Vice-President of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group

Questions and debate

16:20 – 16:40  
Coffee break

16:40 – 17:30  
Role for the political families in the party dynamics  
Mr Fernando Casal Bértola, Research Fellow, University of Nottingham  
Ms Kati Piri, MEP, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

Questions and debate

17:30 – 18:20  
Political parties in the parliament: the role of the majority and the opposition. Experience of a constructive opposition  
Ms Nathalie Brack, FNRS Research Fellow, Université libre de Bruxelles and Visiting Professor, College of Europe  
Ms Gabi Zimmer, MEP, President of European United Left-Nordic Green Left Group

Questions and debate

19:00 – 21:00  
Dinner hosted by Mr Rainer Wieland, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament on behalf of Mr Martin Schulz, MEP, President of the European Parliament (Presidential dining room, Paul-Henri Spaak building, 12th floor) (On invitation)
Tuesday 31 May

In the Chair: Ms Danuta Hübner, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

09:00 - 09:30 Arrivals and registration

09:30 - 10:00 Introductory remarks by the Chair
Questions and debate

10:00 - 10:35 Transparency and accountability. Parliamentary Code of Conduct, groups of interest and lobbyists (part I)
Mr Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, MEP, Rapporteur for E-Democracy, Group of Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats
Questions and debate

10:35 - 10:50 Coffee break

10:50 - 11:20 Parliamentary oversight of the executive and support for the government
Mr Andrej Plenković, MEP, Group of European People's Party
Questions and debate

11:20 - 11:50 Transparency and accountability. Parliamentary Code of Conduct, groups of interest and lobbyists (part II)
Mr Sven Giegold, MEP, Rapporteur on Transparency, Accountability and Integrity, The Greens/European Free Alliance
Questions and debate

11:50 - 12:30 Connecting parliamentarians with citizens: social movements and democratic tools
Mr György Schöpflin, MEP, Group of European People's Party
Ms Marije Cornelissen, Director, Cornelissen Consultancy, former MEP
Questions and debate

12:30-12:35 Concluding remarks by Mr Eduard Kukan, MEP, Chair of the Working Group on the Western Balkans of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Serbia Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, Group of European People's Party

End of the Conference