STUDY VISIT

FOR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM ALBANIA, KOSOVO AND THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Organised by the Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group (DEG)

Brussels, 22-23 January 2018

Meeting room:
Altiero Spinelli building ASP A1E-2
European Parliament

PROGRAMME
Sunday, 21 January 2018

Arrival in Brussels

Monday, 22 January 2018

14:30 - 15:00 Registration of the participants

In the Chair: Ms Heidi Hautala, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament

15:00 – 15:15 Welcome address
Ms Heidi Hautala, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament

15:15 – 16:00 The role of the European Parliament and its place in the EU institutional framework
Mr Henry Wasung, Administrator, Visits and Seminars Unit (DG COMM)
Questions and debate

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:30 The role of the European Commission in the EU enlargement policy
Mr Christian Danielsson, Director-General, DG NEAR
Questions and debate

17:30 – 18:30 The Council of Ministers and the Western Balkans
Ms Kaie Kork, Estonian COWEB and COELA member
Questions and debate
Tuesday, 23 January 2018

08:45 Arrival of the participants

In the Chair: Mr Tunne Kelam, MEP, Member of the Delegation to the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee

09:00-10:00 The activities of the European Parliament in the field of democracy and human rights

Ms Linda McAvan, MEP, Co-Chair of the Democracy Support and Election Co-ordination Group

Questions and debate

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 11:15 The European Parliament and its delegations for relations with Parliaments from the Western Balkans

Ms Monica Macovei, MEP, Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee

Mr Tonino Picula, MEP, Chair of the Delegation for relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina & Kosovo

Mr Alojz Peterle, MEP, Chair of the Delegation to the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee

Questions and debate

11:15 – 12:15 The European Parliament resolutions on Albania, Kosovo and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Mr Knut Fleckenstein, MEP, rapporteur on Albania

Mr Igor Šoltes, MEP, rapporteur on Kosovo

Mr Ivo Vajgl, MEP, rapporteur on the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Questions and debate

12:30 – 14:30 Official lunch hosted by Mr David McAllister, MEP, AFET Chair and DEG Co-Chair (Venue: Member’s Restaurant) (By invitation)
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<td>15:00 – 16:00</td>
<td>Bulgarian Council Presidency priorities, including the enlargement policy</td>
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<td><strong>In the Chair:</strong> Ms Lívia Járóka, MEP, Vice-President of the European Parliament</td>
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<td>European politics, geostrategy and the enlargement process</td>
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**Wednesday, 24 January 2018**

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