European Semester Conference - Inter-parliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union -

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Tuesday, 18 February 2020

11.30 - 14.00  Registration of participants from national Parliaments
Registration desk “Event Participants and Guests” (ZWEIG Welcome Point, Esplanade level)

12.00 - 14.30  Political group meetings:
12:00 - 14:00  S&D (SPAAK 01C047)
12:30 - 14:30  Renew (Members’ salon)
13:00 - 14:30  EPP (SPINELLI ASP 5H1)

14.45 - 17.00  Plenary: Widening and deepening of EMU Governance: What next?
Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAAK, 3rd floor)

Co-chaired by Irene Tinagli, the Chair of the Economic and Monetary Committee of the European Parliament and Grozdana Perić, Chair, Finance and Central Budget Committee of the Croatian Parliament

Introductory remarks by:

ECOFIN priorities: Zdravko Marić, Chair of ECOFIN and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Croatia

Eurogroup priorities: Mário Centeno, President of the Eurogroup

European Commission priorities: Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President of the Commission and Paolo Gentiloni, Commissioner for Economy

Monetary policy outlook: Fabio Panetta, Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank

Exchange of views among Members of National Parliaments and Members of the European Parliament in the presence of representatives from the Committee of Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee
17.15 - 19.00 Inter-parliamentary Committee Meetings (in parallel):

**Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs** (ECON)
Meeting room: SPAAK 3C050

Session 1: **Towards a new international tax system?**
Co-chaired by Irene Tinagli, the Chair of the ECON Committee of the European Parliament and Boris Lalovac, Vice-Chair, Finance and Central Budget Committee of the Croatian Parliament

*Introductory remarks by:*

Paolo Gentiloni, Commissioner for Economy

Pascal Saint-Amans, Director of the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration at the OECD

Grozdana Perić, Chair, Finance and Central Budget Committee of the Croatian Parliament

Hans Michelbach, Finance Committee, German Parliament

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Session 2: **From transparency to sustainability: Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) objectives in financial services**
Co-chaired by Irene Tinagli, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament and Grozdana Perić, Chair, Finance and Central Budget Committee of the Croatian Parliament

*Introductory remarks by:*

John Berrigan, Acting Director General of DG FISMA, European Commission

Boris Lalovac, Vice-Chair, Finance and Central Budget Committee of the Croatian Parliament

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**Committee on Employment and Social Affairs** (EMPL)
Meeting room: ANTALL 6Q2

Co-chaired by Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová, Chair, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament and Gordan Maras, Chair, Labour, Retirement System and Social Partnership Committee of the Croatian Parliament

Session 1: **A European Child Guarantee as a tool to fight poverty**

*Introductory remarks by:*
Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission, Democracy and Demography

Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

Eduardo Barroco de Melo, Committee on Labour and Social Security, Parliament of Portugal

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Session 2: Fair minimum wages

Introductory remarks by:

Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

Stergiani Biziou, Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Greek Parliament

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Committee on Budgets (BUDG): Meeting room: ANTALL 4Q1

Co-chaired by Johan Van Overtveldt, Chair, Committee on Budgets, European Parliament and Damir Mateljan, Vice-Chair, Committee on Regional Development and European Union Funds, Croatian Parliament

Session: How to make the EU budget under the next MFF fit to address global challenges

Introductory remarks by:

Johan Van Overtveldt, Chair, Committee on Budgets, European Parliament

Jan Olbrycht, co-rapporteur on MFF, Committee on Budgets, European Parliament

Margarida Marques, co-rapporteur on MFF, Committee on Budgets, European Parliament

José Manuel Fernandes, co-rapporteur on Own resources, Committee on Budgets, European Parliament

Valérie Hayer, co-rapporteur on Own resources, Committee on Budgets, European Parliament

Jean-François Rapin, Member, Finance Committee, French Senate

Ondřej Benešík, Chair, Committee on European Affairs, Czech Chamber of Deputies

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Concluding remarks by:

Damir Mateljan, Vice-Chair, Committee on Regional Development and European Union Funds, Croatian Parliament
19.15 - 21.00  Walking dinner
House of European History
Co-hosted by David Maria Sassoli, President of the European Parliament and Gordan Jandroković, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament

Wednesday, 19 February 2020

9.30 - 12.00  Plenary: Becoming a global leader in combating climate change: What role for EU economic, budgetary and social policies?
Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAAK, 3rd floor)

Welcoming words by David Maria Sassoli, the President of the European Parliament and Gordan Jandroković, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament

Introductory remarks by:
A global perspective: Mark Carney, incoming Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance of the United Nations
Just transition to Green jobs: A global perspective: Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Office
How to finance the transition: Emma Navarro, Vice President of the European Investment Bank

Co-chaired by Mairead McGuinness, Vice-President of the European Parliament and Domagoj Ivan Milošević, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Croatian Parliament,

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12.00 - 12.20  Sustainable Europe Investment Plan: Valdis Dombrovskis Executive Vice-President of the Commission

12.20 - 12.30  Family photo (in the Hemicycle)

12.30 - 14.00  Walking lunch
Espace Yehudi Menuhin (SPAAK, 1st floor)

12.30 - 14.00  Political group meetings:

14.00 - 16.00  Plenary: Skills and jobs for inclusive growth: What can we learn from each other’s experiences?
Meeting room: Hemicycle (SPAAK, 3rd floor)

Co-chaired by Dita Charanzová, the Vice-President of the European Parliament and Gordan Maras, Chair of the Labour, Retirement System and Social Partnership Committee of the Croatian Parliament
Introductory remarks by:

European Commission priorities: Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

National priorities: Merja Kyllönen, Grand Committee, Parliament of Finland

National priorities: Ante Babić, Member, Labour, Retirement System and Social Partnership Committee, Croatian Parliament

National priorities: Claudia Müller, Member, Committee on Economic Affairs and Energy, German Parliament

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