Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CFSP/CSDP)

Vienna, 11 - 12 October 2018
Draft Programme
Last Update: 12.10.2018
Thursday, 11 October 2018

09:00  
Departure from the hotels to the Meeting of the Troika

09:45  
Departure from the hotels

09:30  
Meeting of the Presidential Troika and the European Parliament

         Erste Campus

10:15  
Meetings of the political groups

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11:00  
Coffee break

11:15  
Opening session

         Erste Campus/Grand Hall

Welcome addresses:
Mr Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the National Council
Ms Inge Posch-Gruska, President of the Federal Council

Introductory remarks:
Mr Andreas Schieder, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Council
Mr Reinhard Eugen Bösch, Chairperson of the Defence Committee of the National Council

Mr David McAllister, Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

Introductory statement via Video Message:
Ms Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

12:15  
Lunch at the conference venue
13:30  
**Session 1: Security, Migration and Control of External Borders**  
*Erste Campus/Grand Hall*

**Chairperson:**

Mr Reinhard Eugen Bösch, Chairperson of the Defence Committee of the National Council

**Introductory statements:**

Mr Wolfgang Baumann, Secretary General at the Federal Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Austria

Mr Berndt Körner, Deputy Executive Director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency FRONTEX

Ms Melita Sunjic, Journalist and founder of the “tellingtherealstory.org”

**Debate**

15:00  
Family photo and coffee break

15:30  
**Workshops**  
*Erste Campus*

**Workshop A: The Future of the Nuclear Deal with Iran following the USA´s Withdrawal**

*Moderator MEP tba*

Mr Cornelius Adebahr, Independent Political Analyst, Berlin, and Non-Resident Fellow, Carnegie Europe, Brussels

Mr Denis Chaibi, Head of the Iran Task Force at the European External Action Service (EEAS)
Workshop B: Facilitating Military Mobility in the EU within the Framework of PESCO

Moderator MEP tba
Mr Pedro Serrano, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS)
Ms Margriet Drent, Senior Research Fellow at the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael

Workshop C: OSCE a Key Partner in the East West Dialogue

Moderator MEP tba
Mr George Tsereteli, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
Mr Christian Strohal, Austrian diplomat, Former Special Representative of the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship, Former Director of ODIHR, Ambassador

17:00 Return to the hotels
19:00 Departure for dinner
19:30 Visit of the State Hall of the Austrian National Library and official Dinner hosted by Mr Andreas Schieder, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr Reinhard Eugen Bösch, Chairperson of the Defence Committee
Venue: Austrian National Library, 1010 Vienna, Josefsplatz 1
22:30 Return to the hotels
Friday, 12 October 2018

09:00  Departure from the hotels

09:30  

**Session 2: The European Contribution to the Improvement of the Political and Humanitarian Situation in Syria**

_Erste Campus/Grand Hall_

**Chairperson:**

Mr Andreas Schieder, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Council

**Introductory statements:**

Ms Helga Schmid, Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS)

Mr Jean-Louis de Brouwer, Director for MENA at the Commission’s Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG-ECHO)

Mr Salam Kawakibi, Political scientist, Executive Director of the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies in Paris

Debate

11:00  Coffee Break
11:30  
**Session 3: The EU Perspective for the Western Balkans**

*Erste Campus/Grand Hall*

Chairperson:

**Mr David McAllister**, Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

Introductory statements:

**Ms Karin Kneissl**, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic Austria

**Mr Thomas Mayr-Harting**, Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia in the European External Action Service (EEAS)

**Ms Theresia Töglhofer**, Associate Fellow, Alfred von Oppenheim Centre for European Policy Studies of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

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13:00  
Closing remarks by the Chairpersons

13:30  
Lunch at the conference venue

14:30  
Departure of the delegations and transfer to the hotels