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## Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CFSP/CSDP)

4 – 6 March 2015  
Riga

### PROGRAMME

#### Wednesday, 4 March 2015

14:00 – 19:15 Arrival of delegations and registration for the event at the hotels

#### Meeting of the Chairpersons of South European Parliaments

16:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to Saeima

16:30 – 17:30 Meeting of the Chairpersons of South European Parliaments  
*Venue: Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, Jēkaba iela 11*

17:45 Return to hotels

#### Meeting of the Representatives of the Presidency Troika and the European Parliament

17:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to Saeima

18:00 – 19:00 Meeting of the Representatives of the Presidency Troika and the European Parliament  
*Venue: Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, Jēkaba iela 11*

19:15 Departure by bus to Ziemeļblāzma Culture Palace

19:15 Departure by bus from the hotels to Ziemeļblāzma Culture Palace

20:00 Dinner hosted by **Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia  
*Venue: Ziemeļblāzma Culture Palace, Ziemeļblāzmas iela 36*

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus



**Thursday, 5 March 2015**

**Meeting of the heads of delegations**

7:45 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre  
8:30 – 9:30 Meeting of the heads of delegations  
*Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*

**Meetings of the political groups**

8:45 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre  
9:30 – 10:30 Meetings of the political groups  
*Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*  
**GUE** – 2/1 Hall  
**S&D** – 2/2 Hall  
**EPP** – 2/3 Hall  
**ALDE** – 2/4 Hall

9:45 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre  
10:30 Coffee break  
*Hall 1*

**11:00 – 12:00**

**OPENING SESSION**

Welcome address by *Ms Ināra Mūrniece*, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by *Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš*, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by *Mr Elmar Brok*, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

**SESSION I**

**12:00 – 14:00**

**State of Play of the European Neighbourhood Policy**

*Mr Edgars Rinkēvičs*, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

*Mr Carl Bildt*, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden

*Mr Fathallah Sijilmassi*, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

Debate

14:00 – 14:15 Family photo  
14:15 – 15:30 Lunch  
*Hall 2*



## SESSION II

### European Common Security and Defence Policy and NATO – Better Cooperation in View of the New Security Challenges

15:30 – 17:30

*Mr Raimonds Vējonis*, Minister for Defence of the Republic of Latvia  
*Mr Alexander Vershbow*, Deputy Secretary General of the NATO  
*Mr Maciej Popowski*, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service

Debate

17:45

Return to the hotels by bus

19:30

Departure by bus from the hotels to the Museum of Decorative Arts and Design

20:00

Reception hosted by *Mr Ainars Latkovskis*, Chairman of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia  
*Venue: Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Skārņu iela 10/20*

22:30

Return to the hotels by bus

## Friday, 6 March 2015

8:00

Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre  
*Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*

## SESSION III

9:00 – 11:00

### Priorities and Tasks of the Common Foreign and Security Policy

*H.E. Ms Federica Mogherini*, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Debate

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break  
*Hall 1*

## WORKSHOPS

11:30 – 13:30

### 1. Towards the Riga Summit – Redefining the Eastern Partnership

Moderator: *Ms Lolita Čigāne*, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Rapporteur: *Mr Petras Auštrevičius*, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

Speakers:

- *Mr Andrzej Gatażewski*, Vice-chair of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland
- *Mr Maciej Popowski*, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service



- **Mr Juris Poikāns**, Ambassador-at-Large for the Eastern Partnership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
- **Ms Kadri Liik**, Senior Policy Fellow of the European Council on Foreign Relations
- **Ms Eka Tkeshelashvili**, President of the Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies
- **Mr Andris Sprūds**, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Debate

## **2. European Response to the Instability and Threats in the Southern Mediterranean and the Middle East**

Moderator: **Mr Atis Lejiņš**, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, founder and former Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Rapporteur: **Hon. Francis Zammit Dimech**, Member of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Malta

Speakers:

- **Mr Guy-Michel Chauveau**, Member of Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly
- **Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament and Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union
- **Mr Christian Berger**, Director for North Africa, Middle East, Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq of the European External Action Service
- **Mr Pēteris Veits**, Associate Fellow of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, *TBC*

Debate

## **3. The Hybrid War – a New Security Challenge for Europe**

Moderator: **Mr Rihards Kols**, Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Rapporteur: **Mr Raimonds Bergmanis**, Deputy Chairman of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Speakers :

- **Mr Ioan Mircea Pașcu**, Vice-Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament
- **Mr Jānis Kārklīņš**, Director of the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence
- **Rear Admiral Waldemar Gluszko**, Deputy Director General of the EU Military Staff of the European External Action Service



