



# 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

Thursday, 11 October 2018

08:30 Departure from the hotels to the Meeting of the Troika  
09:30 Departure from the hotels  
09:00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika and the European Parliament  
*Erste Bank Campus*

09:45 Meetings of the political groups  
*Erste Bank Campus*

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10:30 **Opening session**  
*Erste Bank 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

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 **Introductory statement:**  
**Ms Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (tbc)

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12:30 Lunch at the conference venue

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13:30

**Session 1: Security, Migration and Control of External Borders**

*Erste Bank Campus/Grand Hall*

**Introductory statements:**

**Mr Mario Kunasek**, Federal Minister of Defence of the Republic of Austria

**Mr Fabrice Leggeri**, Director of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency Frontex (tbc)

Further speaker (tba)

Debate

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15:00

Family photo and coffee break

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15:30

**Workshops**

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**Workshop A: The future of the nuclear deal with Iran following the USA's withdrawal**

**Workshop B: The future of Permanent Structured Cooperation / PESCO – facilitating military mobility within the EU**

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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

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Friday, 12 October 2018

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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 Bank Campus/Grand Hall*

**Introductory statements:**

**Ms Helga Schmid**, Secretary General of European External Action Service (tbc)

Further speakers (tba)

Debate

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11:00                    Coffee Break

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11:30

**Session 3: The European perspective for the Western Balkans**

*Erste Bank Campus/Grand Hall*

**Introductory statements:**

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

**Mr Johannes Hahn**, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (tbc)

Further speaker (tba)

Debate

13:00

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Closing remarks by the Chairpersons

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13:30

Lunch at the conference venue

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14:30

Departure of the delegations and transfer to the hotels