



European Conference of Presidents of Parliament

Strasbourg, 15-16 September 2016



The Presidents and Speakers of parliament from the 47 Council of Europe member states and many partner, observer and neighbouring countries, along with the Presidents of other international assemblies, met in Strasbourg on 15 and 16 September 2016 for a European parliamentary summit, held every two years.

Some 350 delegates attended the European Conference of Presidents of Parliament, organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). They discussed three current affairs issues:

- [The migration and refugee crisis in Europe: role and responsibilities of parliaments](#) **PDF**, presented by Nikolaos Voutsis, Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament, and László Kövér, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly.
- [National parliaments and the Council of Europe: together promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law](#) **PDF**, presented by Eiki Nestor, Speaker of the Estonian Riigikogu, and Maja Gojkovic, Speaker of the Serbian National Assembly.
- [Mobilisation of parliaments against hate, for inclusive and non-racist societies](#) **PDF**, presented by Norbert Lammert, Speaker of the German Bundestag, and Anne Brasseur, Ambassador of the Council of Europe's "No Hate Speech" movement.

PACE President Pedro Agramunt and Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland gave the opening addresses.

The first European Conference of Presidents of Parliament was held in 1975. This event is held every two years, alternately in Strasbourg and in a capital of a Council of Europe member state.

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- [Practical information guidebook](#) PDF
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Opening speech

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Conclusions

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Background documents

Theme 1

- [Migration and refugee crisis in Europe – role and responsibilities of parliaments](#) PDF
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Reference documents for Theme 1

Theme 2

- [National Parliaments and the Council of Europe: Together promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law](#) PDF

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Reference documents and websites for Theme 2

Theme 3

- [Mobilisation of Parliaments against hate for inclusive and non-racist societies](#) PDF
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15 September 2016, 9 to 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Secretaries General

16 September 2016, 8.30 to 10 a.m.

Documents

- [Draft Agenda](#) PDF
- [ECPRD Activity report 2014-2015](#) PDF (English version) + ([link to German version](#) PDF)
- [ECPRD Priorities and programme 2017-2018](#) PDF (English version) + ([link to German version](#) PDF)
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ECPRD Draft minutes from 2014 [PDF](#)

- ▶ ["How do national parliaments take forward the work of parliamentarians who attend international parliamentary assemblies? \[PDF\]\(#\)"](#)

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