

**CONGRESS HIGH-LEVEL VISIT TO ALBANIA**

**4 – 6 February 2020 – FINAL PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, 4 February 2020**

- 02:00 Arrival in Tirana
- 09:00 – 09:45 Briefing with the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana,  
**Ms Jutta GÜTZKOW**  
*Venue: Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Room London*
- 10:00 – 11:00 Meeting with the President of the Republic of Albania, **Mr Ilir META**  
*Venue: President's Office,  
 Presidential Palace, Bulevardi Dëshmorët e Kombit, Tirana*
- 12:30 – 13:15 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:30 Meeting with Chairman of the Democratic Party of Albania, **Mr Lulzim BASHA**  
*Venue: Chairman's office, DP Headquarters, Zhan D'Ark Bulevard no 11, Tirana*
- 15:00 – 16:00 Meeting with **Ms Greta BARDELI**, President of the Regional Council of Shkoder,  
 and **Mr. Maxhid CUNGU**, former Vice President of Region  
*Venue: Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Room London*
- 16.15 – 17.00 Meeting with Secretary General and Chairman of the Parliamentary Group of the  
 Socialist Party, **Mr. Taulant BALLA**  
*Venue: Parliament of Albania offices, Blv Deshmoret e Kombit*
- 17:15 – 18:00 Meeting with **Ms Voltana ADEMI**, Mayor of Shkoder  
*Venue: Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Room London*
- 19:00 Informal dinner

**Wednesday, 5 February 2020**

- 09:00 – 10:00 Meeting with Mayor of Tirana and Head of the Albanian Delegation to the Congress,  
**Mr Erion VELIAJ**, and members of the Congress Delegation  
*Venue: City Hall, Sheshi "SKËNDERBEJ", 2, Tirana (by car)  
 Contact: Blerina BESHKU (Tel: + 355 67 457 0847)*
- 11:00 – 12:00 Meeting with **Mr Eduard NDRECA**, Vice-President and **Ms Elidiana CANAJ**,  
 Executive Director, Association of Albanian Regional Councils  
*Venue: Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Rooms London and Paris*

- 12:15 – 13:30 Meeting with **international and domestic NGOs**
- **Mr Dritan TAULLA**, KRIIK
  - **Ms Esmeralda HOXHA**, Coalition for Free and Fair Election
  - **Ms Miriam ANGONI**, Albanian Helsinki Committee
  - **Ms Gazmend AGAJ**, Coalition for Free and Fair Election
  - **Mr Kristaq KUME**, Albanian Institute for Election System Development (AIESD)
- Venue: Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Rooms London and Paris*
- 13:45 – 15:15 Working lunch with **Ms Erinda BALLANCA**, People's Advocate  
*Venue: Restaurant, Hotel Rogner, Tirana*
- 15:30 – 16:30 Meeting with **representatives of the diplomatic corps in Tirana**
- France, **Ms. Christina VASAK**, Ambassador
  - Germany, **Dr. Johannes DIETRICH**, Deputy Head of Mission
  - Greece, **Ms Vallia PENTARVANI**, First Councillor, Deputy Head of Mission
  - Italy, **Mr. Fabrizio BUCCI**, Ambassador
  - Sweden, **Ms. Elsa HÅSTAD**, Ambassador
  - Switzerland, **Mr. Adrian MAÎTRE**, Ambassador
  - United Kingdom, **Mr. Duncan NORMAN**, Ambassador
  - EU-Delegation, **Ms Monica BYLAITE**, Deputy Head of Mission
  - OSCE
  - United Nations, **Mr Brian WILLIAMS**, Resident Coordinator
- Venue: Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Rooms London and Paris*
- 16:45 – 18:00 Meeting with **Ms Romina KUKO**, Deputy Minister of Interior and **Mr Bekim MURATI**, Director General of the Agency Supporting Local Self-Governance, Secretary to the Consultative Council  
*Venue: Ministry of Interior, Blv. Deshmoret e Kombit*
- 18.15 – 19.00 Meeting with **Mr Agron AXHIMALI**, Executive Director of the Albanian Association of Municipalities  
*Venue: Hotel Rogner, Tirana, Rooms London and Paris*
- 19:30 Working dinner with former Congress Vice-President **Ms Julia HOXHA**

### Thursday, 6 February 2020

- 09.00 – 10.00 Meeting with the Chair of the Central Election Commission of Albania (CEC), **Mr Klement ZGURI**  
*Venue: CEC Headquarters, Rruga Dritan Hoxha, Tirana*
- 10.15 – 10.45 Meeting with the Executive Director of Association of Local Autonomy of Albania (ALAA), **Ms Adelina FARRICI**, **Mr Armando SUBASHI**, **Mr Dritan LELI**, **Ms Majlinda BUFI**, **Mr Sotiraj FILO**  
*Venue: Hotel Rogner, Tirana*

## **Delegation**

### **Congress Members**

**Mr Anders KNAPE** (EPP/CCE, Sweden), President of the Congress

**Mr Xavier CADORET** (SOC, France), Chamber of Local Authorities, President

**Ms Gunn Marit HELGESEN** (EPP/CCE, Norway), Chamber of Regions, President

### **Congress Secretariat**

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