



Conférence européenne des **Présidentes et Présidents de Parlement** European Conference of **Presidents of Parliament**

Dublin, 28-29 septembre 2023 /Dublin , 28-29 September 2023



11 September 2023

Practical Information

Conference date and venue

The Conference will be held on **28 and 29 September 2023** in Dublin.

This year's Conference will deal with the following issues:

- **Theme 1: Consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and role of national Parliaments in Ukraine's reconstruction**
- **Theme 2: The challenges to representative democracy in volatile times**
- **Theme 3: Equality and diversity in public representation – the participation of young people, women and ethnic and social groups as members of parliament**

In the margins of the Conference:

- A working breakfast of Women Presidents of Parliament will be organised on Thursday, 28 September 2023 from 8.30 to 9.45am (by invitation only)
- A Pre-Conference Event - "Hate speech and the threats of violence against elected representatives." on Thursday, 28 September 2023 from 10 am to 10.45 am
- The Secretaries General of Parliament will meet on Friday, 29 September 2023 from 8.30 to 10 am

The venue of the Conference is:

THE CONVENTION CENTRE DUBLIN

Spencer Dock
North Wall Quay
North Dock
D01 T1W6 Dublin Ireland
Tel: + 353 1 856 000
Website: www.theccd.ie
E-Mail: info@theccd.ie

Website of the conference

Information on the Conference can be found on the PACE website: [European Conference of Presidents of Parliament \(coe.int\)](http://European Conference of Presidents of Parliament (coe.int)) and on the Irish Parliament website: Houses of the Oireachtas.ie

Contact information

Conference secretariat:

Email address devoted to the Conference: ECPP2023@oireachtas.ie

Enrolment procedure – Online registration

1. Each delegation should designate a contact person (coordinator) who will be in charge of the registration of the whole delegation.
2. The contact person should send to ECPP2023@oireachtas.ie his/her contact details (name, email, phone number). After this first step, the coordinator will receive a link that will enable him / her to create a password to access the delegation's registration form.
3. The online registration of delegations is open until **13 September 2023**.

All participants must be individually registered to access the conference venue (badge) and social events

Visas

Ireland is not member of the Schengen area. Anyone requiring a visa is advised to apply for one as soon as possible.

Accommodation

Please find appended a list of recommended city centre hotels within close distance from the Conference venue.

Delegations are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements as early as possible in order to guarantee their stay in their preferred hotel.

Transportation

Transport will be provided by the Houses of the Oireachtas on Friday 29 September from the Conference Centre Dublin to the lunch venue.

No other special arrangements will be made regarding transport through the conference and delegations are advised to contact their embassies directly for this purpose.

Identification badges

Identification badges should be worn at all times during the Conference (meetings, restaurants, social programme, bus transfers, guided tours). Badges will be prepared by the Houses of the Oireachtas on the basis of the registration database of participants.

Badge pick-up will be available at three points.

Advance collection by embassies or secretaries of delegations is encouraged if possible.

1. In advance by embassies or secretaries of delegations

10.00-13.00 on Wednesday, 27 September
Leinster House (Merrion Street entrance) D02 XR20

2. At the welcome reception on the eve of the Conference

19.00-20.00 on Wednesday, 27 September
The State Apartments, Dublin Castle, Castle Street, D02 XN27

3. At the conference venue

8.00-11.00 on Thursday, 28 September
The Convention Centre Dublin, Spencer Dock, North Wall Quay, D01 T1W6

Interpretation and documents

Conference documents will be available in **English and French** on the web site of the Conference: [European Conference of Presidents of Parliament \(coe.int\)](http://EuropeanConferenceofPresidentsofParliament(coe.int)). Interpretation will be provided into and from English, French, German and Italian.

Any delegation requiring interpretation of the speech of their President by their own interpreter will be given access to an interpretation booth. For any request, please contact the Conference Secretariat: ECPP2023@oireachtas.ie

Additional booths can be allocated, in chronological order of requests made (first come first served), for simultaneous interpretation in other languages. The costs of recruitment of interpreters will be borne by the relevant delegations.

Please note that these requests must comply with the working conditions of interpreters working for the Council of Europe.

List of speakers / Speeches

Presidents (or Vice-Presidents) can already register in the list of speakers (for one or more themes) contacting the Secretariat of the Conference: ECPP2023@oireachtas.ie

The order of the speakers in the speaking list will be determined by the drawing of lots organised during the meeting of Secretaries of national delegations (28 September, from 8.30 am to 9.30 am). The list thus established will be distributed as soon as possible to allow speakers to know when they will be called to address the Conference.

Speakers registering after the drawing of lots will be added to the list in the order in which they have registered.

In order to facilitate the work of the interpreters, speakers are invited to provide in advance a copy of any written speeches to the Secretariat of the Conference: ECPP2023@oireachtas.ie

Speeches will be delivered from the rostrum.

Bilateral meetings

Meeting rooms will be at the disposal of participants for the purpose of bilateral meetings. Should a meeting room be required, please contact the Secretariat of the Conference in Strasbourg: annick.schneider@coe.int

The time slots range from 30 minutes to 1 hour maximum to allow all delegations to have opportunities for bilateral meetings. Delegations are asked to respect the time allocated to allow for cleaning and ventilation of the rooms between each meeting.

The meeting rooms are located on the 2nd floor of the Convention Center Dublin (Conference venue), they will be indicated by signposts.

Health recommendations

Infectious Respiratory Diseases

Delegates are asked to continue the good practices built up since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Keep up to date with the symptoms of infectious diseases including COVID-19.
- Do not attend the conference if you are feeling unwell or are displaying any symptoms of infectious diseases including COVID-19.

Power sockets – adaptors

Ireland is using the G type (3-pin) power sockets – same as in UK and Malta).



As the Conference centre will not provide European sockets, participants should bring their own adaptor if need be.

Social Programme

Wednesday 27 September 2023

19:00 – 20.00 - Welcome reception for all participants at:

THE STATE APARTMENTS

Dublin Castle

Dame Street

D02 XN27 Dublin Ireland

Tel: +353 469422213

Website: www.dublincastle.ie

E-Mail: dublincastle@opw.ie

Short tours of the State Apartments will be offered during the reception.

Secretaries of delegations may collect the badges of their delegation at the entrance to the reception.

Thursday 28 September 2023

13:15 – 15:00 - Lunch offered by the Houses of the Oireachtas – Convention Centre Dublin (CCD)

19:30 – 22:30 - Dinner hosted by Mr Seán Ó Feargháil, T.D. Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann and Senator Jerry Buttimer, Cathaoirleach of Seanad Éireann – CCD

Friday 29 September 2023

13:15 Lunch hosted by Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe at Fallon & Byrne Restaurant – 11-17 Exchequer Street, basement, Dublin – Tel. + 353 1 472 1012

15:30 Visit to a Museum (choice between three museums)

[Chester Beatty](#), [The Bank of Ireland College Green](#) or the National Library's special exhibition [Seamus Heaney: Listen Now Again](#),

All three museums are at 5-6 minutes' walk from the Fallon & Byrne restaurant.

Participants will be able to inform the secretariat of the conference, during lunch, of the choice of the museum they wish to visit and thus an entrance ticket will be given to them directly.

Appendix - List of recommended hotels

Please find below a list of hotels offering preferential rates to delegates.

Delegations are kindly requested to book their own accommodation as early as possible in order to avail of the limited number of rooms available at the preferential rates.

THE MARKER HOTEL – 5 Star (600 metres)

Price including breakfast and VAT - €455 per night (premier double)
40 rooms available at this price if booked more than 90 days before conference.

Grand Canal Quay
Docklands
D02 CK38 Dublin Ireland
Booking link: www.nh-hotels.com/event/houses-of-the-oireachtas
Tel: +353 1 6875198
Website: www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/anantara-the-marker-dublin
E-Mail: events.themarker@anantara-hotels.com

When booking please quote reservation number *MB0003137903* and *Oireachtas September 2023*

THE SAMUEL HOTEL – 4 Star (350 metres)

Price including breakfast and VAT €270 per night (deluxe room)
70 rooms available at this price

Spencer Place
North Wall Quay
North Dock
D01 R9N4 Dublin Ireland
Tel: +353 1 556 7750
Website: www.thesamuelhotel.com
E-Mail: info@thesamuelhotel.com

Booking link: <https://bookings.thesamuelhotel.com/offer/european-conference-of-presidents-of-parliament-bed-and-breakfast>

CLAYTON HOTEL CARDIFF LANE – 4 Star (800 metres)

Price including breakfast and VAT €270 per night (superior room)
80 rooms available at this price

Sir John Rogerson's Quay
Dublin Docklands
D02 YT21 Dublin Ireland
Tel: +353 1 643 9500
Website: www.claytonhotelcardifflane.com
E-Mail: info.cardifflane@claytonhotels.com

Booking link: <https://bookings.claytonhotelcardifflane.com/offer/ecpp>

THE GIBSON HOTEL – 4 Star (900 metres)

Price including breakfast and VAT €269 per night (superior room)
80 rooms available at this price if booked more than 75 days before the conference

Price including breakfast and VAT €319 (executive room)

20 rooms available at this price

Point Square
North Dock
D01 X2P2 Dublin Ireland
Tel: +353 1 681 5000
Website: www.thegibsonhotel.ie
E-Mail: info@thegibsonhotel.ie

Booking link: <https://bookings.thegibsonhotel.ie/offer/european-conference-of-presidents-of-parliament->

HILTON GARDEN INN – 4 Star (500 metres)

Price including breakfast and VAT €229 per night (standard) or €259 per night (upgraded)
75 standard rooms and 25 upgraded rooms available if booked 90 days before conference

Custom House Quay
North Dock
D01 V9X5 Dublin Ireland
Tel: +1 877 STAY HGI
Website: www.hilton.com/en/hilton-garden-inn

Booking link: <http://bit.ly/3HN3H6W>

HAMPTON BY HILTON – 3 Star (2.4 km walk/4 km drive)

Price including breakfast and VAT €155 (standard queen/king)
€175 twin room for single occupancy

25 Chancery St
Smithfield
D07 KX21 Dublin Ireland
Tel: +1800 HAMPTON
Website: www.hilton.com/en/hampton

Booking link: <http://bit.ly/3RGuLto>