



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

Rome, 15-16 octobre 2026 / 15-16 October 2026



3 September 2026

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 14 October 2026

Afternoon Arrival and registration of participants

6.00-7.30 pm *Welcome reception for Presidents and Speakers of Parliament*

Thursday 15 October 2026

8.30-9.45 am *Working Breakfast of Women Presidents of Parliament offered by the Italian Parliament on the theme "From Backlash to Breakthrough: Women Acting United for Their Rights"*

9.50 am *Family photo of Women Presidents of Parliament*

8.30-10.00 am Registration of participants

8.30-9.30 am *Meeting of Secretaries of national delegations*

10.30-11.00 am **Opening Ceremony**

Mr Lorenzo FONTANA, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies

Mr Ignazio LA RUSSA, President of the Senate of the Italian Republic

Ms Petra BAYR, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Antonio TAJANI, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
(to be confirmed)

11.00 am -1.00 pm **Theme 1: Resilient democracies: united against hybrid threats**

Chaired by Ms Petra BAYR, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

Keynote speakers:

Ms Yaël BRAUN-PIVET, President of the National Assembly, France

Mr Ruslan STEFANCHUK, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine

Mr Ruben RUBINYAN, President of the National Assembly, Armenia

Debate

1.05 pm *Family photo of Presidents of Parliament*

1.15-3.00 pm *Lunch*

- 3.00-4.00 pm Continuation of the debate on theme 1
- 4.00-6.30 pm [Theme 2: Artificial Intelligence and the labour market](#)
- Chaired by Mr Ignazio LA RUSSA, President of the Senate of the Italian Republic
- Keynote speakers:
- Mr Lauri HUSSAR, President of the Riigikogu, Estonia
- Ms Mei Li VOS, President of the Senate, Netherlands
- Mr Niko PELESHI, Speaker of the Parliament, Albania
- Debate
- 7.30 pm *Cultural programme and Dinner reception hosted by the Italian Parliament*

Friday 16 October 2026

- 8.30-10.00 am *Meeting of the Secretaries General of Parliament*
- 10.05 am *Family photo of Secretaries General of Parliament*
- 10.15 am [Theme 3: Renewing the rules-based international order:
the role of parliaments in addressing and responding to contemporary crises](#)
- Chaired by Mr Lorenzo FONTANA, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies
- Keynote speakers:
- Mr Numan KURTULMUŞ, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly, Türkiye
- Sir Lindsay HOYLE, Speaker of the House of Commons, United Kingdom
- Ms Ágnes FORSTHOFFER, Speaker of the National Assembly, Hungary
- A perspective beyond Europe:*
Mr Francis SCARPALEGGIA, Speaker of the House of Commons, Canada
- Debate
- 12.15 pm **Concluding session**
- 12.30 pm *End of the conference*
- 12.45 pm *Lunch offered by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*