



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

Strasbourg, 20-21 mars 2025 / 20-21 March 2025



12 March 2025

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday 19 March 2025**

- 9.00 – 17.00 Possibility of advance registration and collection of badges at the Council of Europe  
(Welcome desk)
- 19.00-20.30 Welcome reception offered by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary  
Assembly of the Council of Europe (Restaurant les Haras, Strasbourg)

**Thursday 20 March 2025**

- 8.15-11.00 Registration of participants  
(Welcome desk)
- 8.15-9.30 Working breakfast of Women Presidents of Parliament on “Women, Peace and Security”,  
offered by Ms Despina Chatzivassiliou, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly  
Blue Restaurant – Palais de l’Europe
- 8.30-9.30 Meeting of Secretaries of national delegations (room 10)
- 9.45-10.45 Pre-Conference Event – “Youth for Planet Protection: A call to action (room 11)
- 11.00-11.30 **Opening (plenary session)**  
Assembly Chamber
- Mr Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of  
Europe
- Mr Alain BERSSET, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 11.30-13.00 **Theme 1: Safeguarding democracy**  
Assembly Chamber
- Key-note speakers\*:
- Ms Yaël BRAUN-PIVET, President of the National Assembly, France
  - Mr Andreas NORLÉN, Speaker of the Riksdag, Sweden
  - Mr Ruslan STEFANCHUK, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
- Debate
- 13.05 Family photo of Presidents of Parliament (Lobby Chamber)

\* by alphabetical order

- 13.15-15.00 *Lunch offered by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly  
(Blue Restaurant, Palais de l'Europe)*
- 15.00-16.15 Continuation of the debate on theme 1  
*Assembly Chamber*
- 16.15-16.30 *Coffee Break*
- 16.30-19.00 **Theme 2: Guaranteeing freedom of expression in times of polarisation and uncertainty**  
*Assembly Chamber*
- Key-note speakers\*:
- Ms Małgorzata KIDAWA-BŁOŃSKA, Marshal of the Senate, Poland
  - Mr Pedro ROLLÁN, President of the Senate, Spain
  - Ms Þórunn SVEINBJARNARDÓTTIR, Speaker of Alþingi, Iceland
- Debate
- 19.30 *Dinner reception offered by Ms Jeanne Barseghian, Mayor of Strasbourg, and by  
Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of  
Europe - (Pavillon Joséphine)*

#### **Friday 21 March 2025**

- 8.15-10.00 *Meeting of the Secretaries General of Parliament (room 1)*
- 10.00 *Family photo of Secretaries General of Parliament (Lobby Chamber)*
- 10.00-12.15 **Theme 3: Violence against politicians**  
*Assembly Chamber*
- Key-note speakers\*:
- Mr Lorenzo FONTANA, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Italy
  - Sir Lindsay HOYLE, Speaker of the House of Commons, United Kingdom
  - Ms Urška KLAKOČAR ZUPANČIČ, President of the National Assembly, Slovenia
- Debate
- 12.15 **Concluding session**
- 12.30 End of the conference
- 12.30-13.30 *Farewell cocktail (in the Assembly lobby)*

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