18 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 BERSET, 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 • Ms Bärbel BAS, President of the Bundestag, Germany • Mr Ruslan STEFANCHUK, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine Debate
13.05	*Family photo of Presidents of Parliament (Lobby Chamber)*

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)*