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European Conference of **Presidents of Parliament**

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



21 September 2023

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday 27 September 2023**

- 10.00-13.00 Pre-registration of participants  
Leinster House (Merrion Street entrance) D02 XR20
- 19.00-20.00 *Welcome reception offered by Mr Seán Ó Feargháil, T.D., Ceann Comhairle, Dáil Éireann and Senator Jerry Buttimer, Cathaoirleach, Seanad Éireann  
The State Apartments, Dublin Castle*

**Thursday 28 September 2023**

- 8.30-11.00 Registration of participants  
*Convention Centre Dublin (CCD)*
- 8.30-9.45 *Working breakfast of Women Presidents of Parliament hosted by Ms Catherine Connolly, T.D. Leas-Cheann Comhairle, Dáil Éireann  
Convention Centre Dublin (CCD) – Foyer, 5<sup>th</sup> floor*
- 8.30-9.30 *Meeting of secretaries of national delegations – Wicklow Hall 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*
- 10.00-10.45 *Pre-Conference Event - “Hate speech and the threats of violence against elected representatives.”  
Wicklow Hall 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*
- 11.00-11.30 **Opening (plenary session)**  
*The Forum, ground floor*
- Mr Seán Ó FEARGHÁIL, T.D., Speaker of Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives), Houses of the Oireachtas
- Senator Jerry BUTTIMER, Cathaoirleach of Seanad Éireann (Senate), Houses of the Oireachtas
- Mr Tiny KOX, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 11.30-13.00 **Theme 1: Consequences of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine and role of national Parliaments in Ukraine’s reconstruction**  
*The Forum, ground floor*
- Key-note speakers:
- Mr Ruslan STEFANCHUK, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
  - Sir Lindsay HOYLE, Speaker of the House of Commons, United Kingdom
  - Ms Daiga MIERIŅA, Speaker of the Saeima, Latvia (to be confirmed)
- Debate
- 13.05 *Family photo  
Lobby, ground floor*

13.15-15.00 *Lunch offered by the Houses of the Oireachtas Service  
Convention Centre Dublin (CCD) - The Liffey, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

15.00-16.15 Continuation of the debate on theme 1  
*The Forum, ground floor*

16.15-16.30 *Coffee Break  
Foyer, Level 1 and Level 2*

16.30-19.00 **Theme 2: The challenges to representative democracy in volatile times**  
*The Forum, ground floor*

Key-note speakers:

- Ms Yaël BRAUN-PIVET, President of the National Assembly, France
- Mr Augusto Ernesto SANTOS SILVA, President of the Assembleia da República, Portugal
- Mr Lauri HUSSAR, President of the Riigikogu, Estonia

Debate

19.30 *Dinner reception offered by Mr Seán Ó Fearghaíl, T.D. Ceann Comhairle, Dáil Éireann  
and Senator Jerry Buttimer, Cathaoirleach, Seanad Éireann  
Convention Centre Dublin (CCD) – The Liffey, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*

### **Friday 29 September 2023**

8.30-10.00 **Meeting of the Secretaries General**  
*Wicklow Hall 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

10.00-12.15 **Theme 3: Equality and diversity in public representation – the participation of young people, women and ethnic and social groups as members of parliament**  
*The Forum, ground floor*

Key-note speakers:

- Ms Urška KLAKOČAR ZUPANČIČ, President of the Državni Zbor, Slovenia
- Mr Birgir ÁRMANNSSON, Speaker of the Alþingi, Iceland
- Ms Eliane TILLIEUX, President of the House of Representatives, Belgium

Debate

12.15 **Concluding session**

13.15-15.00 *Lunch offered by Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly  
(Fallon & Byrne Restaurant, 11-17 Exchequer Street, Dublin 2)*

*Afternoon - Social Programme – Visits of Museums (see practical information)*