

Draft agenda

**of the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union
(IPC SECG) European Parliament, Brussels, 17 February 2016**

Tuesday 16 February

Dinner co-hosted by Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, Ms Khadija Arib, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol, President of the Senate of the States General of the Netherlands

Members' restaurant of the European Parliament (Altiero Spinelli Building, ground floor)

Wednesday 17 February

All sessions take place in the Hemicycle of the European Parliament (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 3rd floor)

09.00

Plenary opening

Speeches by Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament and Ms Khadija Arib, Speaker of the Dutch House of Representatives

09.30

Parliaments' experiences with enhanced economic coordination and governance

Co-chaired by Mr Backer, member of the committee on Finance of the Dutch Senate, Vice President of the Dutch Senate and Mr Roberto Gualtieri, chair of the committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament

This session focuses on the exchange of best practices and experiences of the Member States relating to measures to enhance economic growth, including the quality of public expenditures, convergence and competitiveness (as stated by Art. 9 of the Fiscal Compact)

Intervention by Mr Jeroen Dijsselbloem, President of the Eurogroup

Intervention by Mr Kees Vendrik, Vice President of the Netherlands Court of Audit

Intervention by Ms Valérie Rabault, General Rapporteur of the Finances Committee of the French National Assembly

Intervention by Mr Roberto Gualtieri, chair of the committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament

Discussion

11.00

Coffee break

Space Yehudi Menuhin (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 1st floor)



11.30

Budgetary policy - the effects of budgetary coordination

Co-chaired by Mr Jean Arthuis chair of the committee on Budgets of the European Parliament and Mr Duisenberg, chair of the committee on Finance of the Dutch House of Representatives

This session will focus on the procedures that are being applied in the various Member States to ensure budgetary coordination, and examine what the role of national Parliaments is in that realm. Equally, it will examine what possible improvements can be made. In that respect, attention will be paid to the role of Fiscal Councils and the possibility to set up a fiscal stabilisation function for the euro area.

Intervention by Mr Pierre Moscovici, European Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs

Intervention by Mr Francesco Boccia, Chair of the Budget, Treasury and Planning Committee of the Italian Chamber of deputies

Intervention by Ms Pervenche Berès and Mr Reimer Böge, MEPs, co-rapporteurs on a budgetary capacity for the Eurozone

Discussion

13.00

Cocktail – Sandwich lunch

Espace Yehudi Menuhin (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 1st floor)

14.30

Future scenarios for investments in a competitive EU: opportunities and challenges

Co-chaired by Mr Thomas Händel, chair of the committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament and Mr Duisenberg, chair of the committee on Finance of the Dutch House of Representatives

For this session, an overview will be given of the contribution that various types of investment could make to enhanced economic growth, convergence and competitiveness. Subsequently, it will be examined what obstacles to these investments may occur and how these can be overcome.

Introduction of various scenarios for investment by Ms Laura van Geest, Director of the Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis

Intervention by Ms Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Catch the eye discussion

16.30

Closure of the conference by the co-chairs