



**INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON STABILITY,  
ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE IN THE  
EUROPEAN UNION**

**16 – 18 OCTOBER 2016, BRATISLAVA**

**Sunday, 16 October 2016**

**14:00 – 19:00** Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

**Monday, 17 October 2016**

**08:30** Departure from the hotels by bus to the Bratislava Castle

**08:30 – 10:00** Registration (for those not yet registered)

**Meetings of the political groups**

**09:00 – 09:45**

**Group of the European People's Party**  
*(Hall of Knights)*



**Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats**  
*(Western Terrace, MPs Club)*



**Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe**  
*(Meeting Room, Foyer of the Winter Riding School)*



**Group of the European United Left–Nordic Green Left**  
*(Western Terrace, Room No. 192)*



Venue:

*Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**09:15** Departure from the hotels by bus to the Bratislava Castle (other participants)



## Opening session of the Conference

**10:00 – 10:35**

**Welcome address by Mr Andrej HRNČIAR**

*Deputy Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Introductory remarks by Mr Ladislav KAMENICKÝ**

*Chair of the Financial and Budgetary Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Introductory contribution by Mr Igor KOSÍR**

*Professor of international relations at the Faculty of Political Sciences and International  
Relations, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica*

Venue:

*Bratislava Castle (Winter Riding School)  
Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**10:35 – 10:50**

Family photo

Venue:

*Bratislava Castle (staircase of the Garden Pavilion / Ceremonial  
Staircase)  
Námestie A. Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**10:35 – 11:10**

Coffee break

Venue:

*Bratislava Castle (Music Hall & 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the North Wing)  
Námestie A. Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*



**Session 1:**  
**Strengthening the Social dimension of the EMU**

**11:20 – 13:00**

**Chaired by Mr Ladislav KAMENICKÝ**

*Chair of the Financial and Budgetary Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Moderated by Mr Ľuboš BLAHA**

*Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Keynote speech by Ms Marianne THYSSEN**

*European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility*

**Address by Ms Maria João RODRIGUES**

*Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, European Parliament*

**Address by Mr Michael SMYTH**

*Vice-President of the European Economic and Social Committee*

**Address by Mr Zsolt DARVAS**

*Senior Fellow at Bruegel (Brussels); Research Fellow at the Institute of Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Associate Professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest*

**Debate**

Venue:

*Bratislava Castle (Winter Riding School)  
Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**13:00 – 14:20**

Lunch

Venue:

*Bratislava Castle (Music Hall & 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the North Wing)  
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**Session 2:**  
**Fight against Tax Evasion in the EU**

**14:30 – 16:10**

**Chaired by Mr Ladislav KAMENICKÝ**

*Chair of the Financial and Budgetary Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Moderated by Ms Dana MEAGER**

*State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic*

**Keynote speech by Mr Prem SIKKA**

*Professor of Accounting and Director of the Centre for Global Accountability at the University of Essex, UK*

**Address by Mr Bernardus ZUIJDENDORP**

*Head of Unit Company Taxation Initiatives, Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission*

**Address by Mr Richard MURPHY**

*Professor of Practice in International Political Economy at City University London; Director of Tax Research, UK*

**Address by Mr Fabio DE MASI**

*Vice-Chair of the Committee of Inquiry to investigate alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to money laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion; Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament*

**Debate**

Venue:

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**16:30** Return to the hotels by bus

**18:45** Departure from the hotels by bus to the Bratislava Castle



**Official dinner**

**19:15 - 21:30**

**Musical performance**

**Speech by Mr Ladislav KAMENICKÝ**

*Chair of the Financial and Budgetary Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Dinner**

*Venue:*

*Bratislava Castle (Art Gallery)*

*Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**21:50**

Return to the hotels by bus

**Tuesday, 18 October 2016**

**08:15**

Departure from the hotels by bus to the Bratislava Castle

**Session 3:  
Automatic Stabilisers as a Building Block of the Fiscal Union  
Architecture**

**09:00 – 10:40**

**Chaired by Mr Ladislav KAMENICKÝ**

*Chair of the Financial and Budgetary Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Moderated by Mr Ivan ŠRAMKO**

*Chair of the Council for Budget Responsibility*

**Keynote speech by Mr László ANDOR**

*Professor at the Economics Department at the Corvinus University of Budapest; European  
Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (2010-2014)*

**Address by Mr Marco BUTI**

*Director-General at the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs at the European  
Commission*

**Address by Ms Pervenche BERÈS**

*Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament*

**Address by Mr Jean ARTHUIS**

*Chair of the Committee on Budgets, European Parliament*

**Address by Mr Michal POLÁK**

*General Government Counsel, Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic*

**Debate**

Venue:

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**10:40 – 11:10**

Coffee break

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**Session 4:**  
**Common Investment Programme as a Tool for Macroeconomic  
Stabilisation in the EU**

**11:20 – 13:00**

**Chaired by Mr Ladislav KAMENICKÝ**

*Chair of the Financial and Budgetary Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Moderated by Ms Katarína CSÉFALVAYOVÁ**

*Vice-Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Keynote speech by Mr Peter KAŽIMÍR**

*Chair of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN); Minister of Finance of the  
Slovak Republic*

**Address by Mr Roberto GUALTIERI**

*Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament*

**Address by Mr Gerassimos THOMAS**

*Chair of the Steering Board of the European Fund for Strategic Investment; Deputy Director-  
General at the Directorate-General for Energy at the European Commission*

**Address by Ms Teresa CAEIRO**

*Vice-President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal*

**Address by Mr Andrew WATT**

*Head of the Macroeconomic Policy Institute of the Hans-Böckler Foundation*

**Debate**

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## Closing remarks

**13:00 – 13:20**

**Address by Mr Ladislav KAMENICKÝ**

*Chair of the Financial and Budgetary Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic*

**Address by Mr Roberto GUALTIERI**

*Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament*

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**13:30 – 14:00**

Press briefing

Venue:

*Bratislava Castle  
Námestie A. Dubčeka 1, Bratislava*

**13:20 – 15:00**

Lunch

Venue:

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**15:00**

Return to the hotels by bus

Departures of delegations