



EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF PARLIAMENT Oslo, 11 – 12 September 2014

Programme

Wednesday 10 September

Arrival of participants - Registration of participants

Thursday 11 September

08:30 Meeting of Secretaries of National Delegations
Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

09:30 Meeting of Secretaries General of Parliament
Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

10:30 Photo of the Secretaries General
Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

11:00 **Opening of Conference**
Venue: Stortinget, The Storting Chamber

Mr Olemic Thommessen, President of the Storting

Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the PACE

Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General, Council of Europe

Mr Vidar Helgesen, Minister of EEA and EU Affairs

11:45 Photo of the Presidents of Parliament
Venue: Stortinget

12:00 Lunch hosted by the President of the Storting
Venue: Stortinget

14:30/18.30 **Theme 1 - Fundamental constitutional rights and freedoms – participation, trust and public debate as conditions for democracy**
Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

Presentation by:

Ms Laura Boldrini, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Italy

Mr Jan Helgesen, Professor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights and First Vice-President of the Venice Commission

Debate

Theme 2 – Democracy, Sovereignty and Security in Europe

Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

Presentation by:

Mr Mogens Lykketoft, Speaker of the Folketinget, Denmark

Debate

18:30 End of Session

19:30 **Official buffet dinner hosted by Ms Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway**
Venue: Akershus Castle

Friday 12 September

09:00/13.00 **Theme 2 – Democracy, Sovereignty and Security in Europe**
Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

Debate (continuation)

Theme 3 – Majority and opposition – striking a balance in democracy
Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

Presentation by:

Mr David Usupashvili, Speaker of the Parliament, Georgia

Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol, Speaker of the Senate, Netherlands

Debate

13:00 **Conclusions presented by the President of the PACE and the President of the Storting**
Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

14:00 Lunch hosted by the President of the PACE
Venue: Brasserie, Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Oslo

16:00 **Excursion to Eidsvollbygningen (The Eidsvoll Manor).**
Stortinget are 2014 celebrating the bicentenary of the Norwegian Constitution. The Constitution was written and signed at The Eidsvoll Manor. After the signing on 17 May 1814, the Eidsvoll Manor instantly became a national symbol. A light meal will be served.

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19:30 Departure to hotel/ to OSLO Airport

Saturday 13 September

Departure of participants