



Conférence européenne des **Présidentes et Présidents de Parlement** European Conference of **Presidents of Parliament**

Strasbourg, 20-21 mars 2025 / 20-21 March 2025



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	<i>Lunch offered by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly (Blue Restaurant, Palais de l'Europe)</i>
15.00-16.15	Continuation of the debate on theme 1 <i>Assembly Chamber</i>
16.15-16.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.30-19.00	<p>Theme 2: Guaranteeing freedom of expression in times of polarisation and uncertainty <i>Assembly Chamber</i></p> <p>Key-note speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Małgorzata KIDAWA-BŁOŃSKA, Marshal of the Senate, Poland • Mr Pedro ROLLÁN, President of the Senate, Spain • Ms Þórunn SVEINBJARNARDÓTTIR, Speaker of Alþingi, Iceland <p>Debate</p>
19.30	<i>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)</i>

Friday 21 March 2025

8.15-10.00	<i>Meeting of the Secretaries General of Parliament (room 1)</i>
10.00	<i>Family photo of Secretaries General of Parliament (Lobby Chamber)</i>
10.00-12.15	<p>Theme 3: Violence against politicians <i>Assembly Chamber</i></p> <p>Key-note speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Debate</p>
12.15	Concluding session
12.30	End of the conference
12.30-13.30	<i>Farewell cocktail (in the Assembly lobby)</i>