

**Interparliamentary Conference for
the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)**

Rome, 5 - 7 November 2014

Senate of the Republic

Draft programme

Wednesday, 5 November 2014

- 15.00 - 19.00 Arrival of participants and registration at the hotels
19.00 Visit to Capitoline Museums and welcome cocktail

Thursday, 6 November 2014

- 8.30 - 9.15 Political Group Meetings
9.15 - 10.00 Meeting of the Heads of Delegations and of the Working Group on the Rules
10.00 - 10.15 Coffee break
10.30 - 11.00 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**
Welcome speeches:
President of the Italian Senate, Pietro Grasso
President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Laura Boldrini
11.00 - 11.30 ***Opening Session***
 - Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Italian Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, Pier Ferdinando CASINI
 - Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Italian Chamber Foreign Affairs Committee, Fabrizio CICCHITTO
 - Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee, Elmar BROK11.30 - 13.30 **1st Session: The Mediterranean and the crises at the borders of the European Union. Regional and global challenges: from the Middle East to Ukraine**
 - Address by the Italian Foreign Affairs Minister
 - Debate

- 13.30 Family photo
- 13.45 - 15.15 Working lunch at Sala Garibaldi and Sala Maccari
- 15.30 - 18.00 **2nd Session: The European Union as a global player: priorities and strategies within the CFSP and the CSDP**
- The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the European Commission
 - Debate
- 19.30 Visit to the National Gallery of Ancient Art in Palazzo Barberini
- 20.30 Dinner at Palazzo Barberini (*via delle Quattro Fontane, 13 - 00186 Rome*)

Friday, 7 November 2014

9.00 - 11.00 **Break-out sessions:**

1) *Parliamentary perspectives on the future of the EU Battlegroups*

Moderator: Chairwoman of the European Parliament Security and Defence Sub-Committee, Anna FOTYGA

Rapporteur: Vice Chairperson of the Italian Chamber Defence Committee, Massimo ARTINI

Speakers:

- Director General of Defence Policy in the Spanish Ministry of Defence, Juan Francisco MARTÍNEZ NÚÑEZ
- Senior Fellow in the European Affairs area at International Affairs Institute (IAI), Nicoletta PIROZZI
- Director General of the European Union Military Staff, Wolfgang WOSOLSOBE

2) *Strengthening EU-Africa relations: views from the EU and the African Union*

Moderator: Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Latvia, Ojārs Ēriks KALNIŅŠ

Rapporteur: Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hellenic Parliament, Manousos VOLOUDAKIS

Speakers:

- University of Milan and ISPI Researcher, Giovanni CARBONE
- European External Action Service (EEAS) Managing Director for Africa, Nicholas WESTCOTT

3) Regional stability and enlargement to the Western Balkans

Moderator: Foreign Affairs Committee of the Italian Senate, Giorgio TONINI

Rapporteur: Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, Ana GOMES

Speakers:

- European External Action Service (EEAS) Director for Western Balkans, Fernando GENTILINI
- Head of the Negotiating Team for Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the UE, Tanja MIŠČEVIĆ
- Chairman of the European Stability Initiative (ESI), Gerald KNAUS

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00 **3rd Session: Prospects of the European defence: strengthening the cooperative approach with strategic partners**

- Introduction by the Chairperson of the Italian Chamber Defence Committee, Elio VITO
- Address by the Italian Defence Minister, Roberta PINOTTI
- Debate

13:00 - 14:00 Working lunch at Sala Garibaldi and Sala Maccari

14:00 - 16:30 **Closing Session**

- Reports by rapporteurs on break-out sessions
- Adoption of rules and Conference conclusions