



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

Athènes, 21-22 octobre 2021 / Athens, 21-22 October 2021



19 October 2021

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 20 October 2021

15:00-19:30 Pre-registration of participants
(*Divani Caravel Hotel, 2, Vassileos Alexandrou ave.*)

19:30-21:30 *Guided tour in the historic space of the former Public Tobacco Factory and presentation of the Cultural Programme of Contemporary Art 2021 entitled "Portals", followed by a welcome reception by Mr Constantine An. TASSOULAS, President of the Hellenic Parliament*

This event is reserved for Presidents + Adviser or Interpreter, if appropriate

Thursday, 21 October 2021

8:30-11:00 Registration of participants
(the registration desk will be open until 7 pm)

9:00-10:00 *Meeting of secretaries of national delegations*

11:00-11:30 **Opening (plenary session)**

Mr Constantine An. TASSOULAS, President of the Hellenic Parliament

Mr Rik DAEMS, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

11:30-12:45 **Theme 1: Democracies facing the Covid-19 public health crisis: sharing experiences, the way forward**

Key-note speakers:

- Ms Valentina MATVIENKO, Speaker of the Council of the Federation, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
- Mr Wolfgang SOBOTKA, President of the National Council, Austria

Debate

- 12:55 *Family photo of the Presidents*
- 13:00-14:30 *Lunch hosted by Ms Theodora BAKOYANNIS, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Greek delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Divani Caravel Hotel, 2, Vassileos Alexandrou ave.)*
- 14:30-16:00 Continuation of the debate on Theme 1
- 16:00-16:15 *Break*
- 16:15-18:30 **Theme 2: '#EnvironmentRightNow': national parliaments and the right to a healthy and sustainable environment**
- Key-note speakers:
- Mr Kakha KUCHAVA, Speaker of the Parliament, Georgia
 - Ms Anu VEHVILÄINEN, Speaker of Parliament, Finland
 - Mr Spyros PAPADATOS, Member of the Advisory Council on Youth
- Debate
- 19:00 *Guided Tour at the Hellenic Parliament*
- This event is reserved for Presidents*
- 19:45 *Concert of the "Greek Youth Symphony Orchestra" (Hellenic Parliament)*
- followed by the*
- 21:00 *Dinner reception hosted by Mr Constantine An. TASSOULAS, President of the Hellenic Parliament (Grande Bretagne Hotel, located right in front of the Hellenic Parliament 1 Vasileos Georgiou A Str., Syntagma Square, Athens)*

Friday, 22 October 2021

8.00-9:30 *Working breakfast of Women Presidents of Parliament, hosted, on behalf of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, by Ms Theodora BAKOYANNIS, in her capacity as Vice-President (by invitation only)*
(Divani Caravel Hotel, 2, Vassileos Alexandrou ave.)

- Reinforcing Women's Leadership in times of Crisis

8:30-09:50 Meeting of the Secretaries General of Parliament

- Discussion on *Parliaments after the pandemic: the way forward*
- ECPRD activity report (2019-2021)
- ECPRD Priorities and programme for 2022-2023

10:00 *Family photo of the Secretaries General*

10:00 **Theme 3: The common future of all European citizens**

Key-note speakers:

- Ms Stephanie D'HOSE, President of the Senate, Belgium
- Ms Annita DEMETRIOU, President of the House of Representatives, Cyprus
- Mr Igor ZORČIČ, President of the National Assembly, Slovenia

Debate

12:45 Concluding session

14:00 *Lunch hosted by Mr Rik DAEMS, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*
(Yacht Club of Greece, 18, Karagiorgi Servias, Piraeus)