



# Parliamentary Dimension

## Draft Programme

Inter-parliamentary Conference for the  
Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the  
Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

Bruges, 3-5 March 2024

*Version 28 February 2024*

**Sunday 3 March 2024**

Arrival of delegations

14.30-16.30 *Optional guided tour*  
*Meeting point: Historium, Markt 1, Bruges*

17:30-18:15 Meeting of the Chairs of the Troika and the European Parliament  
*Venue: BMCC, Beursplein 1, Bruges*  
*Entrance: Zwijnstraat 3a (Room 6 - level 3)*

19:00 *Dining reception*  
*Venue: Bruges City Hall, Burg 12, Bruges*

**Monday 4 March 2024**

*Venue: BMCC, Beursplein 1, Bruges*

*Entrance: Zwijnstraat 3a*

8:00-9:00 Meeting of national parliament staff: informal CSDP Dialogue:  
“State of play in addressing European Capability Gaps”  
*Meeting Rooms - level 3*

9:00-9:30 **Opening Session**  
*Conference Room - level 1*

- Ms Stephanie D’Hose, speaker of the Belgian Senate
- Mr David McAllister, chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament
- Ms Els Van Hoof, chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Belgian House of representatives

9:30-11:00 **Session I – Supporting Ukraine against the Russian aggression**

- Ms Hadja Lahbib, Belgian minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions
- Ms Ivanna Klympush-Tsyntsadze, chair of the Committee on Ukraine’s integration into the EU
- Mr Gert Jan Koopman, director-general, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (European Commission)

Chair: Mr Mark Demesmaeker, chair of the Committee on Transversal Affairs of the Belgian Senate

11:00-12:30 **Session II – The ongoing process of enlargement**

- Ms Federica Mogherini, rector of the College of Europe (Bruges)
- Mr Gert Jan Koopman, director-general, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (European Commission)
- Mr Steven Van Hecke, professor in European Politics at KU Leuven

Chair: Ms Els Van Hoof, chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Belgian House of representatives

12:30-14:30 *Family photo (terrace - level 4)*

*Buffet lunch offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament (level 4)*

14:30-16:00 **Session III – The Strategic Compass and EU Resilience**

*Conference Room - level 1*

- Ms Nathalie Loiseau, chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) of the European Parliament
- General Robert Brieger, chairman EU Military Committee
- Admiral Michel Hofman, Belgian chief of Defence

Chair: Mr Peter Buysrogge, chair of the Defence Committee of the Belgian House of representatives

16:00-17:00 **Urgent debate on the situation in the Middle East**

Chair: Mr David McAllister, chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament

19:00-22:00 *Dinner offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament*

*Venue: Historic brewery “De Halve Maan”, Walplein 26, Bruges*

**Tuesday 5 March 2024**

*Venue: BMCC, Beursplein 1, Bruges*

*Entrance: Zwijnstraat 3a*

8:45-9:45 Meetings of the political groups  
*Meeting Rooms - level 3*

10:00-11:30 **Session IV – Priorities of the Common Foreign and Security Policy/Common Security and Defence Policy**  
*Conference Room - level 1*

- Intervention by Ms Delphine Pronk, ambassador, chair of the Political and Security Committee of the EU and deputy political director of the EEAS, on behalf of Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles, high representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/vice-president of the European Commission
- Exchange of views

Chair: Ms Zeljana Zovko, vice-chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

11:30-12:00 **Closing Session**

- Mr Mark Demesmaeker, chair of the Committee on Transversal Affairs of the Belgian Senate
- Ms Nathalie Loiseau, chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE) of the European Parliament

12:00-13:30 *Buffet lunch offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament (level 4)*

Departure of delegations