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Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union

29–31 October 2017, Tallinn

Draft programme

Sunday, 29 October 2017

16:00-20:00 Arrival of the delegations and conference registration at the hotels

Monday, 30 October 2017

12:15 Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue
Venue: Tallinn Creative Hub, Põhja pst 27a, Tallinn

Registration (for those not yet registered) at the conference venue and welcome coffee with refreshments

12:45-13:45 **Meetings of the political groups**

13:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue
Venue: Tallinn Creative Hub, Põhja pst 27a, Tallinn

14:00-14:15 **Opening session**

Welcome address by **Mr Eiki NESTOR**, President of the Riigikogu

Introductory remarks by **Mr Remo HOLSMER**, Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Riigikogu

14:15-15:45 **Session I: The future of the EMU. The Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance and the EU legal framework**

Co-chaired by **Mr Remo HOLSMER**, Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Riigikogu, and (tbc)

Keynote speaker: **Mr Valdis DOMBROVSKIS**, Vice-President of the European Commission for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union

Keynote speaker: **Mr Roberto GUALTIERI**, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament

Exchange of views among the participants

The European Commission has launched a broad debate on the future of the EU27 by presenting the White Paper on the Future of Europe, followed by the Reflection Paper on Deepening of the Economic and Monetary Union. Stimulating

social and economic convergence together with tackling financial vulnerabilities and bolstering stabilisation capacity are the two major objectives outlined in the EMU reflection paper. Also, the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union foresees a discussion on its substance within the legal framework of the EU.

Some points for discussion: What is your vision of the EMU's future design and how to get there? How to reinforce democratic accountability, and what would be the role of national parliaments? What kind of political and legal framework is suitable for the EMU?

Concluding remarks

15:45-16:30 **Family photo and coffee break**

16:30-18:00 **Session II: National reforms, financial assistance and investment programmes: objectives, performance, outcome and perspectives**

Co-chaired by **Mr Remo HOLSMER**, Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Riigikogu, and **Mr Roberto GUALTIERI**, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament

Keynote speaker: **Mr Ardo HANSSON**, Governor of Eesti Pank (the central bank of the Republic of Estonia, member of the European System of Central Banks)

Keynote speaker: **Ms Mari KIVINIEMI**, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD

Exchange of views among the participants

The EU has implemented measures to boost growth by encouraging investments, restoring trust in the financial system and dealing with structural issues. This was done through a better coordination of economic policy and fiscal measures within the single market. Financial assistance, capital requirements and better supervision are employed, and the final goal of a banking union is set. Financial support to Member States has been conditional on macroeconomic policy measures: comprehensive fiscal, structural and supervisory reforms have been implemented in recipient countries. However, it would be possible to achieve a better result by improving the coherence between the different programmes and instruments and by simplifying their functioning.

Some points for discussion: What can be done to achieve convergence and coherence of EU financial assistance measures? What incentives could assure implementation of structural reforms in Member States? Should the link between the European Semester and EU financing be strengthened?

Concluding remarks

18:00 Return to the hotels by bus

- 19:30 Departure from the hotels by bus to the dinner venue
- 20:00 **Dinner and cultural programme**
Venue: Estonia Concert Hall, Estonia puiestee 4, Tallinn
- Welcome address by **Mr Remo HOLSMER**, Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Riigikogu
- 23:00 Return to the hotels by bus
- Tuesday, 31 October 2017**
- 08:15 Departure from the hotels by bus to the conference venue
Venue: Tallinn Creative Hub, Põhja pst 27a, Tallinn
- 09:00-10:30 **Session III: Collecting taxes efficiently**
- Co-chaired by **Mr Remo HOLSMER**, Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Riigikogu, and **Mr Philippe DALLIER**, Vice-President of the French Senate and member of its Finance Committee
- Keynote speaker: **Mr Dmitri JEGOROV**, Deputy Secretary General of Tax and Customs Policy, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Estonia
- Keynote speaker: **Ms Maria Teresa FÁBREGAS**, Director for Indirect Taxation and Tax Administration, DG Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission
- Exchange of views among the participants**
- This session sets out a series of examples of how national tax authorities are administrating taxes in terms of efficiency and effectiveness. National tax authorities collect taxes, which provides the governments with the revenue to fund public services; therefore, the goal for tax authorities is to collect the full amount of taxes as efficiently as possible. Moreover, the use of technologies and the rise of new economic systems are causing states to review the tax implications and the deployment of technologies in order to improve the effectiveness and the efficiency of the work of tax authorities.*
- Some points for discussion: What are the best practices regarding efficient tax administration in your country? How to improve the effectiveness and the efficiency of the work of revenue authorities? What are the major challenges in implementing effective tax administration?*
- Concluding remarks
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 **Session IV: EU in change: challenges for the EU budget**
- Co-chaired by **Mr Remo HOLSMER**, Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee

of the Riigikogu, and **Mr Märt KIVINE**, Special Representative to the Government for European Union budget negotiations for 2018, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Estonia

Keynote speaker: **Mr Günther H. OETTINGER**, European Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources

Keynote speaker: (tbc)

Exchange of views among the participants

As part of launching the broad debate on the future of the EU27, the European Commission has presented the Reflection Paper on the Future of EU Finances on 28 June 2017. The EU budget helps to deliver on the things that matter to the Europeans, which is why its volume and aim change over time. New policy areas, different crises, withdrawal of one Member State – all these burden and challenge the EU budget. Since the current Multiannual Financial Framework ends in 2020, a new MFF has to be negotiated.

Some points for discussion: What should the future EU budget focus on? How should the EU budget be financed? How to cope with the challenges over a 10-year period and to ensure greater flexibility at the same time?

Concluding remarks

12:30-12:40

Closing remarks

Address by **Mr Remo HOLSMER**, Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Riigikogu

12:40-14:00

Lunch

14:00

Return to the hotels by bus