

**Interparliamentary Conference
on Cultural Heritage and the Identity of Traditional
National Minorities
Budapest, 4-5 December 2024**

**Draft Programme
as of 6 November 2024**

4 December 2024, Wednesday

Arrival of the delegations

- 17:15 *Participants of the Conference leave for the building of the Hungarian National Assembly
Transfer provided by the organisers
Entrance to the Parliament through Gate XII*
- 18:00 **Dinner offered by the Hungarian National Assembly**
Venue: Hunters Hall
During the reception: Cultural programme - photo exhibition by Botond Dávid
Venue: Upper Chamber lounge
- 19:30-20:00 *Departure of the delegations
Transfer to the hotel (if needed), provided by the organisers*

5 December 2024, Thursday

- 08:15 *Participants of the Conference leave for the building of the Hungarian National Assembly
Transfer provided by the organisers
Entrance to the Parliament through Gate XII*
- 09:00-10:30 **Opening of the Conference**
Venue: Upper Chamber Session Hall
Welcome address: *Mr. László KÖVÉR*, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly
- Keynote speakers:
Mr. Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Mr. Nicolas LEVRAT, United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues
Mr. Loránt VINCZE, MEP, President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities
Ms. Elisabeth SÁNDOR-SZALAY, Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, Ombudsman for the Rights of National Minorities
- Chaired by: *Mr. Amb. Ferenc András KALMÁR*, Special Representative, former Member of the Hungarian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

- 10:30-10:40 **Family photo**
Venue: The Grand Staircase
- 10:40-11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00-12:45 **Session: Cultural heritage and protection of national minorities**
Venue: Upper Chamber Session Hall
- Speakers: *Parliamentary and governmental representatives (tbc)*
- Chaired by: Mr. Károly PÁNCZÉL, Chair of the Committee on National Cohesion of the Hungarian National Assembly*
- Exchange of views*
- 12:50-14:00 **Panel discussion: Good practices - the national minority rights scene in Europe**
- Speakers: *Representatives of parliaments/communities (tbc)*
- Moderator: *Ms Katalin SZILI, Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister and former Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly*
- Exchange of views*
- 14:00-15:00 **Buffet lunch offered by the Hungarian National Assembly**
Venue: Nordic Danube Hallway
- 15:00 *Optional guided tour in the building of the Hungarian National Assembly (in English and French)*
- 15:30 *Departure of the delegations*
Transfer to the hotel (if needed), provided by the organisers