



EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020
Conference
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A conference with National Parliamentarians co-sponsored by
the Polish Presidency of the Council, the European Parliament
and the European Commission

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PROGRAMME

Thursday 20 October

Morning: Public session - Broadcast on Internet

(Venue: Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi)

09.00 - 10.00: Registration and welcoming coffee

10.00 - 10.40: Opening of conference: Speeches by President Buzek, Prime Minister Tusk and President Barroso

10.40 - 13.00: First Plenary Session: The Big Issues in the next MFF

- **Panel:** European Parliament (to be determined), Polish Presidency (Minister Dowgielewicz), European Commission (Commissioner Lewandowski), a representative of National Parliaments (to be determined).
- **Open debate**

12.30 - 13.00: Response from the panellists

13:00 - 14.15: Buffet lunch

14.30: Departure of buses for the European Parliament

Afternoon: Session for Parliamentarians and Institutional Representatives

(Venue: European Parliament, rue Wiertz)

14.30 - 15.00: Arrival at European Parliament and transfer to meeting rooms

15.00 - 19.00: Three Parallel Working Sessions

(16.45 – 17.15: Coffee break)

Session 1: EU Revenue: The Future of Own Resources

Possible issues:

- Principles in the Lisbon Treaty and short presentation of the Commission proposal
- How to ensure better equity between Member States and financial autonomy for the Union Budget? The proposed new VAT resource and the new financial transaction tax
- Proposals for the reform of national correction mechanisms

Panel: one representative each from: the Trio Presidency, the European Parliament, a National Parliament, and the European Commission.

Session 2: EU Expenditure: Spending Priorities for the Future

Possible issues:

- Principles established in the Lisbon Treaty and short presentation of the Commission proposal
- The principle of solidarity. Competitiveness and Cohesion: two core challenges for the European territory.

- 'Investing beyond the crisis' - long-term economic perspectives and the need to invest in a post-crisis Europe that can reach its Europe 2020 goals
- Improving the management modes of EU programmes: pros and cons of direct management and shared management
- Simplification of financial rules

Panel: one representative each from: the Trio Presidency, the European Parliament, a National Parliament, and the European Commission.

Session 3: Adding Value: The EU Budget in Efficient Public Finances

- Principles in the Lisbon Treaty and short presentation of the Commission proposal
- Cases of duplication and synergy between national and EU spending
- Implementation of Europe 2020 strategy in national budgets
- Impact of the economic crisis on public finances
- 'Making every euro work' - focussing on new financial instruments and investment in areas that offer maximum benefit, and improving audit procedures to promote efficiency and reduce waste

Panel: one representative each from: the Trio Presidency, the European Parliament, a National Parliament, and the European Commission.

19.00: Drinks reception for participants

19.45: Dinner - Discussion hosted by the European Parliament

Open discussion with the participation of President Buzek, a representative of the Polish Presidency, President Barroso (tbc) and national and European parliamentarians.

Friday 21 October

(Venue: Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi)

08.45 - 09.15: Arrival of delegates

09.15 - 12.30: Second Plenary session:

Chair: to be determined

Reports from the three parallel working sessions

Open discussion

(10.45 - 11.15: Coffee break)

12.30 - 13.00: Closing remarks by representatives of the three EU Institutions and National Parliaments – Broadcast on Internet