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2014 European elections: this time it's different

Seminar for journalists

Tuesday 8 April 2014
European Parliament, Brussels

DRAFT programme

National part*

Arrival and registration

- An introduction to the European Parliament's role and powers

(in the "Parlamentarium" Visitors Centre: overview of EU history and film on the decision-making process).

- Political agendas for Europe

Exchange of views with MEPs of the country: the opportunity to meet all political families in the European Parliament and discuss campaign proposals and challenges ahead.

- The **European elections** from the perspective of Brussels-based correspondents.

- Tools and support for the media

Parliament's services to help the media cover the elections: press kit, facts and figures about the elections, facilities, assistance.

- Visit to **EP audiovisual** facilities for those interested, at pre-assigned slots)

Common part (Networking + Dinner)

18:30 - 20.00 The European elections from a national perspective (Networking)

Exchanges with journalists of participating countries

** Indicative scheme. The national part will be adapted to each group's needs. In many cases, the session will start Tuesday morning or roll over into Wednesday afternoon. In some cases, this seminar starts with a session in the home country. Moderation by the press officer from the Member State.*

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Common part

The European elections: the perspective from the institution

09:00 - 09:15

Introductory remarks

Yannis Darmis & Paula Fernández Hervás, EP officials, Press Service

09:15 - 10:00

Media aspects of the European election campaign

Jaume Duch Guillot, Director for the Media and EP Spokesperson

Break

10:15 - 11:45

Europe, the forthcoming elections and beyond

Discussion with experts on topics ranging from European history and today's geopolitical context to the current challenges and possible future direction of the EU.

Guest speakers:

Thomas Risse, Professor of International Relations, Otto-Suhr Institute for Political Science

Kalypso Aude Nicolaïdis, Professor of International Relations, University of Oxford

Thomas Klau, Head of the Paris Office and Senior Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations

Break

12:00 - 12:30

Decision-making at European level

The legislative work of an MEP

Sharon Bowles, Chair of EP Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

12:30 - 13:00

Parliament's institutional communication campaign for the 2014 elections

Steve Clark, Director and campaign manager

Moderator:

Aurora Minguez, Berlin correspondent of "Radio Nacional de España"

Followed by Sandwich lunch (5th floor PHS)