



COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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ROAD MAP

FOR THE SETTING-UP OF THE EUROLAT ASSEMBLY

PAST EVENTS

15 November 2001 EP proposal to establish the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly

14-16 June 2005 (XVII European Union/Latin America Interparliamentary conference, Lima, Peru)

- [New proposal to set up the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly.](#)

24-25 April 2006 (Interparliamentary meeting, Bregenz, Austria)

- In its message to the Vienna Summit, EP-LAC Regional Integration Parliaments reiterated their proposal to create the new Assembly.
- Presidents of the parliaments involved charge President Borrell to address the Summit on their behalf.

27 April 2006 [EP resolution reiterating its 2001 proposal to create EuroLat.](#)

11-12 May 2006 (IV EU-LAC Summit, Vienna, Austria)

- Paragraph 8 of the [Vienna Declaration](#) gives recognition to EP-LAC parliaments' proposal to create the Assembly.
- President Borrell thanked the Summit at the closing ceremony on behalf of the five parliaments involved. Press statement by President Borrell on behalf of the parliaments undertaking to set up the Assembly as speedily as possible.

26 June 2006 (Guatemala)

- The Presidents of the five parliaments involved decided to set up a technical working group to initiate the preparatory work.

6 July 2006 (Strasbourg)

- EP Conference of Presidents decided to nominate EP Members in the group and to initiate the work in August.

4-6 August 2006 (Cartagena de Indias, Colombia)

- Meeting of the technical working group: adoption of the [Declaration of Cartagena](#) and approval *ad referendum* of the Constituent Act and the draft Provisional Rules of Procedure.

6 September 2006 (Strasbourg)

- EP Bureau decided to create by unanimity, and as proposed in the Secretary-General's note of 5 September 2006, a new Budget Line 3050: "miscellaneous expenditure on the organisation of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly" with a token entry.

28 September 2006 (Strasbourg)

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) decided on the composition of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (total of 120 members including 60 EP Full Members and 30 Substitutes).

5 October 2006 ([Brussels](#))

- EP Committee on Budget rejected specific financing for EuroLat's Parliamentary Assembly in the 2007 Budget.

11 October 2006 ([Brussels](#))

- EP Bureau endorsed the Conference of Presidents' decision of 28 September 2006, authorised the administrative and organisational aspects of the Inaugural Session on 8-9 November 2006 and mandated EP's Working Party chaired by EP Vice-President dos Santos to engage in final negotiations in Sao Paulo.

13-14 October 2006 ([Sao Paulo, Brazil](#))

- Meeting of the secretariat and representatives of the technical working group: preparation of the EuroLat Inaugural Session and final revision of the draft Constituent Act and the draft Provisional Rules of Procedure.

19 October 2006 ([Brussels](#))

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) noted and endorsed the draft Provisional Rules of Procedure as amended in Sao Paulo, established the EP Standing Delegation to the Assembly in conformity with the d'Hondt system and confirmed the holding of EuroLat's Inaugural Session on 8-9 November 2006 in the EP, Brussels.

23 October 2006 ([Strasbourg](#))

- EP Bureau heard from EP Vice-President dos Santos on the outcome of the Sao Paulo meeting and in particular the agreements reached on the size of the Assembly, its responsibilities, the relationship between the existing JPC and the new Assembly, the venue for the meetings in Europe and the date of the Inaugural Session.

26 October 2006 ([Strasbourg](#))

- First meeting of the EP Delegation to the new Assembly. Constitution of the Delegation on "ad hoc" basis.
- [EP resolution dated 26 October 2006](#) on the 2007 draft Budget, paragraph 63 states "notes the Bureau's intention to create a Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EUROLAT); will consider this issue when it has all the necessary information, particularly regarding the financial impact;"

8 November 2006 ([Brussels](#))

- Second meeting of the EP Delegation to the new Assembly. EP representatives to EuroLat's Bureau (1 Co-President + 6 Co-Vice Presidents) provisionally elected for EuroLat's Inaugural Session.

8-9 November 2006 ([EP premises, Brussels](#))

- Inaugural Session of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly.
- Inaugural Session of EuroLat's 3 Standing Committees.
- First meeting of EuroLat's Bureau and adoption of the Assembly's calendar for 2007.

8 March 2007 ([Brussels](#))

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) decided to postpone the meeting of the EuroLat Executive Bureau, initially scheduled for 20-21 March 2007 in Mexico, to April 2007.

15 March 2007 ([Strasbourg](#))

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) reconfirmed the composition of the Assembly, decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc EP Delegation and agreed to postpone consideration of the Assembly's Programme of Activities for 2007 to the next meeting.

12 -13 April 2007 (Mexico D.F.)

- EuroLat Executive Bureau meeting in the Mexican Senate organised by the Mexican Congress and the Parlantino.

16 May 2007 (Brussels)

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) adopted the Programme of Activities of the EuroLat Assembly for 2007, with the proviso that:
 - the first ordinary plenary sitting, scheduled for October 2007, took place in Parliament at one of its working places, as the Bureau had decided at its meeting of 11 October 2006,
 - the meetings of the 3 EuroLat Assembly Committees in Europe took place at the same time and at the same location as the Plenary sittings,
 - the EuroLat Assembly be invited to consider arranging meetings of the above-mentioned Committees outside Europe at the same time and at the same location in one of the Latin American countries, and
 - meetings of Parliament's delegation to the EuroLat Assembly took place in Parliament at one of its working places.

22 May 2007 (Strasbourg)

- Proposal for a decision tabled by the Conference of Presidents under Rule 188, on the setting-up and numerical strength of the standing Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly.

23 May 2007 (Strasbourg)

- Adoption in Plenary of the Conference of Presidents' proposal on the membership and numerical strength of the Delegation. (60 Full Members)
- Constituent meeting of the EP Standing Delegation to EuroLat with election of the Chairman.

20 June 2007 (Strasbourg)

Meeting of the EP Delegation:

- Election of 6 Vice-Presidents for the EP Delegation to EuroLat (and Co-Vice Presidents of EuroLat). Designation of the EP representatives to the 3 EuroLat Standing Committee Bureaux.
- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) Decision to increase to 7 the number of the EP representatives to the Bureau of the EuroLat Assembly, subject to the agreement of the Latin American component. Authorisation to hold the 3 Standing Committee meetings in Quito on 6-7 July 2007.

6-7 July 2007 (Quito, Ecuador)

- First meeting of the 3 Standing Committees (Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights, Committee on Economic, Financial and Commercial Affairs and Committee on Social Affairs, Human Exchanges, Environment, Education and Culture) in Quito, Ecuador organised by the Andean Parliament and the Latin American Parliament

24 October 2007 (Strasbourg)

Meeting of the EP Delegation:

- Election of the 7th Vice President of the Delegation / 7th EuroLat Co-Vice President.

25 October 2007 (Strasbourg)

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) Decision that the First Ordinary Meeting of the Plenary of the EuroLat Assembly should take place on 18-20 December 2007 in Brussels.

13 December 2007 (Strasbourg)

- European Parliament adopted the Budget 2008. A specific Budget Line has been created for EuroLat: Budget Line 3048.

18-20 December 2007 (Brussels)

- [First EuroLat Ordinary Plenary Session](#) including the second set of 3 EuroLat Standing Committee meetings and an ordinary meeting of the EuroLat Bureau. All of these meetings were organised by the European Parliament in Brussels.

10 January 2008 (Brussels)

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) approved the Programme of Activities for 2008 for the EP Delegation to EuroLat.

14 January 2008 (Brussels)

- The EP [Bureau](#) took decision without debate and noted the EuroLat Programme of Activities 2008, as approved by the Conference of Presidents on 10 January 2008.

16-18 March 2008 (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic)

- EuroLat Executive Bureau meeting in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic organised by the Parlatino.

26 March 2008 (Brussels)

- Meeting of the EP Delegation to EuroLat in preparation for EuroLat Plenary Session in Lima.

23 April 2008 (Strasbourg)

- Meeting of the EP Delegation to EuroLat in preparation for EuroLat Plenary Session in Lima.

24 April 2008 (Strasbourg)

- [European Parliament resolution](#) of 24 April 2008 on the Fifth Latin America and Caribbean - European Union Summit in Lima: "(...) 42. Considers it essential to strengthen the parliamentary dimension of the strategic partnership and supports the Latin American request in which the number of Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly members required in order to facilitate the inclusion of the recently constituted Mercosur Parliament is put at 150.(...)"

29 April-1 May 2008 (Lima, Peru)

- [Second EuroLat Ordinary Plenary](#) Session including a set of 3 EuroLat Standing Committee meetings and an ordinary meeting of the EuroLat Bureau. All of these organised by the European Parliament and the Parlatino in Lima, Peru.
- EuroLat's Executive Bureau decides to set up a restraint working group for the revision of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.

15-17 May 2008 (Lima, Peru)

- EuroLat Co-Presidents delivered the [EuroLat Message to the Summit](#) to the Peruvian and Slovenian Foreign Affairs Ministers at a press conference on 15 May 2008.
- [VEU-LAC Summit](#) organised by the Slovenian-Peruvian Co-Presidency: President Poettering's address to the Opening Session on 16 May 2008.
- Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia and President of the European Council, Mr Janez Jansa, paid tribute in his closing speech to the work performed in the EuroLat Second Ordinary Plenary Session two weeks earlier, also in Lima.
- The Lima Declaration strengthens at Summit level the political and institutional foundations of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (paragraph 55), stating: "We express our satisfaction

for the rapid establishment of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly. We note the resolutions it has adopted and invite institutions and integration mechanisms in Latin America and Europe to collaborate closely with this Assembly."

19 June 2008 (Strasbourg)

- Meeting of EuroLat Enlarged Bureau open to all Members. Follow-up of the Second Ordinary Plenary Session, exchange of views on the V EU-LAC Summit in Lima, updating of the Programme of Activities for 2008 and exchange of views on the draft Programme of Activities for 2009, preparatory work on the setting-up of a working group on the Rules of Procedure.

9 July 2008 (Strasbourg)

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#)
 - authorised, without prejudice to the Bureau's powers, the missions to be undertaken by the Parliament's delegation to that Assembly, other than the suggestion that its Executive Bureau and Working Party on rules of procedure should meet in Porto, the latter proposals being rejected;
 - recalled its decision that meetings of this kind should be organised in one of the three places of work of the institution;
 - decided to defer consideration of the specific question of the requested increase in the membership of Parliament's delegation to the EUROLAT Assembly from 60 to 75 MEPs;

3 September 2008 (Brussels)

- EP [Bureau](#) without debate, noted the revised EUROLAT Parliamentary Assembly's programme of activities for 2008, as approved by the Conference of Presidents on 9 July 2008

24 September 2008 (Brussels)

- Meeting of EuroLat Enlarged Bureau of the EP Delegation.

24-25 September 2008 (Brussels)

Extraordinary Executive Bureau Meeting:

- to deal with EuroLat Rules of Procedure, membership, Committee meetings and 2009 Programme of Activities.
- first meeting of EuroLat's Working Group on the Rules of Procedure in parallel with the Extraordinary Executive Bureau Meeting

22 October 2008 (Strasbourg)

- Meeting of the EP Delegation in preparation for EuroLat 3 Standing Committee meetings in Brussels.

23 October 2008 (Strasbourg)

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#) made the decision to increase the Membership of the EP Delegation to the EuroLat Assembly from 60 to 75 Members. The Conference of Presidents also decided that the first 15 substitute Members will be transformed into full Members.

5-6 November 2008 (Brussels)

- Meeting of the Executive Bureau in parallel with the 3 Standing Committee meetings in Brussels organised by the European Parliament.
- Second meeting of EuroLat Working Group on the Rules of Procedure.
- Meeting of the EuroLat Executive Bureau open to all Members with Commissioner Jacques Barrot.

11 December 2008 (Brussels)

- EP [Conference of Presidents](#)
 - held an exchange of views on the annual programme of activities of the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly for 2009;
 - authorised the proposed missions to be taken by the Members of the Parliament's Standing Delegation to EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly and its constituent bodies until the end of the current legislature;
 - exceptionally and without creating a precedent, authorised the annual EuroLat meeting to be held in Madrid, instead of in one of the three working places of the European Parliament, as decided by the Conference of Presidents of 16 May 2007;
 - invited the future Conference of Presidents to re-examine the annual programme after the 2009 European elections;

15 December 2008 (Strasbourg)

- EP [Bureau](#) without debate, took note of the annual programme of activities of the EuroLat Parliamentary Assembly for 2009, as approved by the Conference of Presidents at its meeting of 11 December 2008

17 December 2008 (Strasbourg)

- Meeting of the EP Delegation: evaluation and follow-up of activities carried out in 2008.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

4 February 2009 (Strasbourg)

- Meeting of the EP Delegation.

26-27 February 2009 (Antigua, Guatemala)

- Meeting of the Executive Bureau in parallel with the third meeting of EuroLat Working Group on the Rules of Procedure
- Possible setting up of a Working Group on EU-LAC Migration Issues.

25 March 2009 (Strasbourg)

- Preparatory meeting for EuroLat Third Ordinary Plenary Session

6-8 April 2009 (Madrid, Spain)

- EuroLat 3rd Ordinary Plenary Session including one set of 3 Standing Committee meetings, a meeting of the EuroLat Executive Bureau and 1 or 2 EuroLat Working Group meetings (Rules of Procedure and EU-LAC Migration Issues)

29-30 October 2009 (Panama)

- Second set of 3 Standing Committee meetings as well as an EuroLat Executive Bureau meeting and a meeting of the Working Group on EU-LAC Migration Issues.

Annex: Index of Adopted Documents

Lima, 1 May 2008 : Second Ordinary Plenary Session

Text adopted:

Message to the Vth EU/LAC Summit (adopted in Lima on 1 May 2008 and officially transmitted to the EU-LAC Co-Presidency on 15 May 2008) - (AP 100.310v02-00)

- "European Union and Latin American Energy policies"(AP 100.311v01-00)

[Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights

Co-rapporteurs: **Ms Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl (EP, PPE-DE)** and **Mr Camilo Brenes (Parlacen)**]

- "Challenges and opportunities of the Doha Round"(AP 100.312v01-00)

[Committee on Economic, Financial and Commercial Affairs

Co-rapporteurs: **Ms Erika Mann, (EP, PSE)** and **Mr Wilbert Bendezú (Parlandino)**]

- "Poverty and social exclusion" (AP 100.313v01-00)

[Committee on Social Affairs, Human Exchanges, Environment, Education and Culture

Co-rapporteurs: **Ms Ilda Figueiredo (EP, GUE/NGL)** and **Ms Amelia Herrera (Parlatino)**]

Written Declarations:

- Declaration on the state of relations between Ecuador and Colombia (AP 100.323v01-00)
- Declaration on progress in Central American integration (AP 100.346v02-00)
- Declaration on the situation in Bolivia (AP 100.324v01-00)
- Message of congratulations to the Peruvian Delegation to the Andean Parliament (AP 100.325v02-00)

Brussels, 20 December 2007 : First Ordinary Plenary Session

Texts Adopted:

- EU-Latin America relations with a view to the Fifth Lima Summit and with special reference to democratic governance [AP 100.220v02-00]
[Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights
Co-rapporteurs: **Mr Emilio Menéndez del Valle (EP, PSE)** and **Mr Juan Pablo Plácido (Central American Parliament)**]
- Challenges and opportunities resulting from globalization for the economic and trade relations between the EU and LA countries [AP 100.220v02-00]
[Committee on Economic, Financial and Commercial Affairs
Co-rapporteurs: **Mr Daniel Varela Suanzes-Carpegna (EP, PPE-DE)** and **Mr Luis Fernando Duque García (Andean Parliament, Colombia)**]
- Sustainable development and environmental balance in the relations between the EU Member States and Latin America in the context of global warming [AP 100.220v02-00]
[Committee on Social Affairs, Human Exchanges, Environment, Education and Culture
Co-rapporteurs: **Mr Josu Ortuondo Larrea (EP, ALDE)** and **Ms Amelia Herrera (Latin American Parliament, Chile)**]

Written Declarations:

- Statement by the Mexican Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly on the response to the emergency in the states of Tabasco and Chiapas [AP 100.220v02-00]
- Negotiation of an Association Agreement between the European Union and the countries of Central America [AP 100.220v02-00]

Brussels, 9 November 2006 : Constituent Plenary Session

- Final Declaration of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (PE 380.882 v01-00)
- Declaration of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights (PE 380.797v03-00)
- Declaration of the Committee on Economic, Financial and Commercial Affairs (PE 380.978v03-00)
- Declaration of the Committee on Social Affairs, Human Exchanges, Environment, Education and Culture (PE 380.796v01-00)

EuroLat Co-Presidents Written Declarations:

- Statement of 7 March 2008 by the EuroLat Co-Presidents on the current crisis involving Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela [AP 100.240v01-00]
- Statement of 7 July 2008 by the Co-Presidents of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly following the release of Ingrid Betancourt and fourteen other hostages held in Colombia (AP 100.350v01-00)
- Statement by the Co-Presidents of the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly on the Return Directive following the meeting on 14 July 2008 in Madrid. (AP 100.352v01-00)
- Statement of 25 September 2008 by the Executive Bureau on the political situation in Bolivia (AP 100.360v01-00)