



UKRAINE WEEK IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



High-level conference European Parliament - Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on capacity building for reform

Monday 29 February

From 14.30 Registration of external participants

Venue: Info point of the European Parliament

15.00 – 16.00 Advance briefing on the main conclusions and recommendations from the report of the Needs Assessment Mission to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine by **Pat Cox**, President of the European Parliament 2002-2004

Venue: PHS 3C050

16.30 – 17.15 Official opening of the conference

Co-Chairs:

Elmar Brok, Chair of the EP Foreign Affairs Committee, Co-Chair of the EP Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group
Andrej Plenkovi, Lead member on the EP parliamentary support and capacity-building programme for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Keynote speeches:

Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament
Volodymyr Groysman, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
Pat Cox, President of the European Parliament 2002-2004
Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

Venue: PHS 3C050

17.15 – 17.30 Press point by **Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament, and **Volodymyr Groysman**, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Venue: Press corner, 9th floor, PHS

17.30 – 18.00 Press Conference with the heads of political factions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, together with **Andrej Plenkovi**

Venue: Press Briefing room (Anna Politkovskaya room), PHS 0 A 050

18.00 Cocktail hosted by **Ryszard Czarnecki**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, on behalf of Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament

(upon invitation)

Venue: Yehudi Menuhin, PHS



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European Parliament

Tuesday 1 March

09.00 – 11.00 **High-level discussions 1 and 2** (running in parallel)

1. Relations between the legislative and the executive

Venue: ASP 5G3

2. Role of a Parliament in the budget cycle

Venue: ASP 5G2

11.15 – 13.15 **High-level discussions 3 and 4** (running in parallel)

3. Openness, transparency and accountability: the representation role of a Parliament

Venue: ASP 5G3

4. Administrative reform of the Verkhovna Rada: the role of a strong and independent secretariat (starting 11.30)

Venue: ASP 5G2

13.15 – 14.30

(upon invitation)

Lunch hosted by **Andrej Plenkovi**, Lead member on the EP parliamentary support and capacity-building programme for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Venue: Members' Restaurant, ASP ground floor

14.30 – 15.30

(upon invitation)

Joint political group leaders' meeting of the European Parliament and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine hosted by **Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament

Venue: PHS 6B54

14.30 – 15.30

Debate on "Ethical standards for parliamentarians for greater public trust and accountability" organised by **Kaja Kallas** (1st Vice-Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee), in cooperation with the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and USAID RADA Programme
(in English only, without interpretation)

Venue: ASP 5G1



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15.30 – 17.30 **High-level discussions 5 and 6** (running in parallel)

5. The role of Parliament and Political Parties: towards a culture of dialogue, compromise and consensus building

Venue: PHS 6B001

6. Best practices on harmonisation of national legislation with EU acquis

(Thematic meeting of the Bureau of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee)

Venue: ASP 5G3

17.30 – 19.00 **Debate on "Verkhovna Rada and civil society: collaboration for reforms in 2016"** organised by the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee in cooperation with the Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels and the European Endowment for Democracy

Venue: ASP 5G3



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Wednesday 2 March

08.00 - 09.30 **Meeting of the Enlarged Bureau of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee**

(upon invitation)

Venue: Members' Restaurant, Salon, ASP ground floor

10.30 - 12.00 **Official closing of the conference**

Co-Chairs:

Pat Cox, President of the European Parliament 2002-2004

Volodymyr Groyzman, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Keynote speeches:

Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service

Andrej Plenkovi, Lead member on the EP parliamentary support and capacity-building programme for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Ostap Semerak, Chair of the Verkhovna Rada delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Signature of an "Administrative Cooperation Agreement" between the General Secretariat of the European Parliament and the Secretariat of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

by **Klaus Welle**, Secretary-General of the European Parliament, and

Volodymyr Slyshynskyi, First Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada

Venue: PHS 3C050

End of the "Ukraine week"