



11th European Union - West Nordic Council Inter-parliamentary Meeting

*Thursday 5 December 2019
09.30-13:00*

*European Parliament
Meeting room: **Altiero Spinelli 1E1**
Brussels*

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Opening remarks**
- 2. Adoption of the draft agenda**
- 3. Overview of the latest developments and activities**

Mr Andreas SCHWAB, Chair of the EP delegation to the for Northern cooperation and for relations with Switzerland and Norway and to the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EEA JPC (D-EEA)

Mr Guðjón S. BRJÁNSSON, President of the WNC (Parliament of Iceland, MP)

Ms Edva JAKOBSEN, Vice-chair of the Faroese delegation in the WNC (Parliament of Faroe Islands MP)

Exchange of views

Coffee break

- 4. Arctic affairs**

EU Arctic policy

Ambassador Lars-Gunnar WIGEMARK, EU's ambassador at large for the Arctic (European External Action Service)

Ambassador Jari VILÉN, Senior Advisor in Arctic policy matters in the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), European Commission

Exchange of views

Arctic as a focal point of economic and geopolitical competition

Ms Edva JACOBSEN, Vice-Chair of the Faroese delegation in the WNC

Mr Urmas PAET, Member of the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs

Mr Mininnguaq KLEIST, Head of Greenland Representation to the European Union

Ms Aileen McLEOD, Member of the EP delegation to the for Northern cooperation and for relations with Switzerland and Norway and to the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee and the EEA JPC (D-EEA)

Exchange of views

5. Any other business

Preserving the languages of small communities: A West Nordic Perspective

Mr Guðjón S. BRJÁNSSON, President of the WNC (Parliament of Iceland, MP)

Exchange of views

6. Date and place of next meeting

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