
High-level Interparliamentary Conference on Migration and Asylum in Europe on 19 November 2020

- 10:00-10:15 *Symbolic opening - video testimonies*
- 10:15-10:45 Opening/**Keynote speeches** by
- President of the European Parliament, David-Maria Sassoli
 - President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen
 - President of the German Bundestag, Wolfgang Schäuble
 - President of the Portuguese Parliament, Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues
 - President of the Slovenian National Assembly, Igor Zorčič
- 10:45-12:00 Panel discussion on “**Managing asylum and migration together**”
with moderator Markus Preiß**
- President of the European Parliament, David-Maria Sassoli
 - President of the German Bundestag, Wolfgang Schäuble
 - President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen
and Commissioner Johansson
 - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, High
Commissioner Filippo Grandi
 - International Organization for Migration, Director General
Dr António Vitorino
- Q&A with a set number of members of national parliaments and the
European Parliament

Simultaneous Virtual Round Tables:

14:00-15:30

1) Relationship between solidarity and responsibility in migration and asylum management

Co-Chair EP (LIBE) MEP López Aguilar / German Bundestag MP Lindholz (Committee on Internal Affairs and Community)

Introduction

- Ylva Johansson, Commissioner for Home Affairs;
- Horst Seehofer, German Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community, President in-Office of the Home Affairs Council of the EU, Council Presidency;

Discussants:

- Dr. Christos Christou, International President of Médecins Sans Frontières;
- Testimony: Mayor of Lampedusa, Mayor of Lesbos (tbc);

Exchange of views with member of the national parliaments and the European Parliament

Topics for discussion may include:

- Sharing responsibility and respect of fundamental rights;
- Addressing irregular migration and management of external borders;
- Implementing return decisions and ensuring coherence with the human rights policy of the EU

2) External dimension – Shaping partnerships with third countries

Co-Chair EP MEP Tomas Tobé (DEVE) / Monika Gregorčič Slovenian National Assembly

Introduction:

- Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships,
- Representative of the African Union (tbc);

Discussants:

- David Miliband, President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee
- Nicola Bay, Representative of the Danish Refugee Council (tbc)

Exchange of views with member of national parliaments and the European Parliament

Topics for discussion may include:

- External dimension of asylum and migration beyond existing principles;
- Development of comprehensive agreements with third countries – state of play;
- International approach in times of crisis of multilateralism;

3) Legal migration and integration – Best practices and the way forward

Co-Chair EP (LIBE) / Luís Capoulas Santos, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee, Portuguese Parliament

Introduction:

- Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President of the European Commission for Promoting our European way of life;
- Representative of the Bundesrat Dr. Joachim Stamp (tbc)

Discussants: external experts

- Representative of the private sector; (tbc)
- Jennifer Bond, Chair of the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative;

Exchange of views with members of national parliaments and the European Parliament

Topics for discussion may include:

- Addressing legal migration gaps;
- Fostering well-managed mobility: the EU Talent Pool;
- Promoting integration with adequate funding: towards the Action Plan 2021-2024 on integration and inclusion

15:45-16:30

Plenary:

Symbolic closing - video testimony - 3 min video contribution from the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative

- Short presentation the discussions' results of the three Thematic Groups by rapporteurs of each Group (Co-chair)
- Closing statement by Presidents Schäuble and Sassoli
- Announcement on a Follow-Up Conference

