

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Conference of Foreign Affairs Committee Chairs (COFACC)

5-6 May 2011

Budapest

Thursday, 5 May 2011

- Arrival of delegations in Budapest
- 15.00-18.00** Registration at hotels
- 18.00-21.30** Welcome dinner and cultural event
- 18.00** Departure from the Hotels by buses
- 18.30** Arrival to the Parliament Quay
- (Facing the river Danube, the quay is situated close to the right side of the Parliament building.)*
- 18.30** Dinner on the Boat Count Széchenyi given by *Mr. Mihály BALLA*, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Hungarian National Assembly
- During the dinner: Danube cruise, live jazz performance by Hot Jazz Band and sight-seeing
- 21.30** Return to the Hotels by buses

Friday, 6 May 2011

- 08.30** Departure from hotels by bus
- 09.00-12.00** Meeting
- 09.00-09.05
- Opening remarks by Mr. Mihály BALLA, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian National Assembly**
- 09.05-09.15
- Welcome address by Mr. László KÖVÉR, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly**
- 09.15-09.35
- Presentation by Mr. János MARTONYI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary**

The Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union: results so far and further tasks

09.35-10.15 - Debate

10.15-10.30 - Coffee break

10.30-10.50

Presentation by Mr. Zsolt NÉMETH, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary

The European Neighbourhood Policy

10.50-12.00 - Debate

12.15 Family photo

12.30-14.00 Buffet lunch in the Hunters' Hall of the Parliament

13.15-14.00 Guided tour in the Parliament

14.00-17.00 Meeting

Topics expected to be discussed:

Current state of play of establishing the European External Action Service

Eastern Partnership

Discussions about the current situation in North Africa

State of play of the Croatian accession negotiations, and the EU integration of the Western Balkans

14.00-14.30

Presentation by Mr. Pierre VIMONT, Executive Secretary General of the European External Action Service

14.30-14.50

Presentation by Mr. Stefano SANNINO, Deputy Director General, DG Enlargement

14.50-17.00 - Debate

With the participation of **Mr. János HÓVÁRI**, Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

17.00 Closure of Conference