

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH THE KOREAN PENINSULA

Economic Seminar (Pyongyang) 23-27 October

Working group visit (Seoul - Suwon)

22 October - 2 November 2007

DRAFT PROGRAMME

All times local

*12:00 in Brussels = 19:00 in Korea
18:00 in China*

Monday 22 October

Depart Europe

Tuesday 23 October

8:30(LH)

9:35(BA) Arrivals in Beijing airport

11:30 Air Koryo JS 152 flight to Pyongyang

14:55 Arrival in Pyongyang airport

16:15-16:45 Transport and check in at
Koryo Hotel

17:45-18:00 Courtesy call on Mr Kung Sok Ung Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs (*tbc*)

18:00 **Session One**

18.10-18.15 Opening remarks by representative of the DPRK

18.15-18.20 Opening remarks by representative of the EU Presidency

18.20-18.25 Opening remarks by representative of the European Commission

18.25-18.30 Opening remarks by representative of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation

- 18.30-18.50 Keynote Speech by the DPRK – DPRK policy goals regarding trade and investment in the sectors of Agriculture, Light Industry, Information Technology and Finance.
- 18.50-19.10 Keynote Speech by the EU – EU cooperation on policies to promote modernisation and efficiency in key economic sectors (Agriculture, Light Industry, Information Technology and Finance).
- 19.15-21.15 Dinner hosted by the European Commission and Friedrich Naumann Foundation

Wednesday 24 October

09.00-12.15 Session Two - Working Groups

Agriculture

- 09.00-09.15 Introduction of co-chairs, rapporteur, explanation of how the working group will operate
- 09.15-09.35 DPRK presentation on current issues and challenges in the agricultural sector
- 09.35-09.55 EU policy on the sustainable development of agriculture, including the use of organic farming methods
- 09.55-10.30 Questions and answers followed by general discussion
- 10.30-10.45 Break
- 10.45-11.05 EU presentation on increasing efficiency and output in the agricultural sector, with reference to the use of technology to increase grain harvest yields
- 11.15-12.15 Question and answer session followed by general discussion

Light Industry

- 09.00-09.15 Introduction of co-chairs, rapporteur, explanation of how the working group will operate
- 09.15-09.35 DPRK presentation on the structure and development prospects of Korean light industry
- 09.35-09.55 EU presentation on government policies to promote a framework for the development of a light industry and textile sectors including experiences gained with different countries
- 09.55-10.30 Question and answers followed by general discussion
- 10.30-10.45 Break

11.05-12.15 Continuation of question and answers followed by general discussion

Finance

09.00-09.15 Introduction of co-chairs, rapporteur, explanation of how the working group will operate

09.15-09.35 DPRK presentation on the role of the trade bank in DPRK-EU economic relations and its development prospects

09.35-09.55 EU presentation on establishing a domestic financial system to support economic modernisation and the legal basis of the system

09.55-10.30 Questions and answers followed by discussion

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45-11.05 EU presentation on financial sector cooperation with other countries

11.20-12.15 Questions and answers

Information Technology

09.00-09.15 Introduction of co-chairs, rapporteur, explanation of how the working group will operate

09.15-09.35 DPRK presentation on the structure and development prospects of IT and the success made in this sector

09.35-09.55 EU presentation on examples of how the emergence of an IT sector and its legal framework has contributed to economic development in different countries

09.55-10.30 Questions and answers followed by general discussion

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45-11.00 EU presentation on the EU IT market

11.35-12.30 Questions and answers followed by general discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Rapporteurs prepare report on the morning's discussions

14.15-15.00 Working Groups meet for round-up and concluding questions and discuss sources of further information on the topics discussed – online sources, organisations, publications etc.

15.00-15.05	Session Three
15.05-15.20	Report on Light Industry Working Group
15.20-15.35	Report on Agriculture Working Group
15.35-15.50	Report on Finance Working Group
15.50-16.05	Report on Information Technology Working Group
16.05-16.15	Break
16.15-16.45	EU Presentation on Asia Wide Thematic Programmes for which the DPRK is eligible, application procedures and implementation responsibilities
16.45-17.00	Questions and answers
17.00-17.05	Concluding remarks by the EU Presidency
17.05-17.10	Concluding remark by the European Commission
17.00-17.20	Concluding remarks by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation
17.20-17.25	Concluding remarks by the DPRK
19.00	Dinner hosted by the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Thursday 25 October

09.00-12.00	Visit to Collective Farm
13.00-17.00	Meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Ri Jong Hyok, Chairman, and members of the Korean-West European Friendship Parliamentarian Group • Mr Kim Gye Gwan, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, DPRK representative in the Six-Party Talks
evening	Dinner with European Business Association

Friday 26 October

09.00-16.00	Tour of Kaesong city and visit to the Inter-Korean Kaesong Joint Industrial Complex
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Saturday 27 October

08.00	Flights to Beijing and Seoul
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afternoon	Arrivals from Beijing or Europe at Incheon airport and transfer to <i>Hotel Lotte</i> <i>1, Sogong-dong, Chung-ku</i>
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Sunday 28 October

19:00 Briefing with Ambassador Brian McDonald, Head of EC Delegation and representatives of the EU Member States

Monday 29 October

morning Press Conference on the visit to North Korea

Political meetings

Meeting with National Assembly

Tuesday 30 October

Political meetings

Wednesday 31 October

Programme in Suwon city (Gyeonggi Province)

Thursday 1 November

Departure to Beijing
Meeting with Mr Wu Dawei, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (*tbc*).

evening
or

Friday 2 November

Individual departures to Europe