



DEMOCRACY SUPPORT AND ELECTION COORDINATION GROUP

DRAFT PROGRAMME

“Supporting Parliamentary Democracy Worldwide: *Building democratic resilience*”

European Parliament, SPINELLI 3G3 (and remote participation)

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2022

15.30-18.30 **Opening session: Ten years of EP supporting democracy worldwide - what have we achieved and what have we learned?**

15:30-16.00 **Opening address by: Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament**

Moderated by: David McAllister, DEG Co-Chair, Chair of AFET Committee
Tomas Tobé, DEG Co-Chair, Chair of DEVE Committee

16.00-18.30 **High Level Panel:**

Keynote speech/introductory remarks on **EU’s commitment to democracy: building democratic resilience from within** by:

Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Democracy and Demography
Othmar Karas, First Vice-president, responsible for Relations with National Parliaments

Interventions by Members of the European Parliament
Q&A

Keynote speech/introductory remarks on **the parliamentary democratic culture of consensus and compromise** by:

- Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament
- Talat Xhaferi, Speaker of the Parliament of North Macedonia
- Oleksandr Korniyenko, First deputy Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (online)

Interventions by Members of the European Parliament
Q&A

Keynote speech/introductory remarks on **defense of democracy through protection of human rights** by:

- Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
- Hauwa Ibrahim, 2005 Sakharov Prize laureate
- Salih Mahmoud Osman, 2007 Sakharov Prize laureate
- Leopoldo Lopez, 2017 Sakharov Prize laureate (Democratic Opposition in Venezuela)

Interventions by Members of the European Parliament
Q&A

18.30 **Working reception (by invitation only) - Grand Café, Spinelli 0G**



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morning session

09.00-12.30

Working Session I - Comprehensive approach to the institutional reform and capacity development

Panel I: complementarity of EP democracy support tools

Moderated by: Heidi Hautala, Vice-President for Sakharov Community and human rights and democracy
Rapporteur: a DEG member/democracy support community

Moldova: supporting the European path through dialogue and capacity building - including Triangle for Democracy

- Dragoș Tudorache, DEG Lead Member on Moldova
- Liliana Nicolaescu-Onofrei, Chair of Committee for Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sport and Mass-media of the Moldovan Parliament
- Professor Enrico Borghetto, University of Florence

Defending the defenders and supporting parliamentarians in peril

- Leyla Yunus, 2014 Sakharov finalist and Arif Yunus, human rights activist
- Isabelle Boittin, Head of Secretariat, Protectdefenders.eu
- Louise Xin, 2022 Sakharov fellow (online)

Panel II: Engineering new forms of democratic participation

Moderated by: Nacho Sánchez Amor, DEG Member
Rapporteur: Matjaž Nemeč, co-Lead Member on the Western Balkans

Tunisia: from election observation to capacity support - what next?

- Emmanuel Maurel, DEG Lead Member
- Slim Bouzid, President, Mourakiboun network
- Lamine Benghazi, Board member, Al Bawsala (online)

Montenegro citizens' assembly

- Vladimir Bilčík, co-Lead Member on the Western Balkans
- Tamara Vujović, Member of the Parliament, Parliament of Montenegro
- Jonathan Moscovic, Democratic Innovation Advisor, Parlement francophone bruxellois

12.40-14.00

Working buffet lunch (by invitation only) - Grand Café, Spinelli 0G



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afternoon session

14.15-15.30 **Working Session II - Creating parliamentary democratic culture through dialogue and consensus building**

Moderated by: Fabio Massimo Castaldo, Lead MEP for the Young Political Leaders Programme
Rapporteur: Vladimír Bilčík, co-Lead Member on the Western Balkans

- Knut Fleckenstein, former MEP and co-facilitator of Jean Monnet and Inter-Party Dialogue processes (online)
- Talat Xhaferi, Speaker of the Parliament of North Macedonia
- Ivana Tufegdžik, former MP, alumnus of the Young Political Leaders Programme
- Marcin Walecki, Director, NDI Ukraine (online)

15.45- 17.00 **Working Session III - Partnerships for democracy support**

Moderated by: Viola von Cramon Taubadel, Lead Member for Georgia
Rapporteur: Viola von Cramon Taubadel, Lead Member for Georgia & Ingrid Walker, Inter pares

Team Europe Democracy: Cooperation between EU Institutions, Member States, National Parliaments, international democracy support community and the European Parliament

- Davor Stier, Member of Croatian Parliament (online)
- Chiara Adamo, Acting Director, Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace, Commission/DG INTPA
- Christina Kokkinakis, Director for Values and Multilateral Relations/ Deputy Managing Director of Managing Directorate Global (EEAS)
- Georges Van Monfort, Deputy Director of the UNDP Brussels Representation Office
- Ken Godfrey, Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy
- Inma Rodriguez Pinero, Chair, Conference of Delegation Chairs

17.15- 18.15 **Conclusions and way forward**

Moderated by: David McAllister, DEG Co-Chair, Chair of AFET Committee
Tomas Tobé, DEG Co-Chair, Chair of DEVE Committee

- “Rapporteurs” of the above-listed sessions to take the floor on conclusions and recommendations.

Conclusions by the Co-Chairs
