



***Draft Programme (dated 17/12/2015):
Including ICM draft topics***

**European Semester Conference 2016
European Parliament,
Brussels, 16 February 2016**

Monday, 15 February 2016

Evening Arrival of delegations / Meetings of the political groups (S&D (tbc))*

Tuesday, 16 February 2016

Morning Arrival of delegations

08.00 - 10.00 Registration of participants from national Parliaments

The registration desk is located at the "Espace Simone Weil" entrance on the ground floor of the Altiero Spinelli Building (side Place du Luxembourg)

8.00 – 10.00 Meetings of the political groups (EPP (tbc) and ALDE (tbc))*

10.00 - 11.30 **Plenary session (part 1): *The revamped European Semester and the role of the European Parliament and national parliaments***

Meeting room: Hemicycle (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 3rd floor)

Chaired by Mr. Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament (tbc)

Key notes and exchange of views with

Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission (tbc) and

Mr. Donald Tusk, President of the European Council (tbc).

11.30-13.00 **Plenary session (part 2): *Policy priorities of the 2016 European Semester Cycle***

Meeting room: Hemicycle (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 3rd floor)

Co-chaired by the Chairs of the ECON and EMPL Committees of the European Parliament (tbc)

Exchange of views with the responsible Vice President and Commissioner(s) of the European Commission (tbc)

13.00 – 15.00 **Sandwich lunch**

Space Yehudi Menuhin (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 1st floor)

Possible meetings of the political groups*

* Indicative timing. Meetings of the political groups will be organised by the respective group.

15.00 – 18.00 Interparliamentary committee meetings (in parallel)

1) Interparliamentary committee meeting organised by the **Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)**:

Topic(s): - *Follow-up on BEPS (Base Erosion and Profit Shifting)*

- *Banking Union: Do differing national rules prevent effective supervision?*

Meeting room: PHS 3C050 (Paul-Henri Spaak Building, 3rd floor)

2) Interparliamentary committee meeting organised by the **Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)**:

Topic(s):

- *What is a Social Triple A? - A European pillar of social rights, including wage setting mechanisms,*

- *Investment policies for job creation: EU investment instruments and skills policies.*

Meeting room: JAN 4Q1 (József Antall Building, 4th floor)

3) Interparliamentary committee meeting organised by the **Committee on Budgets (BUDG)**:

Topic(s):

- *EU and national expectations, and how to increase the democratic accountability of the next MFF negotiations*

Meeting room: JAN 6Q2 (József Antall Building, 6th floor)

18.30 Cocktail and Dinner (by invitation only)

Members' restaurant (Altiero Spinelli Building, ground floor)