

Committee on Foreign Affairs  
The Chair

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Dear Chair, dear Colleague,

I would like to cordially invite you, together with a small delegation from your committee, to an inter-parliamentary committee meeting that the Committee on Foreign Affairs will host on **24 June 2026 from 9:00 to 12:30 (CET)** in the European Parliament, in Brussels.

The inter-parliamentary committee meeting will be structured into two sessions.

The first session, entitled “**EU enlargement – seizing the momentum**” will discuss the current state of the enlargement process, the progress achieved so far, the challenges ahead and the way forward. The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and the ongoing significant geopolitical shifts have prompted a new dynamism in the enlargement process. With the granting of candidate status to Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova, there are now ten countries that have embarked upon a path towards the EU. From the EU’s perspective, enlargement is a geo-strategic investment in peace, security, stability and prosperity. While the expectations and progress of individual candidate countries are different, they are all evaluated based on fair and rigorous conditionality, the principle of own merits and reversibility.

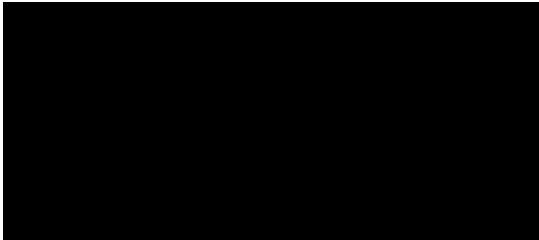
In the second session, we will focus on “**The role of parliaments in progressing EU accession**”. This session will explore the role of parliaments in the enlargement process based on the rule of law, democracy and fundamental values as key irreversible cornerstones. The participants can discuss how parliaments can more effectively lead the accession process by accelerating the adoption key EU reforms and transposition of the EU acquis and what institutional, political, and capacity-related challenges need to be addressed in that context. The discussion would also allow to look deeper into parliamentary role in ensuring democratic legitimacy of and public trust in the enlargement process. Finally, the participants can reflect how the parliaments of enlargement countries and of Member States together with the European Parliament can ensure that EU enlargement is a historic and unique win-win opportunity with crucial socio-economic, political and security advantages for both the EU and enlargement countries.

The event will be followed by a **working lunch from 13:00 to 14:30 for the heads of delegation**.

The final programme and practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to the services of your Parliament responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I hope you will be able to join us on 24 June in Brussels and look forward to a fruitful debate.

Yours sincerely,



David McAllister