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Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CFSP/CSDP)

Agenda – Programme

Draft Programme as of 04 September 2026

4 – 6 November 2026

Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle



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Wednesday 4th November

Arrival of delegates and registration

17:00 – 18:00 Meeting of the Presidency Troika

19:30 Welcome reception hosted by the Houses of the Oireachtas in the Guinness Storehouse (transfer from hotels by coach)

22:30 Departure to hotels by bus

Thursday 5th November

08:30 – 09:30 Welcome Tea and Coffee

09:30 – 10:00 Opening remarks

Welcome by **Ms. Verona Murphy TD**, Ceann Comhairle (Speaker) of Dáil Éireann

Mr. David McAllister MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)

Mr. John Lahart TD, Chair of the Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade

Ms. Rose Conway-Walsh TD, Chair of the Oireachtas Committee on Defence and National Security



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10:00 - 11:30 Session I - Priorities and Strategies for the CFSP/ CSDP

Chaired by David McAllister MEP

Keynote speakers:

Ms. Helen McEntee TD, Irish Minister for Defence & Minister
for Foreign Affairs and Trade

Speaker TBC

11:30 – 12:00 Family photo and coffee break

12:00 – 13:45 Session II - Russia's illegal war of aggression in Ukraine

Chaired by John Lahart TD

Keynote speakers:

Speakers TBC

13:45 – 15:00 Buffet lunch

**15:00 – 16:45 Session III: The Middle East at a Turning Point: Europe's
Response to Escalating Geopolitical Tensions, the
Erosion of International Law, and a Transformed Security
Landscape**

Chaired by Rose Conway-Walsh TD

Keynote speakers:

His Excellency Christophe Bigot, EU Special
Representative (EUSR) for the Middle East Peace
Process

Brigadier General Timothy O'Brien, Director of
Cabinet, European Union Military Committee (EUMC)

Speaker TBC



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- 16:45** Delegates depart Dublin Castle
- 19:30** Dinner in the Alex Hotel (transfer from hotels by coach)

Friday 6th November

09:00 – 09:45 Arrival of Delegates – Tea and Coffee

09:45 – 11:30 Session IV: Defending Democracy: Hybrid Threats, Critical Infrastructure and Societal Resilience

Co-Chaired by John Lahart TD and Rose Conway-Walsh TD

Keynote speakers:

Ms. Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE)

Mr. Luca Tagliaratti, Executive Director of European Cybersecurity Competence Centre

Lieutenant General Rossa Mulcahy, the Chief of Staff of the Irish Defence Forces

11:30 – 11:45 Closing remarks

Ms. Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE)

Ms. Rose Conway-Walsh TD, Chair of the Oireachtas Committee on Defence and National Security

Mr. John Lahart TD, Chair of the Oireachtas



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11:45 – 13:15

Buffet Lunch

13:15

Delegates depart Dublin Castle