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Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments (EUSC)

Programme

**3 – 5 May
Copenhagen, Villa Copenhagen**



Draft programme for Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments (EUSC)

Sunday, 3 May 2026

Arrival of Delegations

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| 16.45 | Transportation of the Presidential Troika to the Danish Parliament |
| 17.00–18.00 | Presidential Troika Meeting (Hungary, Denmark, Ireland, the European Parliament)
<i>Venue: Landstingssalen, the Danish Parliament</i> |
| 18.00 | Transportation from Villa Copenhagen and Hotel Scandic Palace to the reception |
| 19.00–21.00 | Reception with the Participation of His Majesty the King Frederik X
<i>Venue: Royal Reception Rooms, Christiansborg Castle</i> |
| 21.00 | Transportation back to the hotels |

Monday, 4 May 2026

- 09.00** Transportation from Hotel Scandic Palace to the conference venue at Villa Copenhagen
- 09.30–13.00** **PLENARY SESSION**
Venue: Plenary Hall, Villa Copenhagen
- 09.30–09.45** **Opening Session**
Welcoming address:
Søren Gade, Speaker of the Danish Parliament
Verona Murphy, Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann



09.45–11.15 Session I: Europe in a Changing World Order: Security, Enlargement and the Role of Parliaments

The enlargement of the EU is a geopolitical necessity. What is the role of the EU and Europe in a changing world order that is marked by uncertainty and new security challenges? How can European Parliaments support candidate countries?

Moderator: Connie Hedegaard, former European Commissioner for Climate Action and former Danish Minister for Climate and Energy, Environment and Nordic Cooperation

Keynote speakers:

Ruslan Stefanchuk, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada

Niko Peleshi, Speaker of the Parliament of Albania

Søren Gade, Speaker of the Danish Parliament

Exchange of views and questions to the panel

11.15–11.30 Coffee Break

11.30–13.00 Session II: Democratic Resilience in Times of Change

How can parliaments strengthen democratic resilience in the face of misinformation, technological change and declining institutional trust?

Moderator: Connie Hedegaard, former European Commissioner for Climate Action and former Danish Minister for Climate and Energy, Environment and Nordic Cooperation

Keynote speakers:

Richard Youngs, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe

Julia Klöckner, President of the German Bundestag

Stig Ørskov, CEO of WAN-IFRA, the World Association of News Publishers

Exchange of views and questions to the panel

13.00 Family Photo

13.00–14.00 Lunch

14.00 Transportation from the conference venue to On-Site Visit at Nyholmen



- 14.30–16.30 On-Site Visit – Theme: Preparedness (HoD +1 only)**
Venue: Nyholmen
- 16.30** Transportation back to Villa Copenhagen and to Hotel Scandic Palace
- 17.00** Transportation from Villa Copenhagen and Hotel Scandic Palace to the boats
- 17.30 Boat Tour through the Copenhagen Canals**
- 18.30** Transportation to the dinner venue
- 18.45–22.00 Dinner Hosted by the Speaker of the Danish Parliament Mr. Søren Gade**
Venue: Moltkes Palæ
- 22.00** Transportation back to Villa Copenhagen and Hotel Scandic Palace

Tuesday, 5 May 2026

- 09.00** Transportation from Hotel Scandic Palace to the conference venue at Villa Copenhagen
- 09.30–12.00 PLENARY SESSION**
Venue: Plenary Hall, Villa Copenhagen



09.30–11.00 Session III: Ensuring Continuity and Security in Times of Hybrid Threats

How can parliaments prepare for and respond to hybrid threats that may disrupt their operations — such as disinformation, physical intrusions, or disruptions to infrastructure? What measures can strengthen institutional resilience and ensure the continued functioning of parliamentary democracy under pressure?

Moderator: Connie Hedegaard, former European Commissioner for Climate Action and former Danish Minister for Climate and Energy, Environment and Nordic Cooperation

Keynote speakers:

Hanna Smith, Professor of Practice, University of Vaasa

Andreas Norlén, Speaker of the Swedish Parliament

Francina Armengol, President of the Congress of Deputies of Spain

Exchange of views and questions to the panel

**11.00–12.00 Closing Session
Adoption of the Conclusions, Final Remarks**

Closing remarks by Søren Gade, Speaker of the Danish Parliament

12.00–13.30 Lunch

Departure of Delegations