

Interparliamentary Conference on Cultural Heritage and the Identity of Traditional National Minorities

Budapest, 4-5 December 2024

Draft Programme
as of 20 November 2024

4 December 2024, Wednesday

Arrival of the delegations

17:15 *Participants of the Conference leave for the building of the Hungarian National Assembly
Transfer provided by the organisers
Entrance to the Parliament through Gate XII*

18:00 **Dinner offered by the Hungarian National Assembly**
Venue: Hunters' Hall
During the reception: Photo exhibition by Botond Dávid
Venue: Upper Chamber lounge

19:30-20:00 *Departure of the delegations
Transfer to the hotel (if needed), provided by the organisers*

5 December 2024, Thursday

08:15 *Participants of the Conference leave for the building of the Hungarian National Assembly
Transfer provided by the organisers
Entrance to the Parliament through Gate XII*

09:00-10:15 **Opening of the Conference**
Venue: Upper Chamber Session Hall
Welcome address: *Mr. László KÖVÉR*, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly

Keynote speakers:
Mr. Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Mr. Nicolas LEVRAT, United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues
Mr. Loránt VINCZE, Member of the European Parliament
Ms. Elisabeth SÁNDOR-SZALAY, Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, Ombudsman for the Rights of National Minorities

Chaired by: *Mr. Amb. Ferenc András KALMÁR*, Special Envoy, former Member of the Hungarian parliamentary delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

10:15-10:25 **Family photo**
Venue: The Grand Staircase

10:25-10:45

Coffee break

10:45-12:30

Thematic Session: Cultural heritage and protection of national minorities

Venue: Upper Chamber Session Hall

Speakers:

Mr. Zsolt NÉMETH, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Hungarian National Assembly, Head of the Hungarian parliamentary delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr. Javier Ignacio MAROTO ARANZÁBAL, Vice-President of the Senate of Spain

Ms. Elvira KOVÁCS, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

Chaired by: *Mr. Károly PÁNCZÉL*, Chair of the Committee on National Cohesion of the Hungarian National Assembly

Exchange of views

12:30-13:45

Panel discussion: Good practices - the national minority rights scene in Europe

Venue: Upper Chamber Session Hall

Speakers:

Mr. Paul VIDESOTT, university professor, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

Ms. Madlena MAHLING, Commissioner for Sorbian Affairs, Saxon State Ministry for Science, Culture and Tourism

Mr. Tuomas Aslak JUUSO, Vice President of the Sámi Parliament of Finland

Ms. Erika KISS-KÖLES, Slovene national minority advocate, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Nationalities in Hungary, Hungarian National Assembly

Moderated by: *Ms Katalin SZILI*, Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister and former Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly

Exchange of views

13:45-13:55

Information on the Hungarian EU Presidency

Mr. Barna Pál ZSIGMOND, Deputy Minister for European Union Affairs of Hungary

13:55-14:00

Closing of the conference

Mr. Károly PÁNCZÉL, Chair of the Committee on National Cohesion of the Hungarian National Assembly

- 14:00-15:00 **Buffet lunch offered by the Hungarian National Assembly**
Venue: Nordic Danube Hallway
- 15:00 *Optional guided tour in the building of the Hungarian National Assembly (in English and French)*
- 15:30 *Departure of the delegations*
Transfer to the hotel (if needed), provided by the organisers