



XVIth Meeting of the Association of European Senates

Focus on the senate

*Modern concepts in the functioning of senates
in bicameral parliamentary systems*

PROGRAMME

Thursday 21 May 2015

Afternoon	Arrival of delegations
15.00	Bilateral meetings (optional)
18.00	Transfer from the hotels to the Hall of Knights
18.30	Welcome dinner at the invitation of the President of the Senate of the Netherlands <i>Venue: Hall of Knights</i>
22.00	Transfer to the hotels

Friday 22 May 2015

08.30 - 09.00	Shuttle service from the hotels to the Senate of the Netherlands
09.00	Bilateral meetings (optional)
09.30	Opening of the XVIth Meeting of the Association of European Senates by the President of the Senate of the Netherlands
09.40	Debate on subtheme I: Hard power vs. soft power (<i>Speakers: Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and Romania</i>)
10.40	Family photo / coffee break
11.00	Continuation of the debate on subtheme I: Hard power vs. soft power (<i>Speakers: Switzerland and United Kingdom</i>)
11:30	Debate on subtheme II: Composition of the Senate (<i>Speakers: Belgium and Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>)



12.00	<i>For the Presidents</i> Meeting with His Majesty, King of the Netherlands <i>Venue: Noordeinde Palace</i>	<i>For the Secretaries General</i> Meeting organised by the Secretary General of the Dutch senate <i>Venue: Gravenkamer</i>
	<i>For other members of the delegation</i> Free time	
13.15	<i>For the Presidents</i> Lunch <i>Venue: Museum Bredius</i>	<i>For other members of the delegation</i> Lunch <i>Venue: Noenzaal of the senate</i>
15.00	Continuation of the debate on subtheme II: Composition of the Senate (<i>Speakers: France, Poland, Slovenia and Spain</i>)	
16.00	Debate on subtheme III: The importance of public opinion (<i>Speakers: Austria, Czech Republic, Ireland and The Netherlands</i>)	
17.00	Closing remarks by the President of the Senate of the Netherlands	
17.15	Announcements on future conferences	
17.30	Closing reception <i>Venue: Hall of the senate</i>	