



UKRAINE WEEK IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



High-level conference European Parliament - Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on capacity building for reform

Monday 29 February

From 14.30	Registration of external participants Venue: Info point of the European Parliament
15.00 – 16.00	Advance briefing by Pat Cox on the main conclusions and recommendations from the report of the Needs Assessment Mission to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Venue: PHS 3C050
16.30 – 17.15	Official opening of the conference Co-Chairs: Elmar Brok , Chair of the EP Foreign Affairs Committee, Co-Chair of the EP Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group Andrej Plenkovi , Lead member on the EP parliamentary support and capacity-building programme for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee Keynote speeches: Martin Schulz , President of the European Parliament Volodymyr Groysman , Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Pat Cox , President of the European Parliament 2002-2004 Johannes Hahn , EU Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Venue: PHS 3C050
17.15 – 17.30	Press point by Martin Schulz , President of the European Parliament, and Volodymyr Groysman , Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Venue: Press corner, 9th floor, PHS
17.30 – 18.00	Press Conference with the heads of political factions of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, together with Andrej Plenkovi Venue: Press Briefing room (Anna Politkovskaya room), PHS 0 A 050



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European Parliament

18.00 –19.30

(upon
invitation)

Cocktail hosted by Ryszard Czarnecki, Vice-President of the European Parliament, on behalf of Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament

Venue: Yehudi Menuhin, PHS

19.30 – 21.30

(upon
invitation)

Screening of the 2016 Oscar nominee documentary "Winter on fire" in cooperation with the Ukraine Mission and the United States Mission to the European Union

Venue: Yehudi Menuhin, PHS



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Tuesday 1 March

09.00 – 11.00	High-level discussions 1 and 2 (running in parallel) 1. Relations between the legislative and the executive Venue: ASP 5G3 2. Role of a Parliament in the budget cycle Venue: ASP 5G2
11.15 – 13.15	High-level discussions 3 and 4 (running in parallel) 3. Openness, transparency and accountability: the representation role of a Parliament Venue: ASP 5G3 4. Administrative reform of the Verkhovna Rada: the role of a strong and independent secretariat Venue: ASP 5G2
13.15 - 14.30 (upon invitation)	Lunch hosted by Andrej Plenkovi , Lead member on the EP parliamentary support and capacity-building programme for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee Venue: Members' Restaurant, ASP ground floor
14.30 – 15.30 (upon invitation)	Joint political group leaders' meeting of the European Parliament and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine hosted by Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament Venue: PHS 6 B54
14.30 – 15.30	Debate on "Ethical standards for parliamentarians for greater public trust and accountability" organised by Kaja Kallas (1st Vice-Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee), in cooperation with the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and USAID RADA Programme Venue: ASP 5G1



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<p>15.30 – 17.30</p>	<p>High-level discussions 5 and 6 (running in parallel)</p> <p>5. The role of Parliament and Political Parties: towards a culture of dialogue, compromise and consensus building</p> <p>Venue: PHS 6 B001</p> <p>6. Best practices on harmonisation of national legislation with EU acquis (Thematic meeting of the Bureau of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee)</p> <p>Venue: ASP 5G3</p>
<p>17.30 – 19.00</p>	<p>Debate on "Verkhovna Rada and civil society: collaboration for reforms in 2016" organised by the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee in cooperation with the Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels and the European Endowment for Democracy</p> <p>Venue: ASP 5G3</p>



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Wednesday 2 March

08.00 – 09.30

(upon
invitation)

Meeting of the Enlarged Bureau of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Venue: Members' Restaurant, Salon, ASP ground floor

10.30 – 12.00

Official closing of the conference

Co-Chairs:

Pat Cox, President of the European Parliament 2002-2004

Volodymyr Groyzman, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Keynote speeches:

Helga Schmid, Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service

Andrej Plenkovi, Lead member on the EP parliamentary support and capacity-building programme for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Ostap Semerak, Chair of the Verkhovna Rada delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee

Signature of an "Administrative Cooperation Agreement" between the General Secretariat of the European Parliament and the Secretariat of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

by **Klaus Welle**, Secretary-General of the European Parliament, and

Volodymyr Slyshynskyi, First Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada

Venue: PHS 3C050

End of the "Ukraine week"