

Legislatures and Citizens

Final Regional Conference

1-4 April 2004, Budapest, Hungary

Venue

Hilton Budapest Westend, Budapest, Hungary, Tel +36 (1) 288 5500, Fax +36 (1) 288 5588

Participants

Representatives of EU Parliaments and Southeastern European Parliaments; representatives of civil society organisations from Southeastern European countries; experts from European Union countries; representatives of inter-governmental agencies; members of the Steering Committee and staff of the East-West Parliamentary Practice Project.

Thursday, 1 April 2004

Arrival of foreign guests in Budapest

19:00 Dinner reception at the Hungarian MPs Club, Szalay utca 4, Budapest

Friday, 2 April 2004

Conference Hall M Floor, Hilton Hotel

09:00 Departure of participants from Hotel Hilton

09:20 Arrival at the Hungarian Parliament, Gate no. XVII

09:30 – 10:15 **The functioning of the Hungarian National Assembly and the experience with the European Parliament by Mr. Szabolcs Fazakas, MP, Chairman of the Hungarian IPU Group; Observer to the European Parliament**

10:15 – 11:00 Guided tour of the Parliament (in two groups)

11:00 – 11:20 Transfer by bus to hotel

11:30 – 12:00 Registration of participants

12:00 – 12:15 **Opening of the conference by Albert Koenders, MP, Chairman of the EWPPP Steering Committee**

12:15-13:00 **Theme: Parliamentary cooperation with civil society: common gaps in resources and know-how throughout the region**

Chair: Albert Koenders, MP, The Netherlands

The first part of the conference will address specific gaps in resources and know-how that the project participants have identified in the process, including common approaches to common problems in the region

The Parliamentary Perspective

Presentations by representatives of Southeast European parliaments (five minutes):

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- FYR of Macedonia
- Kosovo
- Montenegro
- Romania
- Serbia

13:00-14:30 Lunch in the hotel restaurant

14:30- 15:10 **The NGO Perspective**

Chair: Lord Roper, UK

Presentations by representatives of partner NGOs (five minutes):

- Albanian Centre for Human Rights (Albania)
- Centres for Civic Initiatives (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Free and Democratic Bulgaria Foundation (Bulgaria)
- Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (Croatia)
- Centre for Strategic Research and Documentation (FYR of Macedonia)
- OSCE Mission in Kosovo (OMIK)
- Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (Montenegro)
- Asociația Pro Democratia (Romania)
- European Movement in Serbia (Serbia)

15:10 – 16:00 **General discussion**

16:00-16:20 Coffee break

16:20- 18:00 **Regional minimum standards of conduct between Parliaments and civil society**

Chair: Jan Dirk Blaauw, The Netherlands

Panel discussion:

Makbule Ceco, MP, Deputy Speaker of the Albanian Parliament

Ivo Hristov, Chief Expert, Committee on Legal Affairs, Bulgarian National Assembly

Stevan Lilic, Democratic Centre, Professor of Law, Serbia

Miodrag Vlahovic, Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, Montenegro

19:30 Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to restaurant *Udvarhaz*
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Saturday, 3 April 2004

Conference Hall M Floor, Hilton Hotel

09:30 – 11:30 **Theme: Regional Cooperation and EU Integration: EU models of coordination and cooperation**

Chair: Lord Roper

Panel discussion:

Zekeriya Akcam, Member of Parliament, Turkey

Professor Gabriel Fragniere, Former Rector of the College of Europe, Belgium
Otto Vos, fmr. Member of Parliament, The Netherlands

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee break

11:50-13:00 **Recommendations and follow-up: Discussion of recommendations from regional working group meeting**

Chair: Jill Adler, EWPPP Director

During the Legislatures and Citizens regional working meeting, held in Tirana, Albania, from 5-7 September, ideas for a follow-up to the L&C programme after its completion in 2004 were discussed. A summary of the recommendations, as noted below, will form the basis for a general discussion during this concluding session.

Summary of Recommendations for L&C Follow-up:

- To establish institutional cooperation/code of conduct between parliament and citizens at the regional level by recommending minimum procedures and standards for cooperation;
- To set up a *Legislatures and Citizens* standing regional conference on cooperation between parliament and NGOs;
- To establish standards of good legislative practice at the domestic and regional level;
- To develop concrete projects aimed at connecting MPs with citizens, constituents through educating citizens about the legislative process, referenda, civil society monitoring of the implementation of legislation, and promoting citizen participation in the decision making process.

13:00 – 13:30 **Concluding remarks by Lord Roper**

13:30-15:00 Lunch in hotel restaurant

15:30 Cultural tour of Budapest (*Three buses will depart from the Hilton Hotel*)

18:00 Return to hotel

19:15 Departure by bus from the Hilton Hotel for Restaurant Borkatakomba
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Sunday, 4 April 2004

Departure of participants (please refer to the pick-up schedule for your pick-up time)

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

□ Albania

- Makbule Ceco, MP, Deputy Speaker of the Albanian Parliament, Socialist Party
- Gaqo Apostoli, MP, Social Democratic Party
- Ridvan Bode, MP, Secretary General of the Democratic Party
- Vangjel Dule, MP, Chairman of the Human Rights Party
- Jemin Gjana, MP, Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Group, Democratic Party
- Rasim Gjoka, Director, Foundation for the Prevention of Conflicts
- Kozara Kati, Executive Director, Albanian Centre for Human Rights (ACHR)
- Vjollca Mece, Director, Advocacy Centre for Women
- Fatmir Mediu, MP, Chairman of the Committee for the Stability Pact and European Integration, Chairman of the Republican Party
- Edi Paloka, MP, Spokesman for the Democratic Party
- Musa Ulqini, MP, Chairman of the Committee for the Media, Socialist Party

□ Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Dr. Nikola Spiric, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Dr. Dragan Kalinic, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska
- Remzija Kadric, President of the Council of Peoples of the Republic of Srpska, National Assembly of RS
- Slavko Matic, Speaker of the House of Peoples, Parliament of Federation BiH
- Anto Baotic, Secretary of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Federation BiH
- Sevket Hafizovic, Deputy President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska
- Ismet Briga, MP, Parliament of the Federation BiH
- Ivica Cavar, Project Coordinator, Centres for Civic Initiatives (CCI)
- Mirsad Ceman, MP, House of Representatives, Parliamentary Assembly of BiH
- Lejla Deronja, Project Assistant, Centres for Civic Initiatives (CCI)
- Dr. Sead Dizdarevic, Secretary of Constitutional Commission, Parliament of the Federation BiH
- Cedo Dukic, Legal Advisor to the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska
- Izmir Hadziavdic, Secretary in House of Peoples, Parliament of the Federation of BiH
- Zlatan Ohranovic, Executive Director, Centres for Civic Initiatives (CCI)
- Martin Raguz, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliamentary Assembly BiH
- Fadil Sero, Executive Director, Civil Society Promotion (CPCD)
- Bosko Siljegovic, MP, House of Peoples, Parliamentary Assembly of BiH
- Nevenka Trifkovic, MP, National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska

□ Bulgaria

- Vesselin Cherkezov, MP, United Democratic Forces
- Marina Dikova, MP, National Movement Simeon II
- Tatyana Doncheva, MP, Bulgarian Socialist Party
- Ivo Hristov, Chief Expert, Committee on Legal Affairs, National Assembly
- Tatyana Kalkanova, MP, National Movement Simeon II
- Lenko Lenkov, Executive Director, Free and Democratic Bulgaria Foundation
- Mihail Mikov, MP, Bulgarian Socialist Party

- Luben Panov, Director, Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law, Sofia
- Gergana Zhuleva, Chairperson, Access to Information Programme, Sofia
- Mustafa Zinal, MP, Movement for Rights and Freedoms

□ Croatia

- Miljenko Doric, MP, Croatian National Party
- Ankica Gorkic, Serbian Democratic Forum
- Zdenko Haramija, MP, Croatian Peasant Party
- Marija Lugaric, MP, Social Democrat Party
- Bojan Munjin, Vice Director for Civil Society, Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights
- Dubravka Miskovic-Prodanovic, Civilian Committee for Human Rights
- Ivanka Roksandic, MP, Croatian Democratic Union
- Ivana Sucec-Trakostanec, MP, Croatian Democratic Union
- Pejo Trgovcevic, MP, Croatian Party of Rights

□ Macedonia

- Ivan Anastasovski, MP, Social-Democratic Alliance of Macedonia
- Dragan Antonovski, PR Consultant, MOST
- Blagoja Gesovski, MP, Social-Democratic Alliance of Macedonia
- Hulija Hilmi, Project Manager, FORUM CSRD
- Ismet Ramadani, MP, Democratic Prosperity
- Zoran Sapuric, MP, Liberal Democratic Party
- Zivko Temelkovski, Legal Expert, Transparency International - Macedonia
- Talat Xhaferi, MP, Democratic Union for Integration
- Zoran Zaev, MP, Social-Democratic Alliance of Macedonia
- Andrej Zernovski, MP, Liberal Democratic Party

□ Kosovo

- Nexhat Daci, Speaker of the Assembly of Kosovo
- Ahmet Alishani, Advisor to the Speaker, Assembly of Kosovo
- Arsim Bajrami, MP, Head of the Parliamentary Group, Democratic Party of Kosovo
- Bujar Dugolli, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary Group- Alliance for the Future of Kosovo
- Professor Alush Gashi, MP, Democratic League of Kosovo
- Sabri Hamiti, MP, Chairmen of the Parliamentary Group- Democratic League of Kosovo
- Zylfije Hundozi, MP, Alliance for the Future of Kosovo
- Hydajet Hyseni, MP, Democratic Party of Kosovo
- Oliver Ivanovic, MP, Coalition Return
- Dragisa Krstovic, MP, Coalition Return
- Zoja Osmani, Personal Assisnant of the Speaker, Assembly of Kosovo
- Gojko Savic, MP, Coalition Return
- Ramush Tahiri, Political Advisor to the Speaker, Assembly of Kosovo

□ Montenegro

- Dragan Kujovic, Vice-Speaker Montenegrin Parliament, Democratic Party of Socialists
- Dorel Bahrin, MP, Social Democratic Party
- Borislav Banovic, MP, Social Democratic Party
- Marko Canovic, Centre for Democratic Transition (CDT)

- Goran Danilovic, MP, Serbian People's Party
- Ferhat Dinosa, MP, Democratic Union of Albanians
- Dragan Koprivica, MP, Socialist People's Party
- Nenad Koprivica, Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM)
- Miodrag Vlahovic, Coordinator, Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM)
- Zlatko Vujovic, Center for Monitoring Elections
- Miodrag Vukovic, MP, Democratic Party of Socialists

□ Romania

- Radu F. Alexandru, MP, National Liberal Party
- Dorel Bahrin, MP, Social Democratic Party
- Oana Calenciuc, Civil Society Development Foundation
- Radu Ghidau, former Member of Parliament
- Mihaela Mandrea Muraru, MP, Social Democratic Party
- Costel Popa, Deputy Director, Asociatia Pro Democratia
- Virgil Popescu, MP, Social Democratic Party
- Sogor Csaba, MP, Parliament of Romania
- Andreea Sorescu, Program Coordinator, Asociatia Pro Democratia
- Codru Vrabie, Transparency International Romania

□ Serbia

- Dragana Aleksandric, Account Manager, European Movement of Serbia (EMINS)
- Suzana Mrgic Grubjesic, MP, G17+
- Zeljko Ivanji, MP, G17+
- Milos Jevtic, MP, Democratic Party
- Dragan Lakicevic, Project Manager, European Movement of Serbia (EMINS)
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- Ksenija Milivojevic, MP, G17+
- Danijel Pantic, Secretary General, European Movement in Serbia
- Dusan Prorokovic, MP, Democratic Party of Serbia
- Vlajko Senic, Deputy Minister of Trade, Serbian Renewal Movement

□ Representatives of EU and other European countries

- Zekeriya Akcam, Member of Parliament, Turkey
- Ambassador Jean-Daniel Biéler, Director of Working Table 1, Stability Pact
- Jan Dirk Blaauw, fmr. Member of Parliament (1976-2002), The Netherlands
- Petra Bläss, Former Vice-President of the German Parliament, Senior Consultant to the Stability Pact on Parliamentary Cooperation
- Professor Gabriel Fragniere, Former Rector of the College of Europe, Belgium
- Lord John Roper, Liberal Democrat Chief Whip, House of Lords, United Kingdom
- Gerrit Valk, fmr. Member of Parliament (1990-2002), The Netherlands
- Otto Vos, fmr. Member of Parliament (1994-2002), The Netherlands
- Franklin De Vrieze, Political Affairs Officer, Assembly Support Initiative (OSCE Mission in Kosovo)

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- H.E. Dr. Stanko Nick, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Hungary
- H.E. Mr. Saso Veljanovski, Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to Hungary
- H.E. Mr. F.P.R. van Nouhuys, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Hungary
- H.E. Mr. Calin Fabian, Ambassador of the Republic of Romania to Hungary
- H.E. Mr. Dejan Janca, Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro to Hungary

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