



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 Venue: Hall of Knights	
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 (Speakers: Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and Romania)	
10.40	Family photo / coffee break	
11.00	Continuation of the debate on subtheme I: Hard power vs. soft power (Speakers: Switzerland and United Kingdom)	
11:30	Debate on subtheme II: Composition of the Senate (Speakers: Belgium and Bosnia and Herzegovina)	

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