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PROGRAMME

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- 14:00** **Arrival of the participants**
- 14:15 - 14:30** **Opening of the Parliamentary Forum**
- 14:30 - 15:30** **Key-note speeches: "Democracy Assistance as an Essential Ingredient in Foreign Relations"**
- Mr. Edward McMillan-Scott** - VP of the European Parliament
Mr. Emanuelis Zingeris, President, CoD Parliamentary Forum
- Debate on the topic**
Moderator: **Hon. David Kilgour**, Vice-President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum, Canada
- 15:30 - 16:15** **Panel I "The Role of the PF in Developing Democracy Support for Parliaments - structure and mission"**
- Moderator:* **Hon. Lincoln Diaz-Balart**, Vice-President of the CoD Parliamentary Forum, USA
Key-note speaker: **Carl Gershman** - President of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
- 16:15 - 16:30** **BREAK**
- 16:30 - 17:15** **Panel II "The Eastern Partnership and Inter-parliamentary Cooperation"**
- Moderator:* **Markus Meckel** - ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the GDR
Key-note speaker: **Marian Lupu** - President of Moldova
- 17:15 - 18:00** **Topical debate on the recent developments in the Southern Mediterranean**
- 18:00 - 18:30** **Key-note speech of President Buzek**
- 18:30 - 19:00** **Closing remarks**
- 20:00** **Working Dinner**