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## A FEDERALIST AGENDA FOR EUROPE, THE BALTIC PERSPECTIVE:

*Challenges and opportunities  
for European Security & Defence  
and Economic & Political Union*

19 September 2015 | Vilnius

A conference bringing together MEPs, MPs, experts, NGO activists and Europeans from across the Baltic region to discuss **the future of the EU from a Baltic perspective** and to explore and debate federalist solutions to the challenges we face.

This public debate in the Lithuanian parliament will explore two major issues with a European dimension: **Security**, particularly in light of the EU's response to the situation in Ukraine and the economy with reference to the future of the Euro and the need for the completion of the **Economic and Monetary Union** with a true fiscal union.



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## AGENDA

**SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, 9:00-13:00**

**Venue: Constitution Hall, The Seimas - Lithuanian National Parliament**

**Entrance via building 3, A. Tumėno St, Vilnius**

9:00 **Registrations and networking coffee**

9:30 Opening greetings from:

- **Gediminas KIRKILAS**, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas, Prime Minister of Lithuania (2006-2008)
- **Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS**, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

A video message from:

- **Guy VERHOFSTADT**, Leader of the ALDE Party and member of the Spinelli Group in the European Parliament, Prime Minister of Belgium (1999-2008)

Welcoming speech:

### **A FEDERALIST AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BALTIC STATES**

- **Petras AUŠTREVČIUS**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the Union of European Federalists Lithuania

10:00 **SESSION I: TOWARDS A EUROPEAN SECURITY & DEFENCE SYSTEM**

Keynote speech:

- **Elmar BROK**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the European Parliament, President of the Union of European Federalists and Co-Chair of the Spinelli Group in the European Parliament

Interventions from:

- **Veiko SPOLĪTIS**, Member of the Parliament of Latvia, Member of the Defence and Internal Affairs Committee
- **Arnoldas PRANCKEVIČIUS**, Adviser for External Policies, Cabinet of Martin Schultz, President of the European Parliament
- **Renaldas VAISBRODAS**, Chief Foreign Policy Adviser to the President of Lithuania
- **Emanuelis ZINGERIS**, Member of the Seimas, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

11:00 Q&A with the public

11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:45 **SESSION II: FROM A MONETARY UNION TO AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL UNION**

Keynote speeches:

- **Andrius KUBILIUS**, Member of the Seimas, Prime Minister of Lithuania (1999-2000 and 2008-2012)
- **Klaudijus MANIOKAS**, Chairman of the Board, European Social, Legal and Economic Projects (ESTEP)

Interventions from:

- **Žilvinas ŠILĖNAS**, President, Lithuanian Free Market Institute
- **Rokas GRAJAUSKAS**, Chief analyst, Danske Bank for the Baltic States
- **Paolo VACCA**, Secretary General, Union of European Federalists

12:45 Q&A with the public

13:00 **Lunch in the Parliament's Cafe**