



Committee on Foreign Affairs
The Chair

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Dear Chair, dear colleague,

The Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) of the European Parliament attaches great importance to an ongoing dialogue with the national parliaments on the EU's foreign and security policy. With a successful EU accession of the Western Balkans being a key policy priority, it is essential to continue joint parliamentary work on the European future of the EU's south-eastern partners.

Long-term success of the accession process rests on concerted efforts, facilitating dialogue and bringing the region closer to the Union. We, as parliamentarians, play a key role in the oversight of the enlargement process, based on a broad spectrum of fundamental reforms, in particular the rule of law, the fight against corruption and regional integration.

In this regard, I would like to cordially invite you to participate in the next **inter-parliamentary committee meeting (ICM), dedicated to the EU accession process of the Western Balkans**, which will take place on **21 November 2017** in Brussels.

The meeting will provide a unique forum for parliamentary dialogue on the **reform process in the Western Balkans and on EU enlargement**. To exchange views with us, we have invited **lead parliamentarians from the Western Balkan states**, Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Mr **Johannes Hahn** and Director for Western Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey of the EEAS Ms **Angelina Eichhorst**.

The meeting is an integral part of the high-level Roundtable on the European integration process of the Western Balkans, held at the European Parliament on 20-21 November 2017.

The final programme, more detailed practical information and the registration for advanced requests for the floor will be sent to you in due course.

While appreciating your engagement with the European Parliament, I look forward to welcoming you at this important event.

Yours sincerely,



David McAllister

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