

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Budapest, 8 April 2011

Dear Mr/Ms Chairperson,

Hungary holds the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first half of 2011. In line with the practice within the European Union and with a view to the cooperation among national parliaments, the Hungarian National Assembly organizes the traditional meetings of parliamentary committee chairpersons. The agendas and topics of these meetings are in line with the general agenda of the European Union as well as with the priorities of the Hungarian Presidency.

Please allow us, Chairmen of the Committees on Education, Science and Research as well as Employment and Labour of the Hungarian National Assembly **to kindly invite you to the joint meeting organized by our committees on 19-20 May 2011** in Budapest in the parliamentary framework related to the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The venue of the meeting will be the Upper Hall of the National Assembly. We kindly invite you to dinner along with a cultural event on the evening of 19 May.

Please find attached the preliminary draft programme of the meeting, and the general information document.

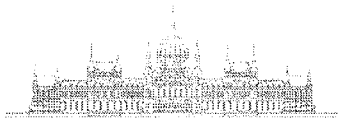
You can register online for the meeting on the EU Presidency website of the National Assembly, <http://www.parliament-eu2011.eu>, by using the username **eduempl.chairs** and the password **budapestmeeting**.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Budapest!

Sincerely yours,

Zoltán Pokorni
Chairman
Committee on Education, Science and Research

Nándor Gúr
Chairman
Committee on Employment and Labour



DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Joint Meeting of Chairpersons of Education, Science and Research, and
Employment and Labour Committees**

Budapest

19-20 May 2011

19 May 2011, Thursday

Arrival of delegations to Budapest

15.00-18.00 Registration at the Hotels

18.00 Departure from the Hotels by buses

18.00-21.30 Dinner and cultural program in the Ceremonial Hall of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

21.30 Return to the Hotels by buses

20 May 2011, Friday

08.30 Departure from the hotels to the venue of the conference

09.00-12.00 Meeting in the former Upper House Session Hall of the Parliament

The access to higher education and mobility, students' loan systems and their finance

09.00 – 09.15

Welcome speech by Mr. Zoltán POKORNI, Chairman of the Committee on Education, Science and Research

09.15 – 09.35

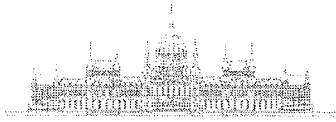
Official for Educational Policy, European Commission (tbc)

09.35 – 09.55

Official of the Ministry of National Resources (tbc)

09.55 – Coffee break

10.15 – 12.00 - Debate



- 12.15** Family photo
- 12.30-13.30** Buffet lunch in the Hunters' Hall, Parliament
- 13.15-13.45** Guided tour in the Parliament
- 14.00-17.00** Meeting

The employment aspects of the Europe 2020 strategy

14.00 – 14.15

Welcome speech by Mr. Nándor GÚR, Chairman of the Committee on Employment and Labour

14.15 – 15.35

Official of the Ministry of National Development (tbc)

14.35 – 15.00

Expert invited by the Committee on Employment and Labour of the Hungarian National Assembly (tbc)

15.00 – 15.30

Mr. László ANDOR, Commissioner for Employment Policy, European Commission

15.30 - 17.00 - Debate

- 17.00** Closure of Conference