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24 April 2013

**Invitation to the Meeting of Chairpersons of Communications, Education and
Transport Committees,
16-17 June 2013**

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Houses of the Oireachtas, we are pleased to invite representatives of your parliament to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of Communications, Education and Transport Committees, which will take place in Dublin on 16 and 17 June 2013. The meeting is being organised as part of the parliamentary dimension of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, during the first half of 2013.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to pass on the enclosed invitation from the Chairpersons of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications and the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection to the relevant committees in your Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Barrett TD
Ceann Comhairle
Dáil Éireann

Senator Paddy Burke
Cathaoirleach
Seanad Éireann



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Transport Committees,
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Dear Colleague,

As Chairpersons of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications and the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection it gives us great pleasure to invite you to the Meeting of the Chairpersons of Communications, Education and Transport Committees, to be held in Dublin as part of the parliamentary dimension of Ireland's EU Presidency.

The meeting will take place on Monday, 17 June 2013 in the historic surroundings of Dublin Castle, preceded by a dinner in Farmleigh House hosted by the Houses of the Oireachtas on the evening of Sunday 16 June 2013.

The draft agenda and a registration form for the meeting are enclosed. Hotel reservations may be made online via the website:

http://cms.ihfhousingbureau.com/ENG/event90_16June13.html

Please ensure that hotel reservations and registrations are made as soon as possible and by 19 May, 2013 at the latest. Further documentation concerning the event will be sent to delegations later this month.

We look forward to seeing you in Dublin.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tom Hayes, T.D.,
Chairperson of the Oireachtas
Joint Committee on Transport
and Communications

Ms. Joanna Tuffy, T.D.,
Chairperson of the Oireachtas
Joint Committee on Education
and Social Protection





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**MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND
TRANSPORT COMMITTEES
DUBLIN, IRELAND, 16-17 JUNE 2013**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one registration form **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** for each participant and send by e-mail to prescomms@oireachtas.ie no later than **19 MAY 2013**.

First Name:		
Last Name:		
Gender:	Male	Female
Parliament/Chamber:		
Position/Role:		
Country:		
Address:		
Telephone:	E-mail:	
Dietary restrictions/allergies/other important requirements:		
Will attend dinner at 20.00 on 16 June 2013:	YES	NO
Will attend lunch at 12.45 on 17 June 2013:	YES	NO
Arrival date:	Flight No. (If available)	
Departure Date:	Flight No. (If available)	

For Security and Accreditation purposes, you are also required to provide the following information:

Date of birth:	Nationality:
Passport Number:	Place of issue:
Date of issue:	Expiration Date:

PLEASE NOTE: Hotel bookings should be made directly with the hotel online at http://cms.ihfhousingbureau.com/ENG/event90_16June13.html no later than **19 MAY** to ensure availability of rooms at the agreed preferential rate.

EU Co-ordinator: Máirín Devlin, Telephone (direct) 00353 1 618 3258, mairin.devlin@oir.ie





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**MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION
AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES**

Dublin Castle, 16-17 June 2013

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 16 June 2013

- 16:00 - 18:15 Registration desk open at the Herbert Park Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.
- 18:30 Departure by bus from Hotel to Farmleigh House
- 19:00 Welcome reception/Tour of Farmleigh House (optional)
- 20:00 Dinner co-hosted by Mr. Tom Hayes, T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Transport and Communications and Ms. Joanna Tuffy, T.D., Chairperson, Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection
- 22:30 Return by bus to the Hotel

Monday, 17 June 2013

- 08:15 Departure by bus from Hotel to Dublin Castle
- 09:00 **Opening address**
- Mr. Tom Hayes, T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Transport and Communications
- Theme of meeting: Connecting Europe's Citizens and Communities in a Digital Age**
- 09.10 **Session 1**
- Topic:** Rethinking Education for a Digital Age
- Chair:** Ms. Joanna Tuffy, T.D., Chairperson, Joint Committee on Education and Social Protection
- Address by:
- (i) Mr. Jan Trzuszczynski, Director General for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, European Commission (15 mins)
 - (ii) Mr. Ruairi Quinn, T.D., Minister for Education and Skills (15 mins)
- Debate
- 10.45 **Family Photo/Coffee break**



11:15

Session 2

Topic: The Smart Move - Progress Towards Intelligent Transport Systems

Chair: Mr. Tom Hayes, T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Transport and Communications

Address by:

- (i) Mr Olivier Onidi, Director for Innovative and Sustainable Mobility (DG Move), European Commission
- (ii) Mr Gerry Murphy, CEO, National Transport
- (iii) Speaker 3 (TBC)

Debate

12.45

Buffet Lunch

Venue: Castle Hall, Dublin Castle

14:15

Session 3

Topic: The Digital Agenda Towards 2020

Chair: Mr. Tom Hayes, TD, Chairman, Joint Committee on Transport and Communications

Address by:

- (i) Mr. Robert Madelin, Director-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect), European Commission (10mins)
- (ii) Mr. Pat Rabbitte, T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (10mins)
- (iii) Lord David Puttnam, Ireland's Digital Champion for the Digital Agenda (10mins)

Debate

Closing Address

15.45

Mr. Tom Hayes, T.D., Chairman, Joint Committee on Transport and Communications

16.00

Departure by bus from Dublin Castle to Hotel



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMUNICATIONS, EDUCATION AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES

16 - 17 June 2013

Date and venue

The Conference will be held at Dublin Castle on 16-17 June 2013. The address of the venue is the Conference Centre, [Dublin Castle](#), 2 Palace Street, Dublin 2.
ACCESS ONLY THROUGH THE PALACE STREET GATE.

Registration of Participants

All participants are kindly requested to fill in a registration form and return it to prescomms@oir.ie by **19 May 2013**. The form is also available at <http://www.parleu2013.ie> by clicking on the name of the Conference in the calendar.

Registration

Registration Desks will be located in the main entrance hall of the Herbert Park Hotel from 16.00hrs on the day of arrival. Identity badges and other Conference material can be collected from this Desk. All participants are kindly requested to wear their identity badges at all times for security reasons and in order to ensure their access to shuttle buses, conference rooms and receptions and/or other events in the programme.

The ribbons and identity badges correspond to the following categories of participants:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • White with ParlEU2013.ie logo | - Delegate Member |
| • Blue | - Delegate Staff |
| • Red | - Event/Support Staff |

Accommodation

Block bookings have been made by the Houses of Oireachtas at agreed preferential rate/s at the following hotel/s.

**Herbert Park Hotel,
Anglesea Road,
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4.**

Phone: +353 1 667 2200
Fax: +353-1-667 2595

All participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation by **19 May 2013** using the following URL:

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Requests for accommodation will be dealt on a first-come-first-served basis and any requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed.

Any queries concerning accommodation may be addressed to:

Stephanie Howard
Phone: +00353-1-466 8262
howards@ihf.ie

Accommodation cost is covered by participants.

Arrival and departure

All participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the airport to their hotel.

Approximate costs of transfer from Dublin Airport to the Herbert Park Hotel are as follows:

Taxi:	€50
<u>Aircoach:</u>	€8 single - €14 return, Ballsbridge Service-Merrion Road Coach Stop.
<u>747 Airlink</u>	€6.00 single

Transportation during the Conference

Transportation will be provided from the hotel to the venue of the Conference and vice versa, as well as for all social events included in the programme.

Simultaneous interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French. Details of the full language regime and the relevant channels will be made available on the day of the conference.

Documents

Working documents will be regularly updated on the Oireachtas EU Presidency website www.parleu2013.ie. Final versions will be provided upon registration and at the meeting venue. Documents will be provided in English and French.

Requests to take the floor

Participants wishing to take the floor are requested to fill in a separate "Request for the floor" card for each Session of the Conference. The cards can be found in the material received upon registration. A separate coloured card will correspond to each agenda item. A list of speakers, based on the cards received by the Presidency Secretariat, will be drawn up by the Chairperson of the Conference and, once the floor is given, speakers can deliver their speeches from their seats.



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Services during the Conference

Participants will have access to a working station, equipped with computers, Internet access and fax machines and all other relevant communication facilities. A Wi-Fi service will be available. Full access details will be provided to delegates on the day of the conference.

Coffee will be provided at the time indicated on the programme. Food and beverages are not allowed in the Conference room.

Information Desk

An Information Desk will be situated outside the Conference room and will be available in order to assist participants with any practical matter.

Press Facilities

Press Facilities will be provided during the Conference. Access will be given to correspondents of national and international press, radio and television, who have been accredited in advance via the www.parleu2013.ie webpage.

Live Broadcast

The Meeting will be webcast live on www.parleu2013.ie

Medical Service

Medical services will be available during the Conference.

Non-smoking policy

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas in hotels and all public places. An outdoor space outside the Conference Centre can be used by smokers and will be clearly signposted.

Currency

The national currency of Ireland is the Euro.

Power

It is important to note that the plugs and sockets used in Ireland and the UK (including Northern Ireland) are different from those in use in the rest of Europe. Delegates are advised to use 3 square pin adapters (230v/50hz) for use with their laptops, etc.

Weather

The Irish summer starts in May. The average lowest temperature is 8°C and the highest is 22°C.



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