

COURTESY TRANSLATION

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**Invitation to the Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial
Governance of the European Union on 16–17 October 2013**

Dear Colleagues,

In our position as Chairs of the Committee on Budget and Finance and the Committee on Economics of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, we are honoured to extend our invitation to you to the inaugural meeting of the interparliamentary conference under Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union to be held on 16–17 October 2013 in the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania in Vilnius. We propose to call the new conference, established by the decision of the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments held in Nicosia on 23 April 2013, the Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union.

The Interparliamentary Conference will focus on the most topical issues related to the economic and financial governance of the European Union. We will debate on setting the right framework for post-crisis economic and financial governance, on how to restore economic growth in Europe and will attempt to evaluate the progress in the creation of the banking union, in achieving budgetary consolidation and in implementing structural reforms in the EU Member States most affected by the crisis.

You are cordially invited to the dinners with cultural programme on 16 and 17 October 2013.

Please note that the Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments in Nicosia agreed that the new conference should consist of representatives of relevant committees from all the national Parliaments of the Member States of the European Union and the European Parliament. The Speakers of the European Union Parliaments also decided that “the new mechanism could be built upon the formula of the Conference on CFSP and CSDP, replacing the meetings of the Chairpersons of relevant Committees, organised by each Presidency, thus rendering it cost-effective. The composition and size of each delegation rests upon each Parliament.”

Please find enclosed the draft programme of the Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union, general information and hotel booking forms. For more information, please visit the website of the parliamentary dimension of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union at www.eu2013.lrs.lt. On the website, you can also register for the Conference online.

You are kindly requested to register for the Conference **no later than 30 September 2013**.

We look forward to welcoming you in Vilnius.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair of the Committee on Budget and
Finance

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