



Secretary General of the Storting

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Dear Colleague,

I would like to inform you that the next European Conference of Presidents of Parliament will take place in Oslo on 11-12 September 2014.

The Conference will have three themes:

1. Majority and opposition – striking a balance in democracy
2. Fundamental constitutional rights and freedoms – participation, trust and public debate as conditions for democracy
3. Current political issue

With respect to the third theme on a specific political issue of current interest, the secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) will be grateful to receive any proposal your President might wish to make. These should reach the secretariat by 15 April 2014 (email: wojciech.sawicki@coe.int).

The Secretaries General of Parliament will meet during the Conference in order to approve the activity report and action programme of the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD) and establish priorities for its functioning. The activity report as well as the draft agenda of our meeting will be sent to you in due course.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 11 September 09:30-10:30. Should you wish to raise any supplementary item of common interest, do not hesitate to contact me or the Secretary General of the PACE so that it can be added to the draft agenda.

Attached you will find practical information relevant to the conference. Further information will be made available on the conference website www.stortinget.no/ecpp-2014. Online registration will be opened on this website on 15 February 2014.

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2014 is the bicentenary of the Norwegian Constitution, the second oldest written constitution in the world. This will be celebrated throughout the year, including during the European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments. The social program of the conference will include an excursion to the Eidsvoll Manor where the constitution was written and signed in 1814.

I look forward to welcoming you in Oslo.

Yours sincerely,



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