

**Programme of the meeting with the Social Democrat and Socialist Leaders of
Parliamentary Groups in Western Balkans
(16 October, Brussels, A3H1)**

Tuesday, 15 October 2013

Individual arrival of the guests from Western Balkans' countries

Wednesday, 16 October 2013

10:00 - 12:30 - Internal meeting

"Implications of Croatia's accession. Regional cooperation"

Chairs: - Libor Roucek, Vice president of the S&D Group

Keynote speaker: - Picula Tonino, member of the S&D Group

- Tanja Fajon, member of the S&D Group

Rapporteur of the European Parliament on visa liberalisation

12:30 - 14:00 - Presentation of the 2013 Enlargement reports at an extraordinary meeting of the Committee on Foreign Affairs)

14:00 - 15:00 - Lunch buffet

15:00 - 18:15 - **EU enlargement process and perspectives for the countries of the Western Balkans. Difficulties on the path towards accession**

Moderator: - Libor Roucek, Vice president of the S&D Group

Introductory remarks by:

- Richard Howitt, member of the S&D Group

Rapporteur of the European Parliament on for the accession of the FYR of Macedonia

- Maria Eleni Koppa, member of the S&D Group,

Rapporteur of the European Parliament on "Enlargement policies, criteria and the EU's strategic interests"

- Knut Fleckenstein, member of the S&D Group

"Tour de table" with the participants from the Western Balkan countries, presenting developments in their respective countries.

Political developments in the Western Balkan Countries

Moderator: Libor Roucek, Vice president of the S&D Group

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Concluding remarks:

- Hannes Swoboda, President of the S&D Group

Thursday, 17 October 2013

Individual departures