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9th and concluding seminar in the series ***Getting Ready for Presidency:***

Supporting the EU Presidency: The role of the national delegate

Date and place

Thursday, **26 May 2016, 12.00 hrs - 16.30 hrs.**, Meeting room of the Parliamentary Committee for Human Rights, building of the Parliamentary Institute, Bratislava Castle premises

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Topic 1 (12,00 - 13,30 hrs)

Supporting the EU Presidency: The role of the national delegate

Through a combination of discussion and presentation, this session will identify the role of the national delegate and good practices in supporting the Presidency and the skills needed

Break (13,30 - 13,45 hrs)

Topic 2 (13,45 - 14,45 hrs)

The national delegate's preparation for negotiations in Council Working Groups

This session will discuss National/Presidency priorities v. line ministry's priorities, the preparation of negotiation mandate (incl. planning the compromise) and the importance of coordination

Break (14,45 - 15,00 hrs)

Topic 3 (15,00 - 16,15 hrs)

Communicating national position & other issues

This final session will be an opportunity to bring up all issues that were not covered before as well as how to strengthen your EU negotiation skills, preparation of speaking points, dos and don'ts in written and spoken communication and (active) listening, coordination within the Trio

16.15 hrs

End and a glass of wine

Speakers:

Peter Goldschmidt, Director of the European Institute for Public Administration's antenna in Luxembourg – EIPA Luxembourg

His Excellency Richard van Rijssen, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Slovakia