<u>Press release - 8th Euronest Assembly:</u> <u>the future of relations with Eastern</u> <u>partners</u>



Members of the <u>Euronest Parliamentary Assembly</u> will meet in Tbilisi, Georgia, for the 8th Ordinary Session, from 8 to 10 December. The Assembly is comprised of 60 MEPs and 10 members from each of the participating parliaments of the Eastern European partners (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine).

Georgian Parliament Speaker Archil Talakvadze will open the session on 9 December. The meetings will be co-chaired by MEP <u>Andrius Kubilius</u> (EPP, LT) and Ivan Krulko, member of the Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian parliament).

European Parliament President <u>David Sassoli</u> will be represented in Tbilisi by Vice-President <u>Klara Dobrev</u> (S&D, HU).

Political affairs, economic integration, energy security and social matters

The opening session will be preceded by several meetings of the different Euronest committees and working groups, focussing on a wide range of subjects.

Participants will adopt resolutions on political affairs, economic integration, energy security and social matters. As 2019 marks the 10th anniversary of the Eastern Partnership, members will also reflect on the future of this policy, in the run-up to the next Eastern Partnership Summit scheduled to take place in the spring of 2020.

Here is the programme of the event.

Press briefing

A press conference with the two Co-Presidents of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly (Mr Kubilius and Mr Krulko) is scheduled for Tuesday, 10 December at 12.30 (local time), in the Ballroom at the Biltmore Hotel in Tbilisi.

Rules for media accreditation here (Website of the Georgian parliament).

Background

The Euronest PA was established on 3 May 2011 in Brussels, when the Presidents (or their representatives) of the Armenian, Azerbaijani, Georgian, Moldovan, Ukrainian and European Parliaments signed the Assembly's Constitutive Act.

The mission of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly is to promote the conditions necessary to accelerate political association and further economic integration between the EU and the Eastern European Partners, as well as to strengthen cooperation within the region and between the region and the EU. The multilateral Assembly contributes to strengthening, developing and making the Eastern Partnership visible.