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SPEAKER OF
THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

His Excellency Mr. Søren Gade
Speaker of the Danish Parliament of the Kingdom of Denmark

Copenhagen

Budapest, 6 May 2024

Dear Colleague,

From 1 July to 31 December 2024, Hungary will for the second time have the honour of holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU. On this occasion, for the second time, the Hungarian National Assembly will host and be the main organiser of the EU interparliamentary events taking place during the semester and beyond.

Please allow me, dear Colleague, to attach to this letter a calendar of interparliamentary events to be held during the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2024. At the five meetings in Budapest and one in Brussels, and at the EU Speakers Conference in the Hungarian Parliament Building in the first half of 2025, all participating members of parliaments will have the opportunity to express their views on the main challenges faced by the EU.

I would also like to inform you that the invitations to the 2024 Budapest events, together with the programmes, will be sent by the chairs of the relevant committees of the National Assembly to their partners in accordance with the rules of procedure of each conference.

Up-to-date information on the events of the parliamentary cooperation organised by the Hungarian Presidency will be available on the website www.parleu2024.parlament.hu, which will be officially launched on 1 July 2024. The full documentation of our events will be made available on the presidency website of the National Assembly, and video recordings of events will also be available on the website.

I can assure you that the National Assembly will carry out its responsibilities related to the Presidency in accordance with the principles of openness and mutual respect. I am convinced that instead of ideological divisions, Europe must show unity in these troubled times, and that the EU institutions must propose policies in the future that put the interests of the people first.

The Budapest meetings will take place in the historic building of the Hungarian Parliament. This location is not only a symbol of the more than 1,100 years of Hungarian statehood, but also an expression of the unity of our nation and its will to forge its own destiny. I am confident that under our Presidency, the Parliament Building can also become a symbol of European unity, and underline the will of EU parliaments and national parliaments aspiring to the European Union to play a decisive role in shaping the future of Europe.

Dear Colleague, also on behalf of the Hungarian National Assembly, I look forward to welcoming you and your fellow members of parliament to Budapest for the parliamentary events of the Hungarian Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

Kövér László

Dates of the interparliamentary events organised during the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union between 1 July – 31 December 2024
(Version of 21 March 2024)

2nd half of 2024	
28–29 July 2024 (Sunday–Monday)	Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC (Budapest)
9–10 September 2024 (Monday–Tuesday)	Inter-Parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (IPC on CFSP/CSDP, Budapest)
3–4 October 2024 (Thursday–Friday)	Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU (IPC on SECG, Budapest)
27–29 October 2024 (Sunday–Tuesday)	Plenary Meeting of the LXXII COSAC (Budapest)
11–12 November 2024 (Monday–Tuesday)	Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG on Europol, Brussels)
4-5 December 2024 (Wednesday-Thursday)	Conference on the topic of cultural heritage and the identity of national communities (Budapest)
1st half of 2025	
9–10 February 2025 (Sunday–Monday)	Meeting of the Secretaries General of the European Union Parliaments (EUSG, Budapest)
11–13 May 2025 (Sunday–Tuesday)	Conference of the Speakers of European Union Parliaments (EUSC, Budapest)