



Dear Speaker, dear Colleague,

The States-General of The Netherlands and the European Parliament are pleased to invite you to the Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (the Conference following Article 13 of the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU (TSCG)). The European Parliament also invites you to the Interparliamentary meeting on the European Semester Cycles 2015/2016. Both events are part of the 2016 edition of the European Parliamentary Week (EPW).

The **Interparliamentary meeting on the European Semester Cycles 2015/2016** on 16 February, organised by the European Parliament, will provide an opportunity to debate the recently proposed changes to the European semester process and exchange of information on best practices in implementing the Semester cycles, and to strengthen cooperation in order to scrutinise the actions of the executive at national and European levels within the framework of the European Semester cycle.

The **Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union** on 17 February, co-hosted and co-chaired over by the Netherlands Parliament and the European Parliament, will provide a framework for debate and exchange of information and best practices in implementing the provisions of the Treaty in order to strengthen cooperation between national Parliaments and the European Parliament and contribute to ensuring democratic accountability in the area of economic governance and budgetary policy in the EU, particularly in the EMU, taking into account the social dimension and without prejudice to the competences of EU Parliaments.

Both conferences will take place at the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels and will bring together Parliamentarians from across the EU.

We very much hope that your Parliament/Chamber will be represented at both events of the 2016 EPW and we are convinced that your participation will contribute to fruitful discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the
European Parliament

Ankie Broekers-Knol
President of the Senate
of the Netherlands

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Acting Speaker of the
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of the Netherlands