

# EPP 04 - 05 May Munich, Germany Political Assembly

*“Innovate Europe with ambition, the best ideas, and strong regions”*

**Political Assembly – Munich**

**4-5 May 2023**

**Draft agenda**

**Thursday, 4 May**

**14:15 – 19:30 Political Assembly DAY 1**

**Isarpost - Sonnenstrasse 24-26 – 80331 München**

**14:15-14:30**

## **OPENING OF THE POLITICAL ASSEMBLY**

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Adoption of the Minutes of the Political Assembly of 9-10 March

**14:30- 16:00**

## **SESSION 1: SPECIAL INTERVENTION**

- Manfred Weber, President of the EPP, Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament
- Friedrich Merz, MdB, President of CDU, Chairman of the CDU/CSU Group in the German Bundestag
- Dr. Markus Söder, MdL, Minister-President of Bavaria, President of CSU

Followed by a discussion moderated by EPP President Weber

*16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break*

**16:30-18:00**

**SESSION 2: POWERING EUROPE'S FUTURE WITH INNOVATION**

- Chaired by Mariya Gabriel, Vice-President of the EPP, Commissioner for Innovation
  - Dr. Jan Bormans, CEO, European StartUp Network (ESN)
  - Prof. Dr. Angelika Niebler, MEP, Deputy party leader CSU, head of the CSU delegation in the European Parliament
  - Milena Stoycheva, CEO of JA Bulgaria and The Edge: R&BD
  - Peter Vesterbacka, Founder, Entrepreneur and Investor
  - Prof. Dr. Isabell M. Welpe, Technical University of Munich

Followed by a discussion moderated by Vice-President Gabriel

**18:00-19:30**

**SESSION 3: THE EPP AS THE ADVOCATE FOR THE RURAL AREAS**

- Chaired by David McAllister, Vice-President of the EPP
  - Herbert Dorfmann, MEP, EPP Coordinator AGRI committee in the European Parliament
  - Gunther Felssner, President of the Bavarian Farmers' Association
  - Kestutis Navickas, Minister for Agriculture, Lithuania
  - Marija Vučković, Minister for Agriculture, Croatia

Followed by a discussion moderated by Vice-President McAllister

Conclusion by Thanasis Bakolas, Secretary General of the EPP

**20:00 – BAVARIAN EVENING**

**Augustiner Bräustuben – Landsberger Strasse 19 – 80339 München**

Greeting by

- Manfred Weber, President of the EPP, Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament
- Martin Huber, Secretary General of CSU

**Friday, 5 May**

**9:00 – 14:00 Political Assembly DAY 2**

**Isarpost - Sonnenstrasse 24-26 – 80331 München**

**9:00-10:30**

**SESSION 4: INNOVATE EUROPE WITH STRONG REGIONS**

- Chaired by Siegfried Mureşan, Vice-President of the EPP
  
- Olgierd Geblewicz, President of the EPP Group in the European Committee of the Regions
- Sven Schulze, State Minister for Economic Affairs and President of the CDU Sachsen-Anhalt, Member of the EPP Group in the European Committee of the Regions

Followed by a discussion moderated by Vice-President Mureşan

**10:30-11:15**

**SESSION 5: WORKING TOGETHER – SPECIAL INTERVENTION**

- Eduard Heger, Prime Minister of Slovakia

Followed by a discussion moderated by EPP President Weber

**11:15- 11:45 SPECIAL INTERVENTION**

- Natalia Gavrilița, Former Prime Minister of Moldova

Followed by a discussion moderated by EPP Vice-President Mureşan

**11:45 – 12:00 SPECIAL INTERVENTION**

- Elisabeth Schneider-Schneiter, Member of the National Council of Switzerland, Die Mitte

Followed by a discussion moderated by EPP Vice-President McAllister

**12:15- 14:00**

**SESSION 6: INTERNAL PARTY MATTERS**

- Membership
  - Acknowledgement of name change and legal succession from Spolu to Democrats
  - Support of WG EPP membership recommendation for upgrade of PDP BiH from Observer to Associate member
- Resolutions
  - EPP Paper *Powering Europe's Future with Innovation*
- Reports
  - Chairperson of the EPP Group in the European Committee of the Regions
  - Chairperson of the EPP/CD Group in the CoE Parliamentary Assembly
  - Chairperson of the EPP and likeminded Group in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
  - Chairperson of the EPP and associated Group in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
  - Chairperson of the EPP Group in the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly
  - President of the Martens Centre
  - Associations (YEPP, EUCDW, SME europe, EPP Women, ESU, EDS, RSI)
  - Member parties
- Any other business

Closing remarks by Manfred Weber, President of the EPP, Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament