

MR. SPEAKER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE OF THE SPEAKERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION PARLIAMENTS IN PARIS

The Hon Louis Galea, Speaker of the House of Representatives, will be participating in the Conference of the Speakers of the European Union Parliaments, to be held in Paris on the 27-28 February 2009. The National Assembly and the Senate of France currently hold the presidency of the EU Speakers'Conference.

The Conference is a forum where the Speakers of the Parliaments of Member States of the European Union and the European Parliament meet annually. This year's conference will focus on the following themes:

- Institutional future of the European Union and implementation of the clauses of the Lisbon Treaty by the national parliaments;
- Europe and crisis management: the involvement of parliaments;
- The preparation of the parliamentary dimension of the Presidency of the European Union; and
- The future of Europe for the year 2030.

The Speakers of the EU Parliaments will attend the inauguration of the exhibition of photographs dedicated to the "European identities" that will be hung on the railings of the Luxembourg Garden.

Speaker Louis Galea will be accompanied by the Clerk of the House, Ms Pauline Abela.

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