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Report

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Sunday 1st February 2009

- 00.45 **Departure to Brussels.**
The trip to Brussels will take 17 hours (with several stops for Breakfast and lunch)
- Around 18.00 Arrival in Brussels.

Monday 2nd February 2009

- 9.00 Departure by bus to the Council of the EU.
- 9.30 Visit to **the Council of the European Union**
Welcome by Mrs. **Silvia ANGLADA**, General Direction F, **Visits-Public Events**.
- 10.00 Conference **“The Council of the European Union”**, by **Mr. Lars-Erik SVENSSON**, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Directorate –General C – Internal Market, competitiveness, Industry, Research, Energy, Transport, Information Society.
- 11.15 Visit of **the Committee of the Regions**,
- 11.30 Conference **“The role of the Committee of the Regions in the European Union Decision-Making process”**.
By **Mr. Klaus Hullmann**, Communication, Press, and Protocol Directorate Visitors' Service.
- 15h00 Visit of **the Brussels Office of the Union of Cyprus Municipalities**,
Conference **“The Union of Cyprus Municipalities”**,
By **Fanis PANTELOGIANNIS**, Alumni IEHEI (2002/03), Head of Brussels Office, Union of Cyprus Municipalities.
- 17.00 Free time in Brussels.
- 19.00 Meeting with the alumni of IEHEI/CIFE working in Brussels.

Free dinner.

Tuesday 3rd February 2009

- 8.45 Departure by Tram and Metro to the European Commission.
- 9.45 Visit of **the European Commission**
- Welcome and presentation of the programme by **Mrs. Isabelle VAN KEIRSBILCK**, Priority visits' service
- 10.00 Conference **“The Institutions of the European Union - The State of the Union ”**
By **Mr. Jo VANDERCAPPELLEN**, Member of the Speakers Team, Directorate-General "Education and Culture"
- 11.15 break

- 11.30 Conference **“The EU’s Competition policy”**
By **Mrs Gaëtane GODDIN**, Unit "Antitrust: Transport and Post",
Directorate-General "Competition"
- 12.30 **Lunch hosted by the European Commission.**
- 14.00 Conference **“Consumer Protection ”**
By **Mr Jens THOMMSEN** , Unit "Consumer Contract and Marketing law"
Directorate-General "Health and Consumer Protection"
- 15.00 Break
- 15.15 Conference **“Enlargement of the European Union”**
By **Mr Ruud VAN ENK**, Unit "Kosovo Issues"
Directorate-General "Enlargement"
- 16.15 End of the information visit to the European Commission and departure to Strasbourg.

Free dinner during the trip to Strasbourg.
- 23.00 Arrival to Strasbourg.

Wednesday 4th February 2009

- 9.30 Departure by bus for **the Council of Europe.**
- 9.00 Visit of the **Council of Europe**
- 10.30 - Guided visit to **the “Palais de l’Europe” and the “Parliamentary Assembly Hemicycle”**.
- 11.00 - Conference **“The role of the Council of Europe in the European political architecture”**
by **Mr. Jeremy MOAKES**, Head of the Division of the Public Relations,
Direction of the Communication, Council of Europe.

Free lunch.
- 14.00 Visit of **the European Court of Human Rights**
-Welcome by **Mrs Anne KENNEWELL**, Visit Unit, ECHR.
- 14.30 -Conference **“General presentation of the ECHR”**
By **Ms Cristina GONTA**, Alumni IEHEI (2005-06 Trilingual Branch), Lawyer at the Registry
of the ECHR.
- 17.00 Meeting point in the front of **the Municipality of Strasbourg**, Place Broglie.
- 17.30 **Reception** in honour of the IEHEI student group, given by **Mr Roland RIES**, Mayor of
Strasbourg at: **The “Hotel de Ville of Strasbourg”**
Free dinner at Strasbourg.

Thursday 5th February 2009

- 8.00 Departure by Tram to the European Parliament.
- 9.00 Visit of **the European Parliament**,
Building Louise Weiss – Strasbourg
- 9.30 - Conferences given by **Mr Gérard ONESTA**, Vice-president of the EP ;
Mr Burno BOISSIERE, Former MEP, Director of CIFE Office in Brussels.
- 10.30 Participation in a part of the **plenary session of the European Parliament**
in the public tribune.
- 12.30 **Lunch** at the “**Winston Churchill**” restaurant in the European Parliament
With some officials of the EP.
- 14.30 Trip to Annecy.

Free dinner during the trip to Annecy.
- 23.15 Arrival to Annecy.

Friday 6th February 2009

- 8.30 Departure to Geneva
- 10.00 Guided visit to « **The Nations Palace** »
- 11.00 - Conference “**The UN Human rights protection**”
By **Mrs Estelle ASKEW-RENAULT**, officer at the office of **the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

Free Lunch in Geneva
- 13.45 Visit of the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**
- 14.00 Welcome by **Ms Nilay ATESOGULLARI**, Alumni IEHEI (2007/08, Anglophone Branch),
Coordinator, Visitor Centre, division of external Relations.
Introductory Film
- 14.15 Conference - Debate “**The UNHCR actions** ”
By **Ms Tina TENDE**, Special Advisor, Secretariat and Inter-Agency Svc.
- 15.30 Visit of **the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission to the International Organizations in Geneva**
- 15.45 - Conference “**The Delegation of the Commission and the Lisbon Treaty**” by
Mr David Spence, Alumni IEHEI (1972-1973), First Counsellor, EU Delegation Geneva.
- 16.15 - Conference “**The Geneva Delegation and the World Trade Organisation**”, by
Mr John Clarke, Minister Counsellor, EU Delegation, Geneva.

- 16.45 Break.
- 17.00 - Conference “**The European Diplomacy**”, by **Mr Davis Spence**.
- 17.45 Trip back to Annecy. Free diner at Annecy.

Saturday 7th February 2009

- 9.30 Departure for Nice
19.00 Arrival in Nice



WARNING

**For reasons of politeness regarding the personalities and institutions who invited us and to be able to accomplish this program entirely in good conditions, timetables must absolutely be respected
No waiting for late-comers**

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