Notes for the press:

- **The meeting will be behind closed doors.**
- **Some of the interventions will be web-streamed. Journalists present will be able to follow from a dedicated room.**
- **There will be a closing press conference at the end of the meeting (Friday at 12.30 in the meeting room).**

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IMMIGRATION: NEW TRENDS AND PRESSING CHALLENGES

Wednesday 22 April 2015

20.00-22.00 hrs **Welcome at the Palazzo Lombardia**

Keynote speakers

- **Manfred WEBER** MEP, Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament (EP)
- **Elisabetta GARDINI** MEP, Head of the Italian Delegation (Forza Italia) of the EPP Group in the EP
- **Lorenzo CESA** MEP, Head of the Italian Delegation (Nuovo Centrodestra-Unione di Centro) of the EPP Group in the EP

Thursday 23 April 2015

09.00-11.00 hrs **HOW TO ADDRESS CURRENT TRENDS OF GLOBAL MIGRATIONS AND ASYLUM: PRESSING CHALLENGES FOR THE EU**

Panel Chair

Lara COMI MEP, Vice-Chairwoman of the EPP Group in the EP responsible for Communication Strategy, EPP Youth Strategy

- **Rob WAINWRIGHT**, Director of Europol
- **Pier Ferdinando CASINI**, President of the International Centre Democratic Party
- **Elizabeth COLLETT**, Director of the Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Europe and Senior Advisor to MPI's Transatlantic Council on Migration

Debates

COMBATTING IRREGULAR MIGRATION, SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING

Special intervention

- **Angelino ALFANO**, Minister of the Interior, Italy

Debates

11.00-12.30 hrs **Discussion of EPP Group Policy Paper on Immigration**

Chairman

Manfred WEBER MEP, Chairman of the EPP Group in the EP

Draft Paper introduced by Esteban GONZÁLEZ PONS MEP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the EP responsible for the Working Group on Legal and Home Affairs

Adoption of draft Paper to be submitted to the full Group meeting

20.00 hrs **Palazzo Bovara**

Intervention

Silvio BERLUSCONI, Former Prime Minister of Italy, President of Forza Italia

Antonio TAJANI MEP, Vice-President of the EP

Friday 24 April 2015

09.30-11.30 hrs **TRANSATLANTIC DIMENSION OF EU TRADE POLICY**

Panel Chair

Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI MEP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the EP responsible for the Working Group on Foreign Affairs, Vice-President of the European People's Party

- **Anthony LUZZATTO GARDNER**, Ambassador to the United States Mission to the EU
- **Rupert SCHLEGELMILCH**, Director, DG TRADE, European Commission
- **Lisa FERRARINI**, Vice-President for Europe, Confindustria

Debates

11.30- 12.30 hrs **Discussion of EPP Group Policy Paper on EU Trade Policy**

Chairman

Manfred WEBER MEP, Chairman of the EPP Group in the EP

Draft Paper introduced by Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI MEP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the EP responsible for the Working Group on Foreign Affairs, Vice-President of the European People's Party

Adoption of draft Paper to be submitted to the full Group meeting

12.30-13.00 hrs Closing Press Conference

LANGUAGES **(active):** DE, EN, ES, FR, IT, PL, HU