

PLENARY SESSIONS – SESSION 2021

FEDERAL PARLIAMENT OF BELGIUM - SENATE
PALACE OF THE NATION, NATIEPLEIN 1, 1000 BRUSSELS

AGENDA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021, AT 2 PM

1. Opening of the meeting

Welcome and thanks by Ms Patricia Creutz, Chair of the Benelux Parliament
Welcome by Ms Stephanie D'Hose, Chair of the Belgian Senate
Announcements

2. Introductory thematic debate on the economic recovery after the corona crisis

THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AFTER THE CORONA CRISIS	
I – THE INSTITUTIONAL PART	
14.10-14.20	Introductory presentation by Ms Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS, Acting Chair of the Committee on Economy, Agriculture and Energy
14.20-14.30	Introductory speech by Mr Mathias CORMANN, Secretary General of the OECD - VIDEO MESSAGE
14.30-14.40	Statement by Mr Thomas DERMINE, State Secretary for Recovery and Strategic Investments – VIDEO MESSAGE
14.40-14.50	Statement by a representative of the Ministry of Finance (Luxembourg) (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
14.50-15.00	Statement by Mr Michiel BOOTS, Director of General Economic Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (Netherlands) - VIDEOCONFERENCE
15.00-15.10	Debate
II – THE ACTORS ON THE GROUND	
15.10-15.20	Presentation by Ms Flora KOCOVSKI, director of W.Alter, financial partner of entrepreneurs in the social economy and cooperation projects in Wallonia (Belgium) - VIDEOCONFERENCE
15.20-15.30	Statement by Mr Jos VRANKEN, General Director of the Netherlands Bureau for Tourism & Conventions (NBTC) (Netherlands) - VIDEOCONFERENCE
15.30-15.40	Statement by Mr François KOEPP, Secretary General of the <i>Fédération Horesca du Luxembourg</i>
15.40-15.50	Exchange of best practices with Mr Andrius KUPČINSKAS, President of the Baltic Assembly
15.50-16.00	Exchange of best practices with Ms Léa DUHEM, responsible for the European Citizen's Space project at the Agency of the Metropolis Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai - VIDEOCONFERENCE
16.00-16.10	Debate
16.10-16.15	Conclusions by Ms Gwenaëlle GROVONIUS

- 3. Theme Climate – Energy Market, Sustainable Mobility and Just Transition**
Report by Ms Carla Moonen, Chair of the Spatial Planning, Environment and Climate Committee, on the plenary session of Friday 22 October 2021 of the Benelux Youth Forum
Introductory presentation by Mr Jef DRUYTS, Belgian President of the Benelux Youth Forum
Exchange of best practices with Mr Rasmus EMBORG, president of the Nordic Youth Council (UNR) - **VIDEO CONFERENCE**
Proposal of recommendations - Discussion
- 4. Joint Statement of the Baltic Assembly, the Benelux Parliament, and the Nordic Council on Digitalization**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021, AT 10 AM
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- 1. Opening of the meeting by Ms Patricia Creutz, Chair of the Benelux Parliament**
- 2. Annual programs 2022 of the committees of the Benelux Parliament**
Explanation by the committee chairmen - Discussion
Overview of cross-border complaints by the parliamentary ombudsmen of the three countries -
Explanation by Messrs David BAELE en Jérôme AASS, federal ombudsmen - **VIDEO CONFERENCE**
- 3. Budget for the 2022 service year**
Report by Mr Daniel Senesael - Vote
- 4. Appointment of Account Verifiers for the 2021 service year**
- 5. Illegal drug industry and organized crime**
Rapporteurs: Messrs Wouter De Vriendt and Hans Verreyt
Statement by Mr Vincent Van Quickenborne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice -
VIDEO MESSAGE
Proposal for recommendation - Discussion - Vote
- 6. Cross-border student mobility in the Benelux**
Rapporteurs: Messrs Jef Van den Bergh and Ton van Kesteren - Proposal for recommendation -
Discussion - Vote
- 7. Cybercrime - Violence against women in the digital world**
Interim report by Ms Gwenaëlle Grovonius and Mr Bob van Pareren
- 8. The fight against fraudulent employment agencies**
Interim report by Ms Tinne Rombouts and Mr Jef Van den Bergh
- 9. Freight transport by truck**
Interim report by Ms Patricia Creutz and Mr Jef Van den Bergh
- 10. Hydrogen-powered vehicles**
Rapporteurs: Messrs Wouter De Vriendt and Pim van Ballekom
Report of the working visit to the Port of Ostend on 19 November 2021
- 11. Conference 'Wind meets Gas', Groningen, 7 October 2021**
Report by Ms Patricia Creutz
- 12. Conference 'Disinformation and Fake News, Eupen, 15 October 2021**
Interim report by Ms Gwenaëlle Grovonius

- 13. Nordic Council plenary meeting, Copenhagen, 2-4 November 2021**
Report by Mr Peter Ester, Vice-President of the Benelux Parliament
- 14. Climate Conference, Glasgow, 31 October-12 November 2021**
Report by Mr Alain de Muysers, Secretary General of the Benelux Union
- 15. Filing of Government Responses to Previously Adopted Recommendations and Written Questions**