



## FMA VISIT TO HUNGARY

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

23-25 October 2024

#### 23 October, Wednesday - Hungarian Republic Day

*Throughout the day - Arrival in Budapest (individual)*



*Accommodation 23-25 October*

**K+K Hotel Opera** ★★★★★

*1065 Budapest, Révay utca 24., Hungary*

**115,00€** per Cosy Urban room for single use **per night**  
Buffet breakfast and 5% VAT. 4% city tax excluded.

- Check-in from 03:00 PM
- Check-out until 11:00 AM
- Luggage room is available

17.45 *Gathering in the hotel lobby to leave to the Opera House (2 min. walk)*  
**Members who join the Delegation directly at the Opera House should arrive at 17.50**

18.00 - 19.00 Cultural activity - Visit to the [Hungarian Opera House](#) (optional)  
*Location: Hungarian State Opera, 1061 Budapest, Andrásy út 22.*

**H.E Mr. Jeroen Vergeylen**, Ambassador of Belgium in Hungary will join the FMA delegation for this visit. *Belgium, Hungary and Spain form the EU presidency trio, with a common programme.*

**Cancelled:** *H. E. Mr. Jeroen Vergeylen can no longer attend the visit to the Hungarian Opera House as he was invited meanwhile to attend an event in the presence of the President of Hungary on the occasion of the Hungarian National Day.*

19.15 *Gathering in the Hotel K+K Opera lobby to leave for Urban Betyár Restaurant (11 min. walk)*

19.30 - 21.30 Get-Together and Welcome dinner (optional)  
*Invited guest speaker:*  
**Mr Vilmos Szabó**, Political State Secretary for Minority Affairs at the Prime Minister's Office (2002-2004)  
*Location: Urban Betyár Restaurant & Ethnographic Visitor Center*  
1051, Budapest, Október 6. utca 16-18.  
<http://www.urbanbetyar.com/>



## **24 October, Thursday**

- 06.30 - 07.15 Breakfast K+K Hotel Opera
- 07.30 Gathering in the hotel lobby (K+K Hotel Opera) to leave by private bus
- 08.00** Arrival at Gate XII of the Hungarian Parliament for security check  
*Location: 1055 Budapest, Kossuth tér 1-3*
- 08.20 - 09.20** Meeting with **H.E. János BÓKA** - Minister responsible for European Union Affairs  
*Location: Delegation Hall of the Hungarian Parliament*  
*Language of the meeting will be English.*
- 09.30 - 10.15 Meeting with **Dr. Katalin Szili**, former Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly  
*Location: 1055 Budapest, Kossuth tér 1-3*  
*Hungarian-English interpretation available*
- 10.30 - 12.00 Meeting with representatives of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (**Dr. Attila Tilki**, Vice-Chair of the Committee - Head of the Hungarian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe - OSCE and Head of the Hungarian Delegation to the Central European Initiative-Parliamentary Dimension), **Dr. Koloman Brenner**, Vice-Chair) and the Committee on European Affairs (**Mr. Péter Balassa**, Vice-Chair)  
*Hungarian-English interpretation available*
- 12.00 - 13.00 Reception hosted by the Hungarian Parliament
- 13.00 - 13.45 Guided tour of the Parliament building
- 14.00 - 14.30 Transport by private bus to EPLO Budapest
- 14.30 - 17.30 Meetings with think tanks and civil society organisations  
*Location: European Parliament Liaison Office*  
*H-1024 Budapest Lövvőház u. 35. <https://budapest.europarl.europa.eu/hu>*

<b>14.30 – 15.45</b>	<p>Discussion about “<b>EU Competitiveness – Looking ahead and the Role of Hungary</b>” with invited speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="#">Dénes Bank</a>, Director Economic Research Co. at <a href="#">GKI</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Barna Szabó</a>, Chief Economist at <a href="#">Equilibrium Institute</a></li></ul>
<b>16.00 – 17.15</b>	<p>Discussion about “<b>Keeping the unity of the EU while safeguarding shared values and cohesion</b>” with invited speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="#">András Bíró-Nagy</a>, Director at <a href="#">Policy solutions</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">András Léderer</a>, Head of Advocacy at the <a href="#">Hungarian Helsinki Committee</a></li></ul>



- 17.30 - 18.00      *Transport by private bus to Hotel K+K Opera*
- 18.00 - 18.40      *Free time - FMA delegation's Members at the Hotel*
- 18.45                *Gathering in the Hotel K+K Opera lobby to leave for Academy Club  
(16 min. walk or shuttle)*
- 19.15                *FMA Dinner Debate with invited guest speakers Former MEPs **Zsolt Becsey and Zita Gurmai** (<https://akademiaklub.hu/en/about-us/>)*

*Location: Akadémia Klub Rendezvényhelyszín/Academy Club*  
*Budapest, Széchenyi István tér 9, 1051 (15 minutes walk from the K+K hotel)*  
<https://akademiaklub.hu/en/about-us/>



**25 October, Friday**

- 06.30 - 08.45 *Breakfast at Hotel K+K Opera*
- 09.00 Gathering in the Hotel K+K Opera lobby to leave by private bus  
***! Participants who leave immediately from EIT to the Airport, should check-out already and take their luggage with them on the bus***
- 09.15 - 09.45 *Private transport by bus*
- 10.00 -14.00 Visit to [European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\)](#)  
Location: Infopark 1 Building E, Neumann Janos utca, 1117 Budapest, Hungary

10.00 – 10.30	<b>Arrival and welcome coffee</b>
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Martin Kern</b>, EIT Director</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Monica Baldi</b>, FMA Vice-President</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Paul Rübiger</b>, FMA Board Member and former Member of the EIT Governing Board</li> </ul>
10.45 – 11.20	<b>Introduction to the EIT and exchange between Former MEPs and EIT Director</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Martin Kern</b>, EIT Director</li> <li>○ <b>FMA Delegation</b></li> </ul>
11.20 - 11.30	<b>Short break</b>
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Making innovation happen I meet the EIT Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Powering AI innovation &amp; skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Tuan Trinh</b>, Regional Node Director East, EIT Digital</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Addressing the EU’s health priorities through innovation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Ferenc Pongrácz</b>, Deputy Managing Director, EIT Health Innostars</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Boosting innovation and entrepreneurship capacity in Higher Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Istvan Vilmos Kovacs</b>, project lead, ABCD project, METU</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><i>Followed by Q&amp;A</i></b></p>
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Networking lunch</b>

- 14.00 End of visit  
**Transport by private bus to the Budapest Airport (arrival around 14.45) and Hotel K+K Opera (arrival around 15.35)**