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FMA End of Year Events

Wednesday, 10 December 2025, 11.00–13.00

BROADCASTED LIVE FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

FMA ANNUAL SEMINAR

*The Role of EU Institutions and Parliamentary Diplomacy
in a Changing World*

Programme

11.00 – 11.05

Welcome Address

Klaus HÄNSCH, President of the FMA and Former EP President

11.05 – 11.35

Keynote speech

***EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIPLOMACY: FROM AN ASPIRATIONAL PAST
TO MATURITY IN A CONVULSING WORLD***

Ana PALACIO, Former Member of the European Parliament, Former Foreign Affairs
Minister of Spain and Visiting Professor at Georgetown University

11.35 – 12.15

Panel of speakers moderated by Teresa Riera, FMA Honorary Secretary

THE 10TH TERM: A CHALLENGING TIME FOR PARLIAMENT

Sabine VERHEYEN, First Vice-President of the European Parliament

UPDATING THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT'S DELEGATIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD

Georgi PIRINSKI, Former Member of the European Parliament, Former Chairman
of National Assembly of Bulgaria and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

INNOVATING FOR COMPETITIVENESS: HOW PARLIAMENT CAN REALLY HELP

Stefan DOBREV, Chairperson of the European Institute of Innovation
and Technology (EIT)

12.15 – 13.00

Open discussion with the audience, Q&A



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