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of European Senates

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## XVIIIth meeting of the Association of European Senates

Dear presidents,  
Dear colleagues,

As we confirmed in October last year, the XVIIIth meeting of the Association of European Senates will be held in Slovenia, at the Brdo Congress Centre (Predoslje 39, Kranj), on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 June 2017.

In light of the European Union's increasing democratic deficit, it seems important to address the question of whether we in fact need a bicameral parliament at the EU level. We therefore plan to hold a discussion on proposals for the European second chamber – the European Senate – on Thursday afternoon (3.00 pm–5.00 pm). The programme includes several speeches, which will be followed by a panel discussion.

Friday's programme will include speeches by the presidents of the senates. The speeches will focus on ideas to reform national senates. The programme is divided into three parts, with two groups of speakers speaking in the morning and the third early in the afternoon. The programme will end at around 3.30 pm.

Please find enclosed a detailed programme, some general information about the meeting and a registration form. We would be grateful if you could return the completed forms to us (by email at [aes.slovenia2017@ds-rs.si](mailto:aes.slovenia2017@ds-rs.si)) by 31 March 2017 at the latest.

We would like to remind you that there will be no VIP service provided at airports and that transfers to Ljubljana will have to be arranged and paid for independently by each delegation or by their respective embassy.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our secretariat (by email at [aes.slovenia2017@ds-rs.si](mailto:aes.slovenia2017@ds-rs.si) or tel. +386 1 478 9811, contact person: Mrs Aldijana Ahmetović).

I look forward to welcoming you in Slovenia.

Yours faithfully,

Mitja Bervar  
President of the National Council  
of the Republic of Slovenia