

PROGRAMME

**INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEES OF THE EU MED9**

**THE MISTRAL OF CHANGE: THE MEDITERRANEAN AS A SOURCE OF
STRENGTH FOR EUROPE'S FUTURE?**

Hotel Radisson Blu Resort & Spa, Split

25 – 26 May 2026

Monday, 25 May 2026

18:30 **Guided tour of Split city centre**

20:15 **Cultural programme**

“Hrvatski dom Split” Cultural Centre

Tončićeva ul. 1

Cultural programme at the “Hrvatski dom Split” concert hall, organized by the City of Split and the folk ensemble “KUD Jedinstvo”

21:15 **Welcome dinner**

Tuesday, 26 May 2026

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome addresses**

Ballroom Conference Hall

Mr Tomislav Šuta, Mayor of Split

Mr Blaženko Boban, Prefect of Split-Dalmatia County

Mr Andro Krstulović Opara, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee,
Croatian Parliament

- 09:15 – 09:30 **Opening remarks**
- Mr Zdenko Lucić**, State Secretary for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
- Mr Tonči Glavina**, Minister of Tourism and Sport
- Mr Ivan Penava**, Deputy Speaker of the Croatian Parliament
- 09:30 – 09:45 **Keynote address**
- Ms Dubravka Šuica**, European Commissioner for the Mediterranean
- 09:45 – 10:00 **Family photo**
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Press statements**
- 10:30 – 12: 00 **PANEL 1: The Role of the Western Balkans in Strengthening Stability and Cooperation in the Mediterranean**
- Moderator: Mr Domagoj Juričić**, political risk management consultant and partner at MKPS consultancy
- Panellists:**
- Ms Albana Vokshi**, Deputy Chair of the Committee on European and Foreign Affairs, Parliament of the Republic of Albania
- Ms Marina Pendeš**, Member of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr Adrijan Vuksanović**, Member of the Committee on European Integration, Parliament of Montenegro
- Mr Stribor Kikerec**, Director - General for Southeast Europe, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
- Discussion.**

13:30 – 15:00 **PANEL 2: Security, Sustainability and Resilience in the Mediterranean**

Moderator: Associate Professor **Gordan Akrap**, Vice-Rector for International and Interinstitutional Cooperation, “Dr Franjo Tuđman” Defence and Security University

Panellists:

Mr Tonči Glavina, Minister of Tourism and Sport

Mr Zoran Ničeno, Assistant Chief Director of Police and Director-General for the State Border, Ministry of the Interior

Associate Professor Laris Gaiser, ITSTIME, Catholic University Sacred Heart, Milan

Ms Terezija Gras, Director - General for Europe, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Discussion.

15:15 – 16:45 **PANEL 3: The Geostrategic Importance of the Mediterranean**

Moderator: Professor **Božo Skoko**, Full Professor of Strategic Communication and Vice-Rector of Algebra Bernays University

Panellists:

Associate Professor Gordan Akrap, Vice-Rector for International and Interinstitutional Cooperation, “Dr Franjo Tuđman” Defence and Security University

dr.sc. Karlo Ressler, Member of the European Parliament

Professor Dana Luša, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb

Mr Marko Pavić, Head of the Croatian Parliament Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Discussion.

16:45 – 17:00 **Closing remarks**