



Informal seminar for Commissioners-designate

11 and 12 September 2014

Thursday 11 September

09.00 *Departure by bus from the esplanade in front of the Berlaymont building (alongside Boulevard Charlemagne), Rue de la Loi 200, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium*

09.30 *Arrival and welcome coffee*

10.00 **Political priorities and organisation of work**

Main topics:

- *The role of the European Commission and of Members of the College*
- *Our political priorities*
- *The organisation of the work of the College and the role of Vice-Presidents*

13.00 *Lunch*

14.00 **Key political challenges ahead**

Short interventions and discussion on:

- *The situation in Ukraine: what the European Commission can do*
- *The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership*
- *Decisions to be taken under the Stability and Growth Pact this autumn*

16.00 *Break*

16.30 **Collegiality, independence and ethics**

17.30 **Better regulation, subsidiarity and proportionality**

18.30 *End of session*

19.30 *Dinner*

Overnight stay

Friday 12 September

09.00 **Preparing for the hearings**

12.30 *Lunch*

14.30 *Departure*

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and German