



Skupština Crne Gore



ADRIATIC AND IONIAN INITIATIVE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF MONTENEGRO

**XVI CONFERENCE
OF PRESIDENTS/SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENTS
OF THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN INITIATIVE
19 March 2019
Budva, Splendid Hotel**

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 19 March 2019

11:00-10:30 Registration

10:30-11:00 Opening of the Conference
Welcome address:

Mr **Ivan Brajović**, President of the Parliament of Montenegro
Mr **Duško Marković**, Prime Minister of Montenegro

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 **Session I:** *Tourism and culture as a common denominator,
advantage and strategic commitment of the All states*

Opening remarks:

Mr **Genci Nimanbegu**, Vice President of the Parliament of
Montenegro

Mr **Pavle Radulović**, Minister of Sustainable Development and
Tourism of Montenegro

Mr **Aleksandar Bogdanović**, Minister of Culture of Montenegro

Discussion

13:00 Family photo

13:15-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 **Session II: *Parliamentary bodies as an important resource for strengthening cooperation in priority areas of the All states***

Opening remarks:

Mr **Srdan Darmanović**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
Mr **Giovanni Castellaneta**, Ambassador, All Secretary General

Discussion

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-16:00 Adoption of the Joint Statement

About the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative:

Established in 2000 in Ancona, at the Summit on Development and Security, the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative is aimed at improving development and strengthening security in the Adriatic-Ionian area, intensifying cooperation among the countries in the region and providing incentives for countries in transition towards the integration process and approaching the European Union. The All consists of nine member states: Italy, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Albania, North Macedonia and Greece.

The parliamentary framework of cooperation was established in 2001 and since then a total of 15 conferences of presidents/speakers of parliaments of the All were held. Montenegro became a full member of the All on 1 June 2007. In 2019, Montenegro holds the chairmanship of the All.

The Adriatic-Ionian forum serves to the exchange of political opinions and, at the same time, it is a forum for achieving multilateral cooperation in several areas (transport, maritime affairs, tourism, education, protection of the environment and cultural heritage, development of small and medium-sized enterprises, fight against all forms of organised crime, rural development).

At the end of each conference, the established practice dictates the adoption of one these documents: joint statement, declaration, proposals and recommendations, which sum up the conclusions from the conference that was held and provide guidelines for further activities.