



Republic of Serbia  
National Assembly



**'Parliamentary practice' Seminar**  
21-22 July 2007, Vršac  
Draft Agenda

Saturday, 21 July

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| 08.30         | Departure from Belgrade   |
| 10.00         | Arrival to Villa Breg hotel, Vršac  |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Opening words:<br>Tamara Stojčević, Secretary General of the Serbian Assembly (TBC)<br>Hannelore Valier, Head of Democratization Department<br>Tom Kelly, NDI Program Director  |
| 11:20 – 12:00 | Review of legislative, representative and control role of the Assembly, transparency of work, role and responsibilities of MPs, cooperation between Assembly service and MPs<br>Johan Hommes, OSCE, former Deputy Secretary General of the Dutch Parliament |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Discussion  |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | Break   |
| 12:45– 13:35  | Adjusting of MP obligations and responsibilities towards the party, MP caucus, committee, voters etc.<br>Alasdair McDonnell, MP, UK Parliament  |
| 13:35 – 14:15 | Discussion  |
| 14:15 – 15:45 | Lunch   |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Preparation for simulation of question time,<br>Johan Hommes, OSCE, former Deputy Secretary General, Dutch Parliament &   |

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Alasdair McDonnell, MP, UK Parliament

16: 15 – 17: 45 Presentation of the National Assembly professional service  
Opening remarks: Tamara Stojcevic, Secretary General of the National Assembly (TBC)  
Presentation of the 'Road of amendment', Miodrag Šuput, Head of Department for preparation and management of the plenary  
Presentation of working bodies, Mirjana Radaković, Assistant to Secretary General, Head of Sector for working bodies  
Sources of information available for MPs within the Library, Reference and Research Department, Jelena Arsenijevic, Head of Library, Reference and Research Department

17: 45 – 18:30 Questions and answers

19: 00 Dinner

Sunday, 22 July

09:00 – 10:00 Oversight role of the Assembly- status and rights of MPs  
Marijana Pajvančić, Professor, University of Novi Sad

10: 00 – 10:30 Discussion

10: 30 – 11: 30 Simulation of a question time, Johan Hommes

11: 30 – 11: 45 Break

11: 45 – 12:30 Role of a Committee in a legislative and oversight work of the Parliament, role of a Committee Chair, planning of the committee work; Control instruments for overseeing the executive, cooperation with NGOs, media, interest groups, independent experts  
Johan Hommes

12: 30 – 13:15 Discussion

13:15 – 13:30 Concluding remarks, Representative of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia  
Representative of OSCE

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

15:30 Check out from the hotel, return to Belgrade

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