

The Åland Islands – Alsace – South Tyrol – Belgium’s German-speaking Community
100 years after the Paris Peace Conference – A comparison of four regions

Thursday 17th January 2019, from 9.15 am to 4.15 pm
Parliament of the German-speaking Community

From 9.15 am Arrival

9.45 am Welcome by Alexander Miesen, President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community

9.50 am Welcome by Oliver Paasch, Minister-President of the German-speaking Community

10 am 100 years after the Paris Peace Conference – The post-war order’s consequences on Europe
Armin Heinen, Professor for modern and recent history at the RWTH Aachen

10.30 am A comparison of four regions – scientific aspect

- **10.30 am – South Tyrol, an autonomous region in Italy**
Francesco Palermo, Head of the EURAC-institute for comparative federalism in Bolzano, Professor for comparative constitutional law at the Università di Verona
- **11.10 am – The Åland Islands and their particular position in Finland**
Susann Simolin, Head of Information at the Åland Islands Peace Institute
- **11.50 am – The statute of the German-speaking community within the federal state of Belgium**
Stephan Thomas, secretary general of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Lunch

- **1.30 pm – The specific features of Alsace within the French political system**
Jean-Marie Woehrling, President of the Centre Culturel Alsacien, President of the Institut de droit local alsacien-mosellan

2.15 pm A comparison of four regions – from a political point of view

Panel discussion with :

Frédéric Bierry, President of the Conseil départemental du Bas-Rhin (tbc)
Gun-Mari Lindholm, President of the Ålands Lagting
Alexander Miesen, President of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community
Thomas Widmann, President of the Südtiroler Landtag

Moderation : Alexander Homann, Director of the representation of the German-speaking Community, the Federation Wallonia-Brussels and Wallonia in Berlin.

3.30 pm Current developments of regional autonomies within Europe
Karl-Heinz Lambertz, Senator of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community, President of the European Committee of the Regions, Vice-president at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

4.00 pm Closing speech by Alexander Miesen, President of the Parliament

4.15 pm End followed by a reception

Simultaneous translation in DE – FR – EN

Since the number of participants is restricted, registrations will be taken into account according to their chronological order of reception.

Please send us your registration before the 11th January 2019.

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