



**The Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP, Presiding Officer
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8 April 2022

Dear *Alison,*

UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly: first meeting, Brussels 12-13 May 2022

I am writing as the UK Co-Chair of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA) to invite the Scottish Parliament to send two elected representatives as observers to the inaugural meeting of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly. The meeting is to take place at the European Parliament in Brussels on Thursday 12 May (2.30pm to 6pm) and Friday 13 May (9.00am to 12.30pm).

The draft agenda will be agreed and circulated at least 8 days before the meeting. It is likely to include exchanges of views on the state of play within the Partnership Council as well as on specific subjects such as the situation in Ukraine. Although the draft Rules of Procedure for the PPA do not include a right for your colleagues to participate in debates within the PPA, I am sure that it would be beneficial to all concerned for representatives from the Scottish Parliament to attend the working sessions.

I have also secured a provision in the draft Rules of Procedure that PPA papers may be shared with those who attend its meetings. I will ensure that any such papers are communicated to you as soon as they are available for circulation. In addition, I would be very happy to offer you an opportunity to discuss the agenda with myself and other members of the Bureau ahead of the meeting. The delegation staff will be in touch to make the necessary arrangements.

Please could you confirm as soon as possible whether you wish to send observers to this meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Yours sincerely,
Oliver*

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