



ADRIATIC AND IONIAN INITIATIVE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

XX CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS/SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENTS
OF THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN INITIATIVE
Skopje, North Macedonia, April 23 – 24, 2026

PROGRAMME

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Arrival of delegations

Transfer from the airport to the hotel and accommodation

19.30

Welcome reception hosted by the President of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia, **Mr. Afrim Gashi**
(hotel Holiday Inn)

Friday, April 24, 2026

09:20

Departure from Holiday Inn on foot

Venue: Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia

09.30

Registration: Secretariat Desk

10.00- 10.20

Opening session

Welcome address: **Mr. Afrim Gashi**, President of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia

Address: **Mr. Zoran Dimitrovski**, Deputy minister of the Ministry of foreign affairs and foreign trade of the Republic of North Macedonia

Address: Ambassador **Mr. Giovanni Castellaneta**, Secretary General of the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative

10.20 – 12.15

Session 1: «Promoting Peace and Stability Through Parliamentary Diplomacy».

Chair: **Mr. Afrim Gashi**, Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia

Key note speaker: **Ms. Gordana Siljanovska Davkova**, President of the Republic of North Macedonia

Key note speaker: **Mr. Rizvan Sulejmani**, Associate Professor, former Minister, and former MP

Key note speaker: **Ms. Dragana Bojkovska**, MP, President of the Club of Youth Affairs and Policies

Debate

12.30 - 12.45

Family photo

12.45 – 14.15

Luncheon (*Venue: Assembly, Small Ceremonial Hall*)

14.30 – 16.00

Session 2: «Strengthening Regional Connectivity: Corridors VIII and X and the Role of Parliaments»

Chair: Mr. **Afrim Gashi**, President of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia

Key note speaker: **Mr. Aleksandar Nikoloski**, Vice-President of the Government and Minister of Transport

Key note speaker: **Mr. Abdylmenaf Bexheti**, Academician, former Minister, and former MP,

Key note speaker: **Mr. Branko Azeski**, President of the Economic Chamber

Debate

16.00 – 16.30

Adoption of the Joint Statement and closing remarks by the President of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia, Mr. **Afrim Gashi**

16.35

Departure to the hotel

17.30

Departure to the Monastery of Saint Panteleimon

18.30

Visit of the Ethno Village, sightseeing and diner hosted by the President of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia, Mr. Afrim Gashi

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Departure of delegations and transfers to the airport