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## Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland meets European Parliament President, Jerzy Buzek

**Date:** 19 May

**Location:** Strasbourg, European Parliament, Presidential Office (LOW, 15<sup>th</sup> floor, room T1 5003)

**News:** In the framework of Council of Europe-European Union relations, Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland will meet European Parliament President, Jerzy Buzek. The meeting will focus on the European Parliament's role in the European Union accession process to the Human Rights Convention. A review of the co-operation between the two Strasbourg-based organisations is also on the agenda.

**Background information:** The European Union is the most important partner of the Council of Europe: 180 [joint-projects](#) in the field of democracy, culture, education, and human rights have been implemented in the last 15 years in the 47 member states of the Council of Europe.

**Previous CoE-EU meetings:** Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland has already met with the President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy; with the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Durão Barroso; with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton.

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