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Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC

31 May – 2 June 2015
Riga

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 31 May 2015

14:00 – 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the event at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

18:10 Departure from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

18:30 – 19:30 Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8

19:40 Departure by bus from the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre to the National Library of Latvia

19:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the National Library of Latvia

20:00 Dinner hosted by *Ms Lolita Čigāne*, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 1 June 2015

Meetings of the political groups

7:40 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

8:00 – 8:50 Meetings of political groups
Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8

8:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

8:30 Coffee and registration for the event (for those not yet registered)
Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8



9:00 – 9:30

OPENING SESSION

Welcome address by *Ms Ināra Mūrniece*, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Introductory remarks by *Ms Lolita Čigāne*, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Procedural matters of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC

- Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC
- Presentation of the 23rd Bi-Annual Report of COSAC
- Procedural matters

Debate

SESSION I

State of Play of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

9:30 – 11:00

Ms Laimdota Straujuma, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

Debate

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break
Hall 1

SESSION II

European Union Energy Policy: State of Play, Challenges and Opportunities

11:15 – 12:45

Mr Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union

Mr Jerzy Buzek, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament

Mr Petr Hlobil, Chair of the *Green 10*

Debate

12:45

Family photo

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch
Hall 2

13:40 – 14:40

LUNCH SESSION

Dealing with the Security Concerns in the Middle East and North African Region

Venue: Hall 2/5; Interpretation provided by: organisers – EN, FR, LV; delegations: IT, DE, ES

Moderator: *Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš*, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

Speakers:

- *Mr Averof Neofytou*, Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs of the Cyprus Vouli ton Antiprosopon
- *Ms Mansouria Mokhefi*, Special advisor for the Middle East and the Maghreb at the French Institute for Foreign Affairs *IFRI*



SESSION III

15:00 – 17:00 **EU Trade Policy for the Next Five Years: Focus on the EU-US TTIP negotiations**

Ms Cecilia Malmström, European Commissioner for Trade

Mr Artis Pabriks, Member of the Committee on International Trade of the European Parliament

Debate

17:00 End of first day
Return to the hotels by bus

17:10 – 18:00 **Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC**

Consideration of the draft Contributions of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC

18:10 Return to the hotels by bus

19:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Residence of the Saeima Presidium

19:30 Dinner hosted by *Ms Ināra Mūrniece*, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
Venue: Residence of the Saeima Presidium, Jūrmala

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus

Tuesday, 2 June 2015

7:45 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre
Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8

8:30 – 9:30

INFORMAL MORNING SESSION

EU Passenger Name Record proposal: taking stock

Venue: Hall 2; Interpretation provided by: organisers – EN, FR, LV; delegations: IT, DE, ES

Speakers:

– *Cayetana Álvarez de Toledo*, Member of the Spanish Congreso de los Diputados *TBC*

– *Mr/Ms TBC*, Representative from the European Parliament *TBC*

SESSION IV

Future of the Parliamentary Scrutiny of the European Union Affairs

9:30 – 10:30 **1. National Parliaments' Involvement in EU Decision-Making: State of Play and Overview of Existing Instruments**

Mr Herman De Croo, Member of the Flemish Parliament

Mr Gunther Krichbaum, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the German Bundestag

Debate



- 10:30 – 11:30 **2. Green Card: Towards an Enhanced Political Dialogue**
- Mr Dominic Hannigan*, Chairman of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs of the Irish Houses of the Oireachtas
Mr Paolo Tancredi, Vice-chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Italian Camera dei Deputati
- Debate
- 11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break
Hall 1
- 12:00 – 13:00 **3. The European Commission’s Multiannual Work Programme and the Role of Parliaments**
- Ms Maria João Rodrigues*, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament
Ms Danielle Auroi, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly
- Debate
- 13:00 – 13:30 **Adoption of the Contributions of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC**
- 13:30 – 15:00 Lunch
Hall 2
- 15:00 End of the Plenary Meeting of the LIII COSAC
- 15:15 **Return to the hotels by bus**
Optional – guided tour in the Old Town of Riga (departure from the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre)
- Departure of delegations**

