

Meeting of the LV COSAC The Hague, 12 - 14 June 2016

Draft programme

Sunday, 12 June 2016

14.00 – 19.00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17.00 Departure from the hotels

17.30 – 19.00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika
(House of Representatives, Binnenhof 1A, The Hague)

19.00 Departure for reception and cocktail dinner

19.00 Departure from the hotels

19.30 – 22.30 Members' Dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Committees on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, **Mr Malik Azmani** and of the Senate, **Mr Tuur Elzinga**

19.30 – 22.30 Staff dinner

22.30 Return to the hotels

Monday, 13 June 2016

Meeting of the political groups

07.30 Departure from the hotels

08.00 – 08.45 Meeting of political groups
(Senate, committee meeting rooms, Binnenhof 22, The Hague)

08:15 Departure from the hotels to the Hall of Knights
(Binnenhof 11, The Hague)

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09.00 Opening of the meeting

Welcome address by the President of the Senate, **Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol**

Introductory remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, **Mr Tuur Elzinga**

Adoption of the Agenda

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Information on the results of the Presidential Troika
- Letters received by the Presidency

09.30 – 10.00 Keynote speech by **Mr Mark Rutte**, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, reflection on the Dutch EU Presidency

Questions and debate

10.00 – 11.30 Session I: Parliamentary scrutiny, an exchange of best practices

10.00 – 10.15 Introduction

Opening by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, **Mr Tuur Elzinga** and introduction of the moderator for this session, **Ms Marit Maij**, member of the Dutch House of Representatives

Key findings from the 25th Bi-annual report

Presentation by the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat, **Ms Christiana Fryda**

10.15 – 10.45 Combining parliamentary information for scrutiny and effective cooperation between parliaments: The use of Rapporteurs

Introduction by the moderator and debate

10.45 – 11.15 Scrutiny beyond ministerial Councils: Trilogue

Introduction by the moderator and debate

11.15 – 11.30 State of play on the instruments at the disposal of National Parliaments (yellow/green card)

Interview with **Mr Frans Timmermans**, First Vice President of the European Commission

11.30 – 13.00 Family photo and lunch

Hall of Knights

11.45 – 13.00 Informal session on the implementation of the Single European Sky (SES) requested by the Dutch rapporteurs SES

Venue: Hall of Knights

12.15 – 13.00 Informal session on collaborative economy requested by the delegation of the Parliament of Estonia
Venue: Senate

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13.00 – 14.30 Session II: The role of Parliaments in Protecting the Rule of Law within the EU

Introduction by the moderator, **Mr Murray Hunt**, Visiting Professor Oxford University

Panel discussion:

- **Mr Pieter van Dijk**, former member Venice Commission, expert Rule of Law check list of the Venice Commission
- **Ms Sophie in 't Veld**, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur of the legislative own-initiative report on the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights'

Debate

14.15 – 14.30 Closing remarks by **Mr Frans Timmermans**, First Vice President of the European Commission

14.30 – 15.00 Coffee break

15.00 – 16.30 Session III: Exchange of best practices and experiences in Parliamentary Diplomacy

Introduction by the moderator, **Mr Jan Wouters**, University of Leuven, research project "Interparliamentary Cooperation in the EU's External Action – Parliamentary Scrutiny and Diplomacy in the EU and Beyond"

Panel discussion:

- **Ms Lolita Čigāne**, chairperson European Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Latvia
- **Mr Andrej Hunko**, member of the Bundestag, Germany
- **Mr Rubén Moreno Palanques**, member of the Congress of Deputies, Spain

Debate

16.30 Return to the hotels

16.30 – 18.00 Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons

Hall of Knights

Debate on the Draft Contributions of the LV COSAC

18.00 Return to the hotels

19.00 Departure from the hotels for dinner hosted by the President of the Senate, **Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol**, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Ms Khadija Arib** and the Mayor of The Hague, **Mr Jozias van Aartsen**

23.00 Return to the hotels

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- 08.15 Departure from the hotels
- 9.00 – 10.00 Session IV: European Court of Auditors**
- Introduction by the moderator, Mr Joris Backer, member of the Dutch Senate
- Introduction by **Mr Alex Brenninkmeijer** and **Mr Ville Itälä**, Members of the European Court of Auditors
- Debate
- 10.00 – 11.30 Session V: Migration**
- Discussion on the state of play of the implementation of the EU-Turkey Agreement
- Introduction by the moderator, **Mr Kamran Ullah**
- Introduction by **Mr Gerald Knaus**, Chairman of the European Stability Initiative
- Introduction by speaker (tbc)
- Panel discussion:
- **Mr Elmar Brok**, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament
 - **Ms Marina Berlinghieri**, member of the Chamber of Deputies, Italy
 - **Mr Václav Hampl**, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate, Czech Republic
- Debate
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00 – 12.45 Adoption of the contributions of the LV COSAC**
- 12.45 – 12.50 Presentation by the winner of the essay contest of the Dutch Parliament on the role of national parliaments in the European Union in 25 years (tbc)
- 12.50 – 13.00 Closing remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, **Mr Malik Azmani**
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch
Hall of Knights
- 14.30 Return to the hotels and departure of delegations