

Staff dinner on Sunday 12 June

As you may have noticed on the draft programme for the COSAC, there will be separate dinner arrangements for Members and parliamentary staff on the evening of Sunday 12 June. As a member of staff, you are warmly invited to the staff dinner. This event is for staff of delegations only and will take place in a venue located at the beach of The Hague. Members of Parliament will have their own, separate dinner that evening in the Spaansche Hof. We are aware that a separate staff dinner is rather uncommon at COSAC meetings. We hope that by enabling staff of delegations to meet in a more informal setting, we can promote networking and socialising among ourselves in a way that will contribute to the continuity and functioning of the COSAC. The format for our staff dinner is simple: there will be good food, drinks and fine music. We recommend (smart) casual dress.

In order for you to see off your delegations when they leave for their dinner, we have planned their departure from the hotel lobbies a little earlier than your own transfer to the staff dinner location. The dinners for Members and staff will end around the same time, so that you will be able to join your delegation upon return at the hotels. Transportation will be provided from the hotels to the beach club WIJ, Strandweg 1, Scheveningen. We look forward to hosting you at our staff dinner in The Hague on 12 June!

Morning run on 14 June 07.00h - 07.30h

As announced during the registration process on the conference website, the Dutch Parliament organises a 5 km morning run through The Hague city centre in the morning of 14 June. The run will start at 07.00h from the conference hotels and will take participants past some of the city's landmarks. It is intended as an optional, informal and active start of the day together. A similar event during the IPC on CFSP/CSDP proved to be popular and successful.

The morning run is an informal way for delegates to start the conference, while taking in the city centre and getting some exercise. It is not a race or a timed event. The start is at 07.00h sharp at the conference hotels (Novotel City, Hilton, Novotel Suites, Mercure). Participants are requested to be present in the lobby of one of these hotels at 06.55h. Your run will finish at the conference hotel you started from. We aim to get you back to your hotel between 07.30h and 07.40h, leaving you sufficient time for a shower and breakfast before the conference starts. Delegates not staying at one of the conference hotels are kindly requested to report at one of the four hotels mentioned above no later than 06.55h.

You will run in small groups of 5-10 people from your conference hotel. Each group will be accompanied by at least one local volunteer runner. All of the guides running with you are colleagues from the Dutch Parliament, who have volunteered to take you around their city in the early morning.

Many of you have already expressed an interest in joining the run during registration. For those who have not yet registered for the run, please send an email to info@parleu2016.nl by **Friday 3 June,**17.00. Further details about the morning run will be sent to all registered participants on 6 June. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.