

## Meeting of the Plenary 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

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**17.30                  Departure from the hotels**

**18.00 – 19.00      Meeting of the Presidential Troika - House of Representatives/Senate (to be decided)**

**19.00                  Departure for reception and walking dinner**

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19.00                  Departure by bus from the hotels

19.30                  Reception and dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Committees on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, Mr Malik Azmani and the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga  
*(simultaneously at 19:30: staff event)*

Around 22.30      Return to the hotels by bus

#### Monday, 13 June 2016

7.30                  Departure by bus from the hotels to the Hall of Knights  
(Binnenhof 11, The Hague)

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8.00 – 9.00          Meeting of political groups  
*(venue to be decided)*

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8:00                  Departure from the hotels to the Hall of Knights  
(Binnenhof 11, The Hague)

**9.00 – 9.45          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 House/Senate  
(to be decided)

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### Adoption of the Agenda

#### Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

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

Keynote speech by the **Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Mr Mark Rutte**

#### 09.45 - 11.00 **Session I: Parliamentary scrutiny, an exchange of best practices**

09.45 – 09.55 Key findings of the 25th Bi-annual Report of COSAC  
*Presentation by the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat, Ms Christiana Fryda*

10.00 – 11.00 Sessions (to be decided)

*Optional session I: Combining parliamentary information for scrutiny and effective cooperation between parliaments*

*Optional session II: Scrutiny beyond ministerial Councils*

#### 11.00 – 11.30 **State of play on the instruments at the disposal of National Parliaments (yellow/green card)** *Speaker (to be decided)*

11.30 – 11.45 Coffee break

#### 11.45 – 13.15 **Session II: The role of Parliaments in Protecting the Rule of Law within the EU**

Conclusions from relevant questions Bi-annual report by the chair

Key note speeches:

1. Sharing standards and best practices with regards to the Rule of Law (Experiences from the Council of Europe) Representative from The Venice Commission (The European Commission for Democracy through Law) (to be decided)
2. Monitoring the Rule of Law situation in EU member states, Fundamental Rights Agency, speaker (to be decided)
3. National parliaments and European Parliament engaging in safeguarding the Rule of Law, speaker (to be decided)

Debate

13.15 Family photo

13.30 - 14.45 Lunch at the Hall of Knights

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### 14.45 – 16.15 **Session III : Exchange of best practices and experiences in Parliamentary Diplomacy**

Moderator introducing topic of the session, summarising conclusions Bi-annual report & introducing panel members

Moderator challenging and questioning panel members

Debate

16.15 Return to the hotels by bus

### 16.30 – 18.00 **Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons**

Debate on the Draft Contribution and Conclusions of the LV COSAC

And simultaneously (optional):  
Social event for other members of delegation

18:00 Return to the hotels

19.15 Departure from the hotels for dinner hosted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives/  
President of the Senate (to be decided)  
(venue: Kurhaus)  
(Gevers Deynootplein 30, The Hague)

## Tuesday, 14 June 2016

8.00 Departure from the hotels

### 9.00 – 10.00 **Session IV – European Court of Auditors**

Debate

### 10.00 - 11.30 **Session V – Migration**

Debate

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

### 12.00 – 12.45 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LV COSAC**

12.45 **Closing remarks** by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the House/Senate  
(to be decided)

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch at the Hall of Knights

15.00 Return to the hotels and departure of delegations