



Draft as of 28.05.2015

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: Hall 2/1, 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

7:30 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

EPP group – Hall 2/5

S&D group – Hall 2/2

8:15 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

9:30 – 11:00

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

Ms Laimdota Straujuma, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

Debate

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break
Hall 1

SESSION II

11:15 – 12:45

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

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 Voulition 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 2/5; 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 Pablo Casado*, Member of the Spanish Congreso de los Diputados

– *Mr Axel Voss*, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament

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

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 <i>Mr Dominic Hannigan</i>, Chairman of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs of the Irish Houses of the Oireachtas <i>Mr Paolo Tancredi</i>, Vice-chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Italian Camera dei Deputati Debate
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break <i>Hall 1</i>
12:00 – 13:00	3. The European Commission's Multiannual Work Programme and the Role of Parliaments <i>Ms Maria João Rodrigues</i>, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament <i>Ms Danielle Auroi</i>, 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 <i>Hall 2</i>
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