

## L COSAC Meeting

Vilnius, 27–29 October 2013

### PROGRAMME

#### Sunday, 27 October 2013

Arrival of the delegations

15.00–19.30 Registration in the hotels

#### **Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**

16.00 Departure from the hotels for the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania by bus  
*Gedimino pr. 53, Vilnius*

16.30 **Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**  
*Venue: Algirdas Mykolas Brazauskas Hall, Building I of the Seimas*

18.30 Departure by bus for the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

18.30 Departure from the hotels for the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

19.00 Guided tour of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania (in English and French)

20.00 Dinner hosted by Mr Gediminas KIRKILAS, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and Chair of the Committee on European Affairs  
*Venue: Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, Katedros a. 4, Vilnius*

22.30 Return to the hotels

## **Monday, 28 October 2013**

7.40 Registration in the Seimas (for those not registered yet)

*Venue: Lobby, Building II of the Seimas*

### **Meetings of political groups**

7.40 Departure from the hotels for the Seimas by bus

8.00–8.50 Meetings of the political groups:



EPP

*Venue: Meeting room 218b, Building III of the Seimas*



S&D

*Venue: Press Conference Hall, Building II of the Seimas*



ALDE

*Venue: Meeting room of the Committee on European Affairs, Building I of the Seimas*

8.30 Departure from the hotels for the Seimas by bus

### **9.00 Opening of the L COSAC Meeting**

*Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas*

Introductory remarks by Mr Gediminas KIRKILAS, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and Chair of Committee on European Affairs

Welcome speech by H. E. Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Welcome speech by Mr José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission (video message)

#### **Procedural issues:**

Adoption of the Agenda of the L COSAC

Presentation of the 20th Bi-annual Report of COSAC

Briefing on the decisions of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

Briefing on the letters received by the Presidency Parliament

Debate

9.45 **State of Play of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union**  
Keynote speaker: H. E. Algirdas BUTKEVIČIUS, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania

Debate

11.00–11.30 Coffee break

*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*

- 11.00 Press Conference  
*Venue: Press Conference Room, Building II of the Seimas*
- 11.30 **The jubilee L COSAC Meeting**  
**Contribution of COSAC to strengthening of interparliamentary cooperation in the European Union**  
Guest-of-Honour Mr Laurent FABIUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of France
- 11.45 **European Elections 2014: Platform for Debate on the EU Future with Its Citizens**  
Keynote speaker: Mr Pat COX, Former President of the European Parliament  
  
Keynote speaker: Mr Andrew DUFF, Member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament, rapporteur on improving the practical arrangements for the holding of the European elections in 2014  
  
Debate
- 13.15 **Parliamentary diplomacy – the EP-Ukraine – a case study**  
Presentation by Mr Pat COX, Former President of the European Parliament  
  
Debate
- 14.00 Family photo  
*Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas*  
  
Lunch  
*Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*

14.30–15.10 **Informal Lunchtime Session**  
*Venue: Meeting room adjacent to the Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas*  
  
**The role of national Parliaments in shaping and scrutinising EU decision-making**  
Presentation by Lord Timothy BOSWELL, Chairman of the European Union Select Committee, House of Lords of the United Kingdom  
  
Round-table discussion

- 15.15 **Implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy**  
Keynote speaker: Mr Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration  
  
Keynote speaker: Ms Pervenche BERÈS, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament  
  
Debate

16.45 End of the meeting  
Return to the hotels by bus

**For the Chairpersons of COSAC**

**16.45 Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC**

*Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas*

Appointment of the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat

Debate on the Draft Contribution and Conclusions of the L COSAC

18.00 Departure of the Chairpersons of COSAC for the Presidential Palace of the Republic of Lithuania by bus

18.30 Meeting with H. E. Dalia GRYBAUSKAITĖ, President of the Republic of Lithuania  
*Venue: Presidential Palace of the Republic of Lithuania, S. Daukanto a. 3, Vilnius*

19.00 Departure of the Chairpersons of COSAC for the Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society by bus

19.00 Departure from the hotels for the Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society by bus

19.30 Concert in the Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society

20.15 Dinner hosted by H. E. Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania  
*Venue: Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society, Aušros Vartų g. 5, Vilnius*

22.00 Return to the hotels by bus

**29 October 2013, Tuesday**

**Meeting of the COSAC Women's Forum**

7.30 Departure from the hotels for the Seimas by bus

**8.00–8.55 Meeting of the COSAC Women's Forum**

*Venue: Constitution Hall, Building I of the Seimas*

CHAIR: Prof. Marija Aušrinė PAVILIONIENĖ, Member of the Committee on European Affairs of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Welcome speech by H. E. Loreta GRAUŽINIENĖ, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

	<p>Presentation by Ms Bariza KHIARI, Vice President of the Senate of the French Republic</p> <p>Presentation by Ms Virginija LANGBAKK, Director of the European Institute for Gender Equality</p>
8.55	Press Point
8.30	<p>Departure from the hotels for the Seimas by bus</p> <p><i>Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, Building I of the Seimas</i></p>
9.00	<p><b>Democratic Legitimacy in the EU and the role of EU Parliaments</b></p> <p>Keynote speaker: Ms Eva Kjer HANSEN, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Danish Folketing</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Mr Dominic HANNIGAN, Chair of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs of the Irish Houses of the Oireachtas</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Mr Hans-Gert PÖTTERING, Former President of the European Parliament, Member of the European Parliament</p> <p>Debate</p> <p>First to respond: Lord Timothy BOSWELL, Chairman of the European Union Select Committee, House of Lords of the United Kingdom</p>
11.30	<p>Coffee break</p> <p><i>Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas</i></p>
12.00	<p><b>Digital Agenda: challenges and perspectives:</b></p> <p>– <b>Cyber security</b></p> <p>Keynote speaker: Mr Rudolf Peter ROY, Head of division for Security Policy and Sanctions of the European External Action Service</p> <p>– <b>Benefits for business</b></p> <p>Keynote speaker: Mr Ilja LAURS, Chief Executive Officer of GetJar, winner of “European Manager of the Year 2011 Award”, presented by the European Business Press (EBP)</p> <p>Debate</p>
13.30	<b>Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the L COSAC</b>
14.30	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building I of the Seimas</i></p>
15.30	<p>Guided tour of the Seimas (in English or French) <i>optional</i></p> <p>Return to the hotels or departure for the airport by bus</p>
16.30	Return to the hotels by bus