

L COSAC MEETING

27–29 October 2013
Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 27 October 2013

14.00–18.30 Arrival of the delegations, check-in and registration in the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

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

16.30 **Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**
Venue: A. M. Brazauskas Hall, 1st floor, Building 1 of the Seimas

Interview of candidates for the post of the Permanent Member
of the COSAC Secretariat

18.30 Departure by bus for the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania
Katedros a. 4, Vilnius

18.40 Departure from the hotels to 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

Meetings of Political Groups

07.40 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

08.00–09.00 Meetings of Political Groups
Venue: Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Gedimino pr. 53, Vilnius

S&D – Hall of the Committee on European Affairs, 1st floor, Building 1

EPP – Press Conference Hall, 1st floor, Building 2

ALDE – A. M. Brazauskas Hall, 1st floor, Building 1

08.30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Registration in the Seimas (for those not registered yet)

Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, 1st floor, Building 1 of the Seimas

09.15 Opening of the L COSAC Meeting

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. Ms Dalia GRYBAUSKAITĖ, President of the Republic of Lithuania

Welcome speech by Dr Vydas GEDVILAS, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

The 50th jubilee COSAC meeting

COSAC contribution to strengthening of interparliamentary cooperation in the European Union

Mr Laurent FABIUS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of France (tbc)

09.45 Procedural issues:

Adoption of the Agenda of the L COSAC

Presentation of the 20th Bi-annual Report

Briefing on the decisions by the Presidential Troika of COSAC

Briefing on the letters received by the Presidency Parliament

Debate

10.30 **State of Play of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union**
Keynote speaker: Mr Algirdas BUTKEVIČIUS, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania

Debate

11.30 Coffee break
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas

12.00 **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 practical arrangements for the holding of the European elections in 2014

Debate

13.30 Family photo
Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, 1st floor, Building 1 of the Seimas

13.45 Lunch
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas

Informal Session

Venue: Meeting room adjacent to the Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1

14.20 – 14.50 Title to be confirmed

Presentations by:

Note: there will be no interpretation at the informal session

15.00 **Implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy**
Keynote speaker: Mr José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission (tbc)

Speaker: Ms Pervenche BERÈS, Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament

Debate

16.30 End of the Plenary Meeting

Return to the hotels by bus

16.30	Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, 1st floor, Building 1 of the Seimas Appointment of the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat Debate on the Draft Contribution and Conclusions
18.00	Return by bus of the Chairpersons of COSAC to the hotels
19.00	Departure by bus from the hotels to the Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society

- 19.00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by Dr Vydas GEDVILAS, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Venue: Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society, Aušros vartų g. 5, Vilnius
- 21.30 Concert in the Lithuanian National Philharmonic Society
- 22.30 Return to the hotels by bus

29 October 2013, Tuesday

- 08.00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Venue: Hall of the Act of 11 March, 1st floor, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 08.30 **Democratic Legitimacy in the EU and the role of EU Parliaments**

Keynote speaker: Ms Eva Kjer HANSEN, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Danish Folketing

Keynote speaker: Mr Dominic HANNIGAN, Chair of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs of the Houses of the Oireachtas of Ireland
Keynote speaker to be determined

Debate
- 10.30 Coffee break
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 11.00 **Digital Agenda: challenges and perspectives:**
– **Cyber security**
Keynote speaker: Mr Paul TIMMERS, Director Sustainable & Secure Society, DG Connect at European Commission (tbc)
– **Benefits for business**

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)

Debate

- 12.30 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the L COSAC**
- 13.30 Lunch hosted by Mr Gediminas KIRKILAS, Deputy Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania and Chair of the Committee on European Affairs
Venue: Stained Glass Gallery, Building 1 of the Seimas
- 15.00 Guided tour of the Seimas in English and French or return to the hotels by bus (of those who have not opted for the guided tour)
- 16.00 Return to the hotels by bus