

Programme

XLI Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)

Prague, 11 – 12 May 2009

Sunday, 10 May 2009

Arrival of delegations

12.00 – 19.30 Registration of participants at the hotels

15.00 – 17.30 Guided tour of Prague Castle

18.00 Departure by bus to the COSAC Troika Meeting

18.30 – 19.30 **COSAC Troika Meeting**

Chamber of Deputies, Sněmovní 4, Prague 1

19.30 Departure by bus to Prague's Municipal House

20.00 Dinner hosted by Ms. Kateřina Jacques, Chairwoman of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies

French Restaurant, Prague's Municipal House, nám. Republiky 5, Prague 1

Monday, 11 May 2009

7.45 Departure by bus from the hotels Anđel's and Angelo to the Mövenpick Hotel

8.00 – 8.40 **Meeting of Political Groups**

Hotel Mövenpick, Mozartova 261/1, Prague 5

8.45 Departure by bus to the Žofín Palace

9.00 Continuation of the registration of participants at the Žofín Palace
Žofín, Slovanský ostrov 226, Prague 1

9.30 **Opening Session of the XLI COSAC**

Mr. Miloslav Vlček, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

Mr. Přemysl Sobotka, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

9.40 **Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU**

Mr. Jan Fischer, President of the European Council, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Debate

11.15 **Current Economic and Financial Situation: Czech Presidency Perspective on its Recovery**

Mr. Eduard Janota, Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic

Mr. Miroslav Kalousek, former Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic

Debate

12.00 **European Commission's Annual Policy Strategy for 2010**

Mr. Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Debate

- 13.15 Family photo
- 13.30 Lunch
The Žofín Restaurant
- 14.30 **Role of the EU in Defending Democracy and Human Rights in the World**
Mr. Michael Kocáb, Minister for Human Rights and National Minorities of the Czech Republic
Debate
- 16.00 **Presentation of the 11th Bi-annual Report with Special Regard to the National Parliaments' Role in the Control of Europol and Evaluation of Eurojust**
Ms. Kateřina Jacques, Chairwoman of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies
Mr. Luděk Seřizig, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate
Debate
- 17.00 End of session
Departure by bus to the hotels
- 17.10 **Chairpersons' Meeting on the Elaboration of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XLI COSAC**
- 18.00 Return by bus to the hotels
- 19.00 Departure by bus to St. Agnes Convent
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by Mr. Miloslav Vlček, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
St. Agnes Convent, U Milosrdných 17, Prague 1

Tuesday, 12 May 2009

- 8.30 Departure by bus to the Žofín Palace
- 9.00 **Eastern Dimension of the European Neighborhood Policy**
Mr. Jan Kohout, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
Debate
- 11.00 **Results of the Subsidiarity Check on the Proposal for a Directive on Standards of Quality and Safety of Human Organs Intended for Transplantation**
Debate
- 12.00 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XLI COSAC**
- 12.30 Lunch
The Žofín Restaurant
- 14.00 Return by bus to the hotels