



**XXXVIII COSAC  
Estoril Congress Center  
14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2007**

**Draft Programme**

(updated 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007)

**Sunday, 14 October 2007**

- Arrival of the delegations and registration for the COSAC meeting at the hotels (Estoril)
- 15.30** Departure from the hotels to the Sightseeing Tour (*Cabo da Roca*: the most western point in Europe)
- 16.30** Return to the hotels
- 17.00** *Departure from the hotels (Estoril), for those attending the Troika meeting, to the Assembleia da República (Lisbon)*
- 17.30** Departure from the hotels to the *Praça do Império* (free time to visit the *Jerónimos* Monastery and/or *Belém* Cultural Centre)
- 17.30-18.30** ***COSAC Troika meeting*** (*Assembleia da República*)
- 19.00** Departure from the *Praça do Império* to the Assembleia da República
- 19.15** Guided tour of the São Bento Palace (*Assembleia da República*)
- 20.00** Welcoming dinner offered by MP Vitalino Canas, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Assembleia da República (*Salão Nobre e Passos Perdidos, Assembleia da República*)
- 22.00** Return to the hotels (Estoril)

**Monday, 15 October 2007**

- 08.10** Departure from the hotels to the Estoril Congress Centre (for the Political Groups Meetings)
- 08.30** Registration for the COSAC meeting (for those who have not registered)
- 08.35** Political Groups Meetings
- 08.45** Departure from the hotels to the Estoril Congress Centre (for the



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- 09.15** **Opening Session of the XXXVIII COSAC - Speaker of the Assembleia da República, Jaime Gama**
- Adoption of the Agenda of the XXXVIII COSAC - Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, Vitalino Canas**
- 09.30** **A Europe of rights and results**  
**Guest speaker: José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission**
- Debate
- 11.00** Coffee break
- 11.15** **The Portuguese Presidency of the Council of European Union**  
**Guest speaker: José Sócrates, President of the Council of the European Union/Prime-Minister of Portugal**
- Debate
- 12.45** Group Photo
- 13.00** Buffet-lunch at the Estoril Congress Centre
- 15.00** **Revision of the COSAC Rules of Procedure**
- 15.15** **Presentation of the 8th Biannual Report**
- Overview of the EU scrutiny systems of the National Parliaments of EU 27
  - National parliament's expectations from the IGC
  - Parliamentary monitoring of the Lisbon Strategy
  - The EU Mediterranean Dimension
  - National Parliaments' monitoring of EU Financial programmes: priority setting and allocation of funds
- 16.15** Coffee break
- 16.30** **COSAC Secretariat – Appointment and co-financing of the Permanent Member for the Period 2008-2010**
- 17.00** **Debate on Future Topics for COSAC**  
(Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure)
- 17.45** Return to the hotels for those not attending the meeting of the chairpersons
- 17.45** **Meeting of the Chairpersons for the Preparation of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXVIII COSAC**



- 19.15** Departure from the hotels
- 20.00** Official dinner at the *Palácio de Queluz*, hosted by H.E. the Speaker of Assembleia da República, Jaime Gama
- 22.00** Return to the hotels
- Tuesday, 16 October 2007**
- 08.45** Departure from the hotels
- 09.00** **The EU Mediterranean Dimension**  
**Guest Speakers:**  
**Luís Amado, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs of Portugal**  
**Mohamed Benaïssa, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco**
- 11.00** Coffee break
- 11.15** **Exchange of views with the Representatives of the European Parliament at the IGC**  
**Elmar Brok, Enrique Barón Crespo and Andrew Duff**
- 11.45** **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XXXVIII COSAC**
- 12.30** **End of XXXVIII COSAC**
- 13.00** Buffet-Lunch at the Estoril Congress Centre, hosted by the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee, MP Vitalino Canas
- 15.00** Return to the hotels and departure