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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