

LXI COSAC

Bucharest, Palace of Parliament

23 –25 June 2019

Draft Programme

(as of 11 June 2019)

Sunday, 23 June 2019

14:00 – 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

16:00 Departure of Presidential Troika from the hotels to the Palace of Parliament

16:30 – 18:00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika

*Venue: Human Rights Hall, Palace of Parliament, Chamber of Deputies
2-4 Izvor Street, 5th District, 050563, Bucharest*

18:00 Departure of the Troika members from the Palace of Parliament, for the cultural programme

Cultural programme

17:45 Departure from the hotels for the cultural programme

18:30 – 19:45 Visit of the Mogoșoaia Palace (summer 18th-century lakeside palace surrounded by manicured gardens, situated about 15 kilometres from Bucharest)

Official dinner

19:45 Departure from the Mogoșoaia Palace for dinner

20:00 – 22:00 Official dinner hosted by Mr Ion Marcel CIOLACU, President of the Chamber of Deputies

*Venue: Știrbei Palace
36 Știrbei Vodă Street, 070000, Buftea*

22:00 Return to the hotels

Monday, 24 June 2019

Meetings of the political groups

7:45 Departure from the hotels to the Palace of Parliament

8:00 – 8:45 Meetings of the political groups

*Venue: Nicolae Iorga Hall / Nicolae Balcescu Hall / Human Rights Hall,
Palace of Parliament, Chamber of Deputies
2-4 Izvor Street, 5th District, 050563, Bucharest*

Plenary sessions

8:30 Departure from the hotels to the Palace of Parliament

9:00 Opening of the LXI COSAC

*Venue: Alexandru Ioan Cuza Hall, Palace of Parliament, Chamber of
Deputies
2-4 Izvor Street, 5th District, 050563, Bucharest*

Welcome addresses by

H.E Ion Marcel CIOLACU, President of the Chamber of Deputies

H.E Șerban-Constantin VALECA, Vice-president of the Senate

Introductory remarks by the Chair

9:15 – 9:30 Adoption of the agenda

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Briefing on the results of the COSAC Presidential Troika Meeting
- Presentation of the COSAC 31st Bi-annual Report
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Others

9:30 – 11:00 **SESSION I: Achievements of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

Keynote speakers:

Ms Vasilica-Viorica DĂNCILĂ, Prime Minister of Romania

Mr George CIAMBA, Minister-delegate for European Affairs,
Romanian Government

Debate

11:00 – 11:30 Family photo and coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 **SESSION II: Prospects for international trade relations of the European Union; the future of relations between the European Union and the UNITED KINGDOM in the context of "Brexit"**

Keynote speakers:

Ms Mairead McGuinness, First Vice-President, European Parliament (tbc)

Mr Luca Jahier, President, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

Debate

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

Venue: *Reception Hall, Palace of Parliament, Chamber of Deputies
2-4 Izvor Street, 5th District, 050563, Bucharest*

14:30 – 16:00 **SESSION III: The European Education Area as a driving factor for reshaping and strengthening the Single Market**

Keynote speakers:

Ms Themis Christophidou, Director-General, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission (tbc)

Acad. Ioan Dumitrache, Secretary General, Romanian Academy

Debate

16:00 **Return to the hotels (except for the Chairpersons)**

Chairpersons' Meeting

16:00 – 17:30 **Meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons**

Debate on the Contribution and Conclusions of the LXI COSAC

17:30 **Return to the hotels**

Official dinner

19:00 **Departure from the hotels for the official dinner**

19:30 – 22:00 **Official dinner hosted by Mr Angel Tîlvăr, Chair of the European Affairs Committee, Romanian Chamber of Deputies, and Ms Gabriela Crețu, Chair of the European Affairs Committee, Romanian Senate**

Venue: *JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel
90 Calea 13 Septembrie, 5th District, 050726, Bucharest*

22:00 **Return to the hotels**

Tuesday, 25 June 2019

Plenary session

9:00 **Departure from the hotels to the Palace of Parliament**

9:30 – 11:30 **SESSION IV: Economy based on innovation, technological progress and social European Union impact; the role of national parliaments in fostering the "New Economy" of the EU**

Keynote speakers:

Video message from Mr Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President, European Commission (tbc)

Ms Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chair, Committee on Constitutional Affairs, European Parliament (tbc)

Mr Timo PESONEN, Director-General, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission (tbc)

Debate

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 12:30 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LXI COSAC**

12:30 **Closing remarks by the Chair**

Lunch

12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch and closing of the conference**

**Venue: Reception Hall, Palace of Parliament, Chamber of Deputies
2-4 Izvor Street, 5th District, 050563, Bucharest**

14:00 **Return to the hotels**

Closing of the conference

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