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Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of the Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)

**Venue: Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic,
Waldstein Palace, Prague**

Date: July 10 – 11, 2022

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Sunday, July 10, 2022

- 15:00 - 18:00** **Arrival of delegations, check-in at the hotel and registration of participants**
Lindner Hotel Prague Castle (Strahovská 128/20, 118 00 Praha 1)
- 18:30** **5 minutes' walk from the hotel to the tram stop „Pohořelec”**
- 18:40** **Historical tram ride to the Senate premises**
- 19:30 – 22:00** **Dinner reception**
Senate premises - Waldstein Garden
- 21:00 - 22:30** **Transfer to the hotel by shuttle buses**

Monday, July 11, 2022

- 08:30** **Departure of shuttle buses from the hotel to the Senate (for the Troika meeting, departure at 07:30)**
- 08:00 – 08:45** **Meeting of the COSAC Presidential Troika**
Room: Plenary Hall
- 09:00 – 09:25** **Opening session**
- Welcome speech by **Mr Miloš Vystrčil**, President of the Czech Senate
 - Opening remarks by **Mr David Smoljak**, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate
 - Opening remarks by **Mr Ondřej Benešík**, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies
- 09:25 – 10:00** **Procedural and other general matters**
- Adoption of the Agenda of the Meeting
 - Presentation of the results of the COSAC Troika of Chairpersons' Meeting



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- Provisional agenda for the LXVIII COSAC Meeting
- Outline of the 38th COSAC Bi-Annual Report
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Procedural items
- Presentation of the outcomes of the COSAC working groups by representatives of the European Affairs Committees of the French Parliament

10:00 – 11:30 First session - Presentation of the priorities of the Czech Presidency

Session chaired by Mr Ondřej Benešík, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies

- Keynote speaker: **Mr Mikuláš Bek**, Minister for European Affairs of the Government of the Czech Republic
- Debate

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break and family photo

12:00 – 13:30 Second session – Media and Democracy: Current Challenges

Session chaired by Mr David Smoljak, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate

- Video message: **Ms Věra Jourová**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency
- Keynote Speaker: **Mr Othmar Karas**, First Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Speaker: **Mr Michal Klíma**, Commissioner for Media and Counter-Disinformation of the Czech Government
- Debate

13:30 – 13:45 Closing remarks of the Chairs

- Closing remarks by **Mr David Smoljak**, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate
- Closing remarks by **Mr Ondřej Benešík**, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies



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13:45

Buffet lunch (Senators' Restaurant)

14:45

Guided tour of the historical premises of the Senate – Waldstein Palace
including the visit of the exhibition *Alphonse Mucha: The Family Collection*,
Waldstein Riding School (optional)