

## Draft programme

### Sunday, 12 June 2016

14.00 – 19.00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

#### Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

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**17.00** Departure from the hotels

**17.30 - 19.00** Meeting of the Presidential Troika  
*(House of Representatives, Binnenhof 1A, The Hague)*

**19.00** Departure for reception and cocktail dinner

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19.00 Departure from the hotels

19.30 - 22.30 Members' Dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Committees on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, **Mr Malik Azmani** and of the Senate, **Mr Tuur Elzinga**  
*Venue: Het Spaansche Hof (Westeinde 12A, The Hague)*

19.30 - 22.30 Staff dinner  
*Venue: Beach club WIJ (Strandweg 1, Scheveningen)*

22.30 Return to the hotels

### Monday, 13 June 2016

#### Meeting of the political groups

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**07.30** Departure from the hotels

**08.00 – 08.45** Meeting of political groups  
*(Senate, committee meeting rooms, Binnenhof 22, The Hague)*

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08:15 Departure from the hotels to the Hall of Knights  
*(Binnenhof 11, The Hague)*

## Meeting of the LV COSAC The Hague, 12 - 14 June 2016

### 09.00 **Opening of the meeting**

Welcome address by the President of the Senate, **Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol**

Introductory remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, **Mr Tuur Elzinga**

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

##### **Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**

- Information on the results of the Presidential Troika
- Letters received by the Presidency

09.30 – 10.00 Keynote speech by **Mr Mark Rutte**, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, reflection on the Dutch EU Presidency

Questions and debate

### 10.00 - 11.30 **Session I: Parliamentary scrutiny, an exchange of best practices**

10.00 – 10.15 Introduction

Opening by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, **Mr Tuur Elzinga** and introduction of the moderator for this session, **Ms Marit Maij**, member of the Dutch House of Representatives

Key findings from the 25th Bi-annual report

Presentation by the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat, **Ms Christiana Fryda**

10.15 – 10.45 Combining parliamentary information for scrutiny and effective cooperation between parliaments: The use of Rapporteurs

Introduction by the moderator and debate

10.45 – 11.15 Scrutiny beyond ministerial Councils: Trilogue

Introduction by the moderator and debate

11.15 – 11.30 State of play on the instruments at the disposal of National Parliaments (yellow/green card)

Interview with **Mr Frans Timmermans**, First Vice President of the European Commission

### 11.30 – 13.00 **Family photo and lunch**

*Hall of Knights*

11.45 – 13.00 Informal session on the implementation of the Single European Sky (SES) requested by the Dutch rapporteurs SES

*Venue: Hall of Knights*

12.15 – 13.00 Informal session on collaborative economy requested by the delegation of the Parliament of Estonia

*Venue: Senate*

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### 13.00 – 14.30 **Session II: The role of Parliaments in Protecting the Rule of Law within the EU**

Introduction by the moderator, **Mr Murray Hunt**, Visiting Professor Oxford University

Panel discussion:

- **Mr Pieter van Dijk**, former member Venice Commission, expert Rule of Law check list of the Venice Commission
- **Ms Sophie in 't Veld**, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur of the legislative own-initiative report on the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights'

Debate

14.15 – 14.30 Closing remarks by **Mr Frans Timmermans**, First Vice President of the European Commission

14.30 – 15.00 Coffee break

### 15.00 – 16.30 **Session III: Exchange of best practices and experiences in Parliamentary Diplomacy**

Introduction by the moderator, **Mr Jan Wouters**, University of Leuven, research project "Interparliamentary Cooperation in the EU's External Action – Parliamentary Scrutiny and Diplomacy in the EU and Beyond"

Panel discussion:

- **Ms Lolita Čigāne**, chairperson European Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Latvia
- **Mr Andrej Hunko**, member of the Bundestag, Germany
- **Mr Rubén Moreno Palanques**, member of the Congress of Deputies, Spain

Debate

16.30 Return to the hotels

### 16.30 – 18.00 **Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons**

*Hall of Knights*

Debate on the Draft Contributions of the LV COSAC

18.00 Return to the hotels

19.00 Departure from the hotels for dinner hosted by the President of the Senate, **Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol**, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Ms Khadija Arib** and the Mayor of The Hague, **Mr Jozias van Aartsen**

*Venue: Kurhaus, Grand Hotel Amrâth (Gevers Deynootplein 30, Scheveningen)*

23.00 Return to the hotels

## Meeting of the LV COSAC The Hague, 12 - 14 June 2016

### Tuesday, 14 June 2016

- 07.00 - 07.30 Morning run (departure from the conference hotels)
- 08.15 Departure from the hotels
- 9.00 – 10.00 Session IV: European Court of Auditors**
- Introduction by the moderator, Mr Joris Backer, member of the Dutch Senate
- Introduction by **Mr Alex Brenninkmeijer** and **Mr Ville Itälä**, Members of the European Court of Auditors
- Debate
- 10.00 - 11.30 Session V: Migration**
- Discussion on the state of play of the implementation of the EU-Turkey Agreement
- Introduction by the moderator, **Mr Kamran Ullah**
- Introduction by **Mr Gerald Knaus**, Chairman of the European Stability Initiative
- Introduction by speaker (tbc)
- Panel discussion:
- **Mr Elmar Brok**, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament
  - **Ms Marina Berlinghieri**, member of the Chamber of Deputies, Italy
  - **Mr Václav Hampl**, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate, Czech Republic
- Debate
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00 – 12.45 Adoption of the contributions of the LV COSAC**
- 12.45 – 12.50 Presentation by the winner of the essay contest of the Dutch Parliament on the role of national parliaments in the European Union in 25 years (tbc)
- 12.50 – 13.00 Closing remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, **Mr Malik Azmani**
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch  
*Hall of Knights*
- 14.30 Return to the hotels and departure of delegations