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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Vouli ton 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**
- Mr Dominic Hannigan*, Chairman of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs of the Irish Houses of the Oireachtas  
*Mr Paolo Tancredi*, Vice-chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Italian Camera dei Deputati
- Debate
- 11:30 – 12:00      Coffee break  
*Hall 1*
- 12:00 – 13:00      **3. The European Commission’s Multiannual Work Programme and the Role of Parliaments**
- Ms Maria João Rodrigues*, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament  
*Ms Danielle Auroi*, 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  
*Hall 2*
- 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**

