

Plenary Meeting of the LIX COSAC 17 – 19 June 2018, Sofia

DRAFT PROGRAMME (as of 03.05.2018)

Sunday, 17 June 2018

14:00 - 19:00	Arrival of the delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels
16:30	Departure by bus from the hotels for the Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
17:00 – 18:30	Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC Venue: National Assembly, "Zapad" Hall, 2 Narodno Sabranie sq. 1169 Sofia, Bulgaria
18:30 - 19:30	Cultural programme
19:30	Departure for dinner
19:30	Departure from the hotels for dinner
20:00 - 20:30	Tour of the National History Museum
20:30 - 22:30	Official dinner hosted by Mr Kristian VIGENIN , Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the

Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Venue: National History Museum,

16 Vitoshko Lale Str., 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 18 June 2018

7:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue

8:00 – 9:00 Meetings of the political groups

Venue: National Palace of Culture, 1 "Bulgaria" sq., Sofia



Monday, 18 June 2018

8:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue

Venue: National Palace of Culture, Hall 3,

1 "Bulgaria" sq., Sofia

9:00 – 9:10 Opening address by Ms Tsveta KARAYANCHEVA,

President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

9:10 – 9:30 Welcome address by Mr Rumen RADEV,

President of the Republic of Bulgaria

Welcome address by Ms Mairead McGUINNESS,

Vice-President of the European Parliament

Introductory remarks by Mr Kristian VIGENIN,

Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

9:30 - 10:00

Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LIX COSAC Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Briefing on the results of the COSAC Presidential Troika meeting
- Presentation of the COSAC 29th Bi-Annual Report
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Others

10:00 - 11:00

Session I: Achievements of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Keynote speaker: Mr Boyko BORISSOV (tbc),

Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ingrid SHIKOVA (tbc),

Lecturer at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski

Chair of the Session: Ms Ivelina VASSILEVA,

Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

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Debate

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 Session II: Integration and connectivity of the Western Balkans – a new impetus to EU enlargement policy

Keynote speakers:

Mr Christian DANIELSSON (tbc),

Director-General of the Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations of the European Commission

Mr Nikola DIMITROV,

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Mr Knut FLECKENSTEIN (tbc),

Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur for Albania

Moderator: Amb. Biserka BENISHEVA,

Director for EU Affairs at PanEuropa Bulgaria

Chair of the Session: Ms Imren MEHMEDOVA,

Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Debate

13:00 – 13:15 Family photo

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 Session III: European Pillar of Social Rights - building a more inclusive and fairer Europe

Keynote speakers:

Mr Luca JAHIER,

Designated President of European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), President of the Various Interests' Group, EESC

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Dr. Ľuboš BLAHA,

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Ms Maria João RODRIGUES (tbc),

Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL), Rapporteur for the European Pillar of Social Rights, European Parliament

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Katia VLADIMIROVA,

Lecturer at University of National and World Economy and New Bulgarian University

Chair of the Session: Ms Polina TSANKOVA-HRISTOVA,

Member of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Debate

16:00 Return to the hotels by bus

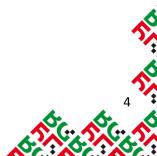
16:30 – 18:00	COSAC Chairpersons' meeting Debate on the draft Contribution and draft Conclusions of the LIX COSAC
18:00	Return to the hotels by bus

19:30 Departure from the hotels for dinner

20:00 - 22:30 Official dinner hosted by Ms Tsveta KARAYANCHEVA,

President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus





Tuesday, 19 June 2018

08:30 Departure from the hotels to the conference venue

9:00 – 10:45 Session IV: A strong and effective Cohesion Policy post 2020

Keynote speakers:

Mr Tomislav DONCHEV,

Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Mr Michael SCHNEIDER,

The President of the Subsidiarity Steering Group Committee of the Regions' rapporteur on "The future of Cohesion Policy beyond 2020"

Ms Diana Spinant,

Director for Budget, Communication and General Affairs, DG REGIO, European Commission

Ms Isabelle THOMAS (tbc),

Member of the Committee on Budgets (BUDG) of the European Parliament

Moderator: Ms Milena MILOTINOVA,

Journalist, TV host , "Bulgaria ON AIR" Former Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Chair of the Session: Mr Petar PETROV,

Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Debate

10:45 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

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11:30 - 13:00

Session V: EU Interparliamentary cooperation in the context of the debate on subsidiarity and proportionality

Keynote speaker:

Mr Frans TIMMERMANS,

First Vice President of the European Commission

Ms Danuta Maria HÜBNER (tbc),

Chaiperson AFCO Committee

Mr Bastiaan VAN APELDOORN,

Chair of the Standing Committee on European Affairs, Dutch Senate

Ms Bettina VOLLATH (tbc),

President of the Provincial Parliament of Styria Republic of Austria

Moderator: Mr Kiril Valchev (tbc),

Journalist, Host of "The Week" political broadcast, Darik Radio

Chair of the Session: Mr Kristian VIGENIN,

Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Debate

13:00 – 13:30 Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of LIX COSAC

13:30 – 13:35 Closing remarks by Mr. Kristian VIGENIN,

Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

13:35 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 Return to the hotels by bus

Departure of delegations

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