



Meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons

Vienna, 8-9 July 2018

Draft programme

Sunday, 8 July 2018

- 14:00 – 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration at the hotels
- 16:45 Departure from the hotels
- 17:00 -
approx. 18:00 **DemocracyQuarter WalkingTour**
Visit of the interim location of the Austrian Parliament during the renovation of the historic Parliament building
- 18:15 Return to the hotels
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- Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**
- 17:40 Departure from the hotels
- 18:00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika
Venue: Parliament-Hofburg, Room 5
Entrance: Pavilion Bibliothekshof
- Departure for the dinner
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- 18:45 Departure from the hotels
- 19:30 **Dinner hosted by the Chairperson of the Permanent Subcommittee on EU Affairs of the National Council and the Chairperson of the EU Committee of the Federal Council**
Dinner speech by Ms. Karoline Edtstadler, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of the Interior, on “The global responsibility of the EU”
Venue: Restaurant Kahlenberg, Am Kahlenberg 2-3, 1190 Vienna
- approx. 22:30 Return to the hotels

Monday, 9 July 2018

8:00 Departure from the hotels

8:30 **Opening of the meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons**

Venue: Parliament-Hofburg, Großer Redoutensaal

Entrance: 1010 Vienna, Josefsplatz 4

Welcome addresses:

Mr. Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the National Council

Ms. Inge Posch-Gruska, President of the Federal Council

Chairperson's introductory remarks

8:45 Adoption of the agenda

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Draft agenda of the LX. COSAC
- Outline of the 30th Bi-annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Others

9:15 **Session 1: Priorities of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU**

Keynote speaker:

Mr. Gernot Blümel

Federal Minister within the Federal Chancellery for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media

Debate

10:30 Family photo and coffee break

11:00

Session 2: Future and perspectives of the European Union

Keynote speakers:

Mr. Frans Timmermans

First Vice President of the European Commission

Ms. Mairead McGuinness

Vice President of the European Parliament

Ms. Ulrike Guérot

Head of Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy

Danube University Krems

Debate

12:55

Chairperson's closing remarks

13:00

Lunch

Venue: Parliament-Hofburg, Dachfoyer

14:30

Return to the hotels

Departure of delegations