

**Draft Programme
(as of 9 March 2009)**

**XLI Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees
of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)
Prague, 11 – 12 May 2009**

Sunday, 10 May 2009

Arrival of delegations

12.00 – 19.30 Registration of participants at the hotels

15.00 – 17.30 Guided tour of Prague Castle

18.30 – 19.30 **COSAC Troika Meeting**
Chamber of Deputies, Sněmovní 4, Prague 1

19.30 Departure by bus to Prague's Municipal House

20.00 Dinner hosted by Mr. Miloslav Vlček, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
French Restaurant, Prague's Municipal House, nám. Republiky 5, Prague 1

Monday, 11 May 2009

8.00 – 8.40 **Meeting of Political Groups**
Hotel Mövenpick, Mozartova 261/1, Prague 5

8.45 Departure by bus to the Žofín Palace

9.00 Continuation of the registration of participants at the Žofín Palace
Žofín, Slovanský ostrov 226, Prague 1

9.30 **Opening Session of the XLI COSAC**
Mr. Miloslav Vlček, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
Mr. Přemysl Sobotka, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

9.40 **Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU**
Mr. Mirek Topolánek, President of the European Council, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic (tbc)

Debate

11.15 **Current Economic and Financial Situation: Czech Presidency Perspective on its Recovery**
Mr. Miroslav Kalousek, Minister of Finance (tbc)

Debate

12.30 **Results of the Subsidiarity Check on the Proposal for a Directive on Standards of Quality and Safety of Human Organs Intended for Transplantation**

Debate

- 13.15 Family photo
- 13.30 Lunch
The Žofín Restaurant
- 14.30 **Role of the EU in Defending Democracy and Human Rights in the World**
Mr. Václav Havel, former President of the Czech Republic
Ms. Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (*tbc*)
- Debate
- 16.00 **Presentation of the 11th Bi-annual Report with Special Regard to the National Parliaments' Role in the Control of Europol and Evaluation of Eurojust**
Mr. Petr Krill, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies
Mr. Luděk Seřiz, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate
- Debate
- 17.00 End of session
- Departure by bus to the hotels
- 17.10 **Chairpersons' Meeting on the Elaboration of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XLI COSAC**
- 18.00 Return by bus to the hotels
- 19.00 Departure by bus to St. Agnes Convent
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by Mr. Petr Krill, Vice-Chairman of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies
St. Agnes Convent, U milosrdných 17, Prague 1

Tuesday, 12 May 2009

- 8.30 Departure by bus to the Žofín Palace
- 9.00 **Eastern Dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy**
Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (*tbc*)
Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- Debate
- 11.00 **European Commission's Annual Policy Strategy for 2010**
Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (*tbc*)
- Debate
- 12.00 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XLI COSAC**
- 12.30 Lunch
The Žofín Restaurant
- 14.00 Return by bus to the hotels