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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

17:40 Departure from the hotels to the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre

18:00 – 19:00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC  
*Venue: Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre, Ķīpsalas iela 8*

19:20 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*

22:00 Return to the hotels by bus

#### Monday, 1 June 2015

#### Meetings of the political groups

7:40 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*

8:30 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**

### **State of Play of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

**9:30 – 11:00**

*Ms Laimdota Straujuma*, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

Debate

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee break  
*Hall 1*

## **SESSION II**

### **European Union Energy Policy: State of Play, Challenges and Opportunities**

**11:15 – 12:45**

*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, *TBC*

*Mr Petr Hlobil*, Chair of the *Green 10*, *TBC*

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 TBC; working language – English*

Moderator: *Mr Ojārs Ēriks Kalniņš*, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, *TBC*

Speakers:

– *Mr Karim Emile Bitar*, Senior Research Fellow of the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs *IRIS*, *TBC*

– *Mr Charles Lister*, Visiting Fellow of the *Brookings Doha Center*, *TBC*



### SESSION III

15:00 – 17:00

#### The European Union as a Global Actor: EU Trade Policy for next five years

*Ms Cecilia Malmström*, European Commissioner for Trade

*Ms Elena Bryan*, Senior Trade Representative, United States Mission to the EU, **TBC**

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

19:30

Departure by bus from the hotels to the Residence of the Saeima Presidium

20:00

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

8:30

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

9:00 – 10:00

#### 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 **TBC**

*Mr/Ms TBC*

Debate

10:00 – 11:00

#### 2. Green Card: Towards an Enhanced Political Dialogue

*Mr Dominic Hannigan*, Chairman of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs  
of the Houses of the Oireachtas, **TBC**

*Mr/Ms TBC* Representative from the national Parliament

Debate



- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break  
*Hall 1*
- 11:30 – 12:30 **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, **TBC**  
*Ms/ Mr TBC*  
  
Debate
- 12:30 – 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 of delegations**

