



MALTAEU2017
PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION

LVII COSAC

Draft Programme

**28 – 30 May 2017
MALTA**

Sunday, 28 May 2017

15:00 – 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17:00	Departure from hotels
17:30 – 19.00	Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC Arena Conference Centre, Intercontinental Hotel, St Julian's
19:00	Departure for dinner

19:00 Departure by bus to the dinner venue

19:30 Dinner hosted by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*

22:00 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 29 May 2017

07:30 Departure by bus to Arena Conference Centre, Intercontinental Hotel, St Julian's

08:00 – 09:00 **Meeting of political groups**

08:15 Departure by bus for remaining delegates to Arena Conference Centre, Intercontinental Hotel, St Julian's

09:00 **Opening of the LVII COSAC**

Welcome address by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

Introductory remarks by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*

Adoption of the Agenda

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika
- Letters received by the Presidency

Questions and debate

09:30 **Session I: Reflection on the Malta's EU Presidency**

Keynote speech by Hon. Joseph Muscat, *Prime Minister of Malta* (tbc)

Debate

10:30 **Coffee break**

- 11:00** **Session II: The role of national Parliaments in the EU**
Presentation of the 27th Bi-annual Report of COSAC by Ms Christiana Fryda
Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat
- Speakers (tbc)
- Debate
- 12:30** **Family Photo and lunch**
- 14:00** **Session III: Outcome of the UK Referendum – State of play**
Keynote speakers:
Mr Michel Barnier, *Chief Brexit negotiator for the European Commission (tbc)*
Mr Guy Verhofstadt, *Member of the European Parliament and lead Brexit negotiator for the European Parliament (tbc)*
- Debate
- 15:30** **Session IV: Towards an Integrated EU Maritime Policy**
Keynote speech by Mr Karmenu Vella, *EU Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (tbc)*
- Debate
- Return to the hotels by bus
- 16:30** **Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons**
Debate on the Draft Contribution and Conclusions of LVII COSAC
- 18:00** Return to the hotels by bus
- 19:15** Departure from the hotels for dinner hosted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Tuesday, 30 May 2017

- 08:00** Departure from the hotels
- 09:00** **Session V: Migration – Combating human smuggling and trafficking and establishing a humane and effective return and readmission policy**
 Keynote speakers:
 Mr Dimitris Avramopoulos *EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship (tbc)*
 Hon. George Vella, *Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta*
- Debate
- 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:30** **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LVII COSAC**
- 12:30** Closing remarks by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*
- 12:45** **Lunch**
- 14:30** **Departure of delegations**