

Draft as of 1 July 2016

Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC

13 – 15 November 2016

Bratislava

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 13 November 2016

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| 14:00 – 19:00 | Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels |
| 16:45 | Departure of the Presidential Troika from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle |
| 17:00 – 18:30 | Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

<i>Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava</i> |
| 18:45 | Departure from the hotels to Grand Hotel River Park |
| 19:00 | Official dinner hosted by Mr Andrej DANKO , Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

<i>Venue: Grand Hotel River Park, Dvořákovo nábrežie 6, Bratislava</i> |
| 21:30 | Return to the hotels |

Monday, 14 November 2016

7:30 Departure from the hotels to the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the meetings of the political groups

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

Venue: National Council of the Slovak Republic, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

8:30 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle (other participants)
Registration (for those not yet registered)

9:00 – 9:30 Opening session of the LVI COSAC

Welcome address by Mr **Andrej DANKO**, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Introductory remarks by Mr **Ľuboš BLAHA**, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC

Procedural issues of the Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC

- Information on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency

Presentation of the 26th Bi-annual Report of COSAC by Ms **Christiana FRYDA**, Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat

9:30 – 11:00 SESSION I

State of Play of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Keynote speaker:

Mr **Robert FICO**, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic (*tbc*)

Debate

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:15 SESSION II

Strengthening the role of national parliaments in the EU in the context of the referendum on UK membership of the EU

Keynote speaker:

Mr **Frans TIMMERMANS**, First Vice-President of the European Commission

Panelists:

Ms **Danuta Maria HÜBNER**, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, European Parliament

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Debate

13:15 – 13:30 Family photo

13:30 – 15:00 **Lunch**

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

15:00 – 16:45 **SESSION III**

The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): a trade agreement between the European Union and the United States (and its challenges, opportunities and risks)

Keynote speakers:

Mr **Ignacio García BERCERO**, EU Chief Negotiator of TTIP; Director, DG Trade, European Commission

Ms **Susan GEORGE**, political and social scientist, activist and writer on global social justice; President of the Board of the Transnational Institute

Panelists:

Mr **Pieter OMTZIGT**, Member of the Committee on European Affairs, Tweede Kamer, the Netherlands

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

Debate

16:45 Return to the hotels

17:00 – 18:00 **COSAC Chairpersons meeting**

Debate on the Draft Contribution of the LVI COSAC

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

18:00 Return of the chairpersons to the hotels

19:00 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

20:00 **Official dinner** hosted by Mr **Andrej DANKO**, Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

22:30 Return to the hotels

Tuesday, 15 November 2016

7:45 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

8:00 – 9:45 SESSION IV

2016: Energy Union's „year of delivery”

Keynote speaker:

Mr **Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union

Panelists:

Mr **Jerzy BUZEK**, Chair of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Debate

9:45 – 10:15 Coffee Break

10:15 – 12:00 SESSION V

Securing the external borders of the EU in the context of irregular migration

Keynote speakers:

Mr **Robert KALIŇÁK**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of the Slovak Republic (tbc)

Mr **Fabrice LEGGERI**, Executive Director of Frontex (European Border and Coast Guard)

Panelists:

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Member of a national parliament (tbc)

Debate

12:00 – 12:30 Adoption of the Contribution of the LVI COSAC

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

14:00 Return to the hotels by bus

Departures of delegations