

XXX COSAC

Conference of community and European affairs committees

- Programme -

Registration procedures for conference participants may be completed Sunday 5 October from 3 to 8 p.m. in the hotels or on Monday morning, 6 October, at the Senate, starting from 8.30.

Sunday 5 October

- 4.30 pm** Departure from hotels.
- 5.00 pm** Visits to the *Foro Romano* and the *Colosseo*.
- 7.00 pm** Return to hotels.
- 8.30 pm** Departure from hotels.
- 8.45 pm** Welcome dinner hosted by the Chairpersons of the European Affairs Committees of the Senate of the Republic and the Chamber of Deputies at *Palazzo Ferrajoli*.
- Return to hotels.

Monday 6 October

- 8.45 am** ^(*) Transfer from hotels to the Senate of the Republic (piazza Madama, 2).
- 9.30 am** Welcome address by Marcello Pera, Speaker of the Senate of the Republic, and Pierferdinando Casini, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies.
- Opening of proceedings and the adoption of the agenda.
- Franco Frattini, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- "The Draft European Constitutional Treaty from the Convention to the Intergovernmental Conference: methodological and substantive issues, with particular reference to the role of the Parliaments of EU countries".*
- Discussion.

^(*) PPE and PSE political groups will meet in the Senate halls from 8.30 am to 9.15am. A shuttle bus service will be available at the hotels at 8.00 am.

11.30 am	Coffee break.
11.45 am-1.15 pm	Resumption of proceedings.
1.15 pm	Family photo. Luncheon in the <i>Sala Zuccari</i> at <i>Palazzo Giustiniani</i> .
3.30 pm	Resumption of proceedings. Javier Solana, Secretary General of the Council of the European Union, High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy: <i>"Proximity policies of the European Union: the Mediterranean, the Balkans, Eastern Europe"</i> . Discussion.
5.00 pm	Coffee break.
5.00-6.15 pm	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the European Affairs Committees.
5.30 pm	<u>Piazza Madama</u> . Departure of shuttle buses to the hotels for those not taking part in the meeting with the President of the Republic.
6.30 pm	<u>Piazza Madama</u> . Departure to the <i>Quirinale</i> of Committee members only.
6.45 pm -7.15 pm	Meeting with the President of the Italian Republic, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi. Return to hotels.
8.15 pm	Departure from hotels.
8.45 pm	Official dinner hosted by the Speaker of the Senate of the Republic and the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies in the <i>Grandi Aule delle Terme di Diocleziano</i> . Return to hotels.

Tuesday 7 October

8.30 am	Transfer from the hotels to the Senate of the Republic.
9.00 am	Resumption of proceedings. <i>"The Troika-COSAC Secretariat. Discussion of the operational document to implement the guidelines approved at the Athens COSAC meeting"</i> .

10.30 am Coffee break.

10.45 am Resumption of proceedings.

“Proposals regarding the role of regional legislative assemblies within COSAC. Examination of proposed amendments to the COSAC Rules of Procedure”.

11.30-12.30 am Examination of the final contribution of the XXX COSAC.

End of the Conference.

Luncheon at the Senate of the Republic.