

## COSAC Bi-annual Reports<sup>1</sup>

The XXX COSAC decided that the COSAC Secretariat should produce factual Bi-annual Reports, to be published ahead of each ordinary meeting of the Conference. The purpose of the Reports is to give an overview of the developments in procedures and practices in the European Union that are relevant to parliamentary scrutiny.

All the Bi-annual Reports are also available on the [IPEX website](#) by navigating to the respective meeting.

## Rapports semestriels de la COSAC

La XXXe COSAC a décidé que le secrétariat de la COSAC devrait produire des rapports biannuels factuels, à publier avant chaque réunion ordinaire de la Conférence. L'objectif de ces rapports est de donner une vue d'ensemble des développements des procédures et des pratiques dans l'Union européenne relevant du contrôle parlementaire.

Tous les rapports semestriels sont disponibles sur le [site web d'IPEX](#) en accédant à la réunion concernée.

BI-ANNUAL REPORT/PRESIDENCY	TOPICS COVERED
<a href="#">41st Bi-annual report of COSAC</a> <a href="#">41e Rapport semestriel de la COSAC</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 41st Bi-annual report</a> <b>Questionnaire (EN &amp; FR)</b>  <b>(Belgian Presidency 2024)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A review of the 2019-2024 European legislature and prospects for the Council's strategic agenda for 2024-2029</li><li>2: Gender policy and the representation of women in parliament</li><li>3: Democracy and the Rule of Law in Europe: the way ahead</li></ol>

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<sup>1</sup> The links are made available to both linguistic version (EN and FR) of the Bi-annual reports. The topics are listed in English and the French version can be consulted through the links.

<p><a href="#">40th Bi-annual report</a></p> <p><a href="#">40e Rapport semestriel de la COSAC</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex to the 40th Bi-annual report</a></p> <p><b>Questionnaire (EN &amp; FR)</b></p> <p><b>(Spanish Presidency 2023)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The role of Parliaments in relation to the European goal of open strategic autonomy</li> <li>2: the role of Parliaments in handling energy policies: renewable sources of energy</li> <li>3: The role of the Parliaments when confronted with Russia’s invasion of Ukraine</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Video presentation of the 40th COSAC Bi-annual report</a></p>
<p><a href="#">39th Bi-annual report of COSAC</a></p> <p><a href="#">39e Rapport semestriel de la COSAC</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex to the 39th Bi-annual report</a></p> <p><b>Questionnaire (EN &amp; FR)</b></p> <p><b>(Swedish Presidency 2023)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The role of Parliaments in dealing with the Fit for 55 Climate Legislation</li> <li>2. The role of Parliaments in accelerated decision-making processes in response to crises</li> <li>3. Best practices for information exchange between Parliaments, including the use of IPEX</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Video presentation of the 39th COSAC Bi-annual report</a></p>
<p><a href="#">38th Bi-annual report of COSAC</a></p> <p><a href="#">38e Rapport semestriel de la COSAC</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex to the 38th Bi-annual Report</a></p> <p><b>(Czech Presidency 2022)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Conference on the Future of Europe - parliamentary procedures and institutional affairs;</li> <li>2. Proposals of COSAC Working Groups</li> <li>3. The European Union and Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Video presentation of the 38th COSAC Bi-annual report</a></p>
<p><a href="#">37th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a></p> <p><a href="#">37e Rapport semestriel de la COSAC</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex to the 37th Bi-annual Report</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The role of national Parliaments in the EU;</li> <li>2. The rule of Law;</li> <li>3. The Conference on the Future of Europe</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Video presentation of the 37th Bi-annual report of COSAC</a></p>

<b>(French Presidency 2022)</b>	
<p><a href="#">36th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a>  <a href="#">36ème Rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 36th Bi-annual Report</a>  <b>(Slovenian Presidency 2021)</b></p>	<p>1. The digitalisation of parliaments/chambers during the pandemic and digital transition;  2. The future role of young people in decision-making processes and beyond;  3. The Conference on the Future of Europe</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Video presentation of the 36th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a></p>
<p><a href="#">35th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">35ème Rapport Semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 35th Bi-annual Report</a>  <b>(Portuguese Presidency 2021)</b></p>	<p>1. Action plan to implement the European pillar of social rights;  2. EU-Africa strategy;  3. Next Generation EU: scrutiny of national recovery and resilience plans - implications for the European semester;  4. Conference on the future of Europe</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Video presentation of the 35th Bi-annual Report</a></p>
<p><a href="#">34th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">34e rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 34th Bi-annual Report</a>  <b>(German Presidency 2020)</b></p>	<p>1. Conference on the future of Europe;  2. Lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Video presentation of the 34th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a></p>
<p><a href="#">33rd Bi-annual Report EN</a>  <a href="#">33e rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 33rd Bi-annual Report</a>  <b>(Croatian Presidency 2019)</b></p>	<p>1. Follow-up to the 32nd Bi-annual report;  2. Cooperation with the European institutions, advisory bodies and agencies – best practices;  3. Parliamentary oversight – tools and mechanisms, constitutional and legal practices</p>

<p><a href="#">32nd Bi-annual Report EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">32e rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex to the 32nd Bi-annual Report EN</a></p> <p><b>(Finish Presidency 2019)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of parliamentary activities;</li> <li>2. Inter-parliamentary cooperation in the 2020s;</li> <li>3. Evaluation of the Bi-annual report</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">31st Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">31e rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex to the 31st Bi-annual Report</a></p> <p><b>(Romanian Presidency 2019)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. prospects of international trade relations of the European union; the future of relations between the European union and the United Kingdom in the context of BREXIT;</li> <li>2. the European education area as a driving factor for reshaping and strengthening the single market;</li> <li>3. economy based on innovation, technological progress and social impact; the role of Parliaments in fostering the “new economy” of the EU;</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">30 Bi-annual Report Final EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">30 Bi-annual Report Final FR</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex to the 30th Bi-annual Report</a></p> <p><b>(Austrian Presidency 2018)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The role of national Parliaments in ensuring transparency and bringing the EU closer to its citizens;</li> <li>2. Climate policy and energy union; 3. State of play of BREXIT - implications for the future of the EU</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">29th Bi-annual Report EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">29e rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex to the 29th Bi-annual Report EN</a></p> <p><b>(Bulgarian Presidency 2018)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The future of Europe;</li> <li>2. The next “Multiannual Financial Framework” 2021-2027;</li> <li>3. European pillar of social rights</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">28th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The future of the European union;</li> <li>2. Bringing the EU closer to its citizens;</li> </ol>

<p><a href="#">28ème rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 28th Bi-annual Report EN</a>  (Estonian Presidency 2017)</p>	<p>3. Digital single market</p>
<p><a href="#">Twenty-seventh Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">Vingt-septième rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 27th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  (Maltese Presidency 2017)</p>	<p>1. Scrutiny of government by national Parliaments of EU proposals, reports and implementation of EU law; 2. The outcome of the UK referendum and the future of the European Union;  3. Migration: combatting human smuggling, trafficking, and establishing a humane and effective return and readmission policy.</p>
<p><a href="#">26th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">26ème rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 26th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN FR</a>  (Slovak Presidency 2016)</p>	<p>1. The Transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP) between the European Union and the United States: Parliamentary scrutiny of the negotiation process;  2. 2016: Energy Union's "Year of delivery";  3. Improving the role of national Parliaments.</p>
<p><a href="#">25th Bi-Annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">25ème rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 25th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a></p>	<p>1. Modes and experiences of national scrutiny;  2. The rule of law and the role of Parliaments;  3. Parliamentary diplomacy in the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP).</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Annex to the 25th Bi-annual Report of COSAC-rapporteurs, French Assemblée nationale</u></a> (Dutch Presidency 2016)</p>	
<p><a href="#"><u>24th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Vingt-quatrième rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Annex to the 24th Bi-annual Report</u></a> (Luxembourgish Presidency 2015)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The future of parliamentary scrutiny of EU affairs;</li> <li>2. A European Agenda on Migration;</li> <li>3. Enlargement policy</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#"><u>Twenty-third Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Vingt-troisième rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Annex to the 23rd Bi-annual Report of COSAC</u></a> (Latvian Presidency 2015)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EU Energy Policy: State of Play, Challenges and Opportunities;</li> <li>2. Future of Parliamentary Scrutiny of EU Affairs;</li> <li>3. EU Trade Policy and the Role of Parliaments</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#"><u>22nd Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</u></a> <a href="#"><u>22e rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Annex to 22nd Bi-annual Report</u></a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Europe 2020;</li> <li>2. Future of the EU - EU institutions and Parliaments;</li> <li>3. The Mediterranean and the role of EU Parliaments;</li> <li>4. EU agencies and national Parliaments</li> </ol>

(Italian Presidency 2014)	
<a href="#">21st Bi-annual Report EN</a> <a href="#">21er Rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 21st Bi-Annual Report</a> (Hellenic Presidency 2014)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Future of COSAC;</li> <li>2. Cooperation between national Parliaments and the European Parliament;</li> <li>3. Developing the social dimension of the EMU: the role of Parliaments;</li> <li>4. Democratic legitimacy and accountability in the budget process</li> </ol>
<a href="#">20th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">20ème Rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 20th Bi-annual Report</a> (Lithuanian Presidency 2013)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. European Elections 2014;</li> <li>2. Democratic Legitimacy in the EU and the role of Parliaments;</li> <li>3. Implementation of the EU 2020 Strategy.</li> </ol>
<a href="#">19th Bi-annual Report EN</a> <a href="#">19e rapport semestriel FR</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 19th Biannual Report</a> (Irish Presidency 2013)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Genuine Economic and Monetary Union;</li> <li>2. European Semester 2013;</li> <li>3. EU enlargement;</li> <li>4. Subsidiarity</li> </ol>
<a href="#">18th Bi-annual Report EN</a> <a href="#">18ème rapport semestriel FR</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 18th Bi-annual Report</a> (Cyprus Presidency 2012)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relations between the European Institutions and national Parliaments.</li> <li>2. The Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union and the role of Parliaments.</li> <li>3. Energy - Trans-European Energy Infrastructure.</li> </ol>

	4. Single Market Governance.
<a href="#">17th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 17th Bi-annual Report</a> (Danish Presidency 2012)	1. Information flow to and from Parliaments; 2. Re-launch of the Single Market
<a href="#">16th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a> <a href="#">16ème rapport semestriel de la COSAC</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 16th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a> (Polish Presidency 2011)	1. Multiannual Financial Framework for Europe 2020 2. Two Years after the Entry into Force of the Treaty of Lisbon.
<a href="#">The 15th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 15th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a> (Hungarian Presidency 2011)	1. Europe 2020 Strategy 2. European Semester and the Annual Growth Survey 3. Economic governance and financial regulation in general 4. European Commission Work Programme 2010
<a href="#">14th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a> <a href="#">14ème rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a> <a href="#">Annex to the 14th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a>	1. Sustainable development in the EUROPE 2020 Strategy 2. Parliamentary scrutiny of the common security and defence policy 3. The future role of COSAC after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon - continuation of the debate of the XLIII COSAC meeting.



<p>(Belgian Presidency 2010)</p>	
<p><a href="#">13th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">13ème rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 13th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a></p> <p>(Spanish Presidency 2010)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The New Powers of National Parliaments after Entry into Force of the Treaty of Lisbon</li> <li>2. The Future Role of COSAC</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">12th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">12ème rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 12th Bi-annual Report</a></p> <p>(Swedish Presidency 2009)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transparency of the parliamentary scrutiny</li> <li>2. Parliamentary scrutiny of the Stockholm Programme</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">11th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">11ème rapport semestriel de la COSAC FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 11th Bi-annual Report of COSAC</a></p> <p>(Czech Presidency 2009)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parliamentary control of Europol and evaluation of Eurojust</li> <li>2. The role of the EU parliaments in the promotion of human rights and democracy in the world</li> <li>3. Representatives of National Parliaments to the EU</li> <li>4. Evaluation of the COSAC Bi-annual Reports</li> </ol>

<p><a href="#">10th Bi-annual Report of COSAC EN</a>  <a href="#">Annex No. 1 to the 10th Bi-annual Report</a>  <a href="#">Annex No. 2 to the 10th Bi-annual Report</a>  (French Presidency 2008)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Treaty of Lisbon and its ratification - Expectations of national parliaments and the European Parliament</li> <li>2. Report on the results of the working group of the national parliaments' representatives to the EU on the implementation of the Protocol 2 on the Application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality as attached to the Treaty of Lisbon</li> <li>3. Involvement of parliaments of the EU in European Defence Policy</li> <li>4. Scrutiny of the agreements negotiated by the European Community</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">9th Bi-annual Report on EU Procedures and Practices EN</a>  <a href="#">Le 9e rapport bisannuel sur le procédures et pratiques de l'UE FR</a>  <a href="#">9th Bi-annual Report - Annex</a>  (Slovenian Presidency 2008)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Involvement of national parliaments in the ratification process of the Treaty of Lisbon</li> <li>2. The Treaty of Lisbon - implementation and its consequences for the national parliaments of the EU</li> <li>3. The Lisbon Strategy</li> <li>4. Enlargement of the Schengen Area</li> <li>5. Involvement of the parliaments of the EU in negotiations on accession to the EU</li> </ol>

<p><a href="#">8th Bi-annual Report EN</a>  <a href="#">Le 8e rapport semestriel FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 8th biannual report</a></p> <p>(Portuguese Presidency 2007)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of the EU scrutiny systems of the national parliaments of the EU–27</li> <li>2. National parliament expectations of the IGC (p. 20)</li> <li>3. The role of parliaments in the Lisbon Strategy (p. 25)</li> <li>4. The Mediterranean Dimension of the European Union (p. 31)</li> <li>5. Monitoring of EU financial programmes by national parliaments: setting priorities and allocating funds (p. 37)</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">7th Biannual report on EU procedures and practices EN</a>  <a href="#">7ème rapport semestriel FR</a>  <a href="#">Annex to the 7th biannual report - responses from the parliaments</a></p> <p>(German Presidency 2007)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluation of subsidiarity and proportionality checks conducted by COSAC</li> <li>2. Evaluation of cooperation with the European Commission</li> <li>3. State of the debate on the Future of Europe</li> <li>4. Climate change and climate protection - an EU policy</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">6th bi-annual report EN</a>  <a href="#">6ème rapport biannuel FR</a>  <a href="#">6th biannual report - annex</a></p> <p>(Finnish Presidency 2006)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Subsidiarity and proportionality</li> <li>2. Cooperation with the Commission</li> <li>3. Justice and Home Affairs: the question of the passerelle</li> <li>4. Comitology</li> <li>5. Future cooperation with the European Parliament</li> <li>6. Northern Dimension of the European Union</li> </ol>

<p><a href="#">5th Bi-annual Report EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">Le 5ème Rapport Biannuel FR</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex Responses from national parliaments for questionnaire for 5th biannual report</a></p> <p>(Austrian Presidency 2006)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Period of reflection</li> <li>2. Subsidiarity</li> <li>3. Scrutiny in national parliaments of civilian ESDP operations</li> <li>4. Impact assessments</li> <li>5. Transparency in the Council</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">4th Bi-annual Report on EU procedures and practices EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">4e rapport semestriel FR</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annex I to biannual report Replies from national Parliaments for the 4th biannual report on EU procedures and practises</a></p> <p>(UK Presidency 2005)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scrutiny for CFSP and ESDP in national parliaments</li> <li>2. Scrutiny of impact assessments</li> <li>3. Raising European awareness</li> <li>4. Transparency in the Council</li> <li>5. Co-decision: first and second reading agreements</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">3rd Bi-annual Report on EU Procedures and Practices EN</a></p> <p>(Luxembourgish Presidency 2005)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The establishment of European affairs committees in EU-25</li> <li>2. Scrutiny of EU-matters by European affairs committees and sectoral committees</li> <li>3. Country-specific section on procedures for scrutinizing European matters in national parliaments</li> <li>4. Monitoring the principle of subsidiarity</li> <li>5. Role of national parliaments in the area of freedom, security and justice under the constitutional treaty</li> <li>6. The role of MEPs in national parliaments</li> </ol>

<p><a href="#">2nd Bi-annual Report on EU Procedures and Practices EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">Executive summary of the 2nd biannual report on EU procedures and practises EN</a></p> <p><b>(Dutch Presidency 2004)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposals having direct implications for national parliaments</li> <li>2. Budgetary and financial provisions of the European Union</li> <li>3. Transparency and traceability</li> <li>4. Documents from governments to national Parliaments concerning EU draft legislation (explanatory memoranda)</li> <li>5. Ratification of the constitutional treaty in EU-25</li> </ol>
<p><a href="#">Introductory note on the Biannual report by the Presidency EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">Note introductive au rapport biannuel par la Présidence FR</a></p> <p><a href="#">1st Bi-annual Report EN</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rapport biannuel sur l'évolution des procédures et pratiques de l'Union européen FR</a></p> <p><a href="#">Annexes to Biannual report on EU-procedures and practices</a></p> <p><b>(Irish Presidency 2004)</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of the recent developments in EU procedures and practices</li> <li>2. Implementation of reforms: better law-making</li> <li>3. The principles of subsidiarity and proportionality</li> <li>4. Policy cycle of the European Union</li> <li>5. Legislative procedures of the European Union</li> <li>6. Recent developments in scrutiny procedures and practices by national parliaments on EU legislation</li> <li>7. Proposals on the draft Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe</li> </ol>