



Plenary Meeting of the LIX COSAC
17 – 19 June 2018, Sofia
DRAFT PROGRAMME (as of 15.06.2018)

Sunday, 17 June 2018

14:00 - 19:00 Arrival of the delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

16:30	Departure by bus from the hotels for the Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
17:00 – 18:30	Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC <i>Venue: National Assembly, "Zapad" Hall, 2 Narodno Sabranie sq. 1169 Sofia, Bulgaria</i>

18:00 Departure by bus from the hotels for the cultural programme

18:30 – 19:30 Guided tour of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria and Alexander Nevsky Cathedral

19:30 Departure from Alexander Nevsky Cathedral to the dinner venue

19:30 Departure from the hotels to the dinner venue

20:00 – 20:30 **Tour of the National History Museum**

20:30 – 22:30 **Official dinner** hosted by **Mr Kristian VIGENIN**,
Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
Venue: National History Museum,
16 Vitoshko Lale Str., 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 18 June 2018

7:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue

8:00 – 9:00 **Meetings of the political groups**
Venue: National Palace of Culture, 1 "Bulgaria" sq., Sofia
EPP – hall 7, 5th floor **ALDE** – hall 9.1, 5th floor
S&D – hall, 6th floor



Monday, 18 June 2018

- 8:30** Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue
*Venue: National Palace of Culture, Hall 3,
1 "Bulgaria" sq., Sofia*
- 9:00 – 9:10** **Opening address** by **Ms Tsveta KARAYANCHEVA**,
President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria
- 9:10 – 9:30** **Welcome address** by **Mr Rumen RADEV**,
President of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Welcome address** by **Ms Mairead McGUINNESS**,
First Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Introductory remarks** by **Mr Kristian VIGENIN**,
*Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the
European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

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| 9:30 – 10:00 | Adoption of the agenda for the
Plenary Meeting of the LIX COSAC
Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Briefing on the results of the COSAC Presidential Troika meeting- Presentation of the COSAC 29th Bi-Annual Report- Letters received by the Presidency- Others |
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- 10:00 – 11:00** **Session I: Achievements of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council
of the EU**
- Keynote speaker: Mr Boyko BORISSOV**,
Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria
- Keynote speaker: Ms Lilyana PAVLOVA**,
Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2018
- Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ingrid SHIKOVA**,
Professor at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
- Chair of the Session: Ms Ivelina VASSILEVA**,
*Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of
the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*



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of the European Union

Debate

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Session II: Integration and connectivity of the Western Balkans - a new impetus to EU Enlargement Policy

Keynote speakers:

Ms Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA,

Deputy Prime Minister for Judicial Reform and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Mr Nikola DIMITROV,

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Mr Elmar BROK,

Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament (AFET), European Parliament

Mr Domagoj Ivan MILOŠEVIĆ,

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Croatian Parliament

Moderator: Amb. Biserka BENISHEVA,

Director for EU Affairs at PanEuropa Bulgaria

Chair of the Session: Ms Imren MEHMEDOVA,

Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Debate

13:00 – 13:15 Family photo

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 Session III: European Pillar of Social Rights - building a more inclusive and fairer Europe

Keynote speakers:

Mr Luca JAHIER,

President of European Economic and Social Committee (EESC),

Mr Marcel HAAG,

*Director, Policy Co-ordination, I Directorate,
Secretariat General, European Commission*



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Dr. Ľuboš BLAHA,

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Katia VLADIMIROVA,

Professor at University of National and World Economy and New Bulgarian University

Chair of the Session: Ms Polina TSANKOVA-HRISTOVA,

Member of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Debate

16:00 Return to the hotels by bus

16:30 – 18:00	COSAC Chairpersons' meeting Debate on the draft Contribution and draft Conclusions of the LIX COSAC
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18:00 Return to the hotels by bus

19:30 Departure from the hotels for dinner

20:00 - 22:30 **Official dinner** hosted by **Ms Tsveta KARAYANCHEVA,**
President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Venue: Sofia Tech Park

111, Tsarigradsko Shose Blvd., 1784 Sofia, Bulgaria

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus



Tuesday, 19 June 2018

08:30 Departure from the hotels to the conference venue

9:00 – 10:45 **Session IV: A strong and effective Cohesion Policy post 2020**

Keynote speakers:

Mr Tomislav DONCHEV,

Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Ms Dana SPINANT,

*Director for Budget, Communication and General Affairs,
DG REGIO, European Commission*

Ms Iskra MIHAYLOVA,

*Chair of the Committee on Regional Development (REGI) of the European
Parliament*

Mr Michiel RIJSBERMAN,

*Regional Minister of the Province of Flevoland,
Rapporteur on European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)*

Moderator: Ms Milena MILOTINOVA,

*Journalist, TV host, "Bulgaria ON AIR"
Former Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Chair of the Session: Mr Petar PETROV,

*Deputy Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of
the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Debate

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:45 **Session V: EU interparliamentary cooperation in the context
of the debate on subsidiarity and proportionality**

Keynote speakers:

Mr Frans TIMMERMANS,

First Vice President of the European Commission



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

Mr Bastiaan VAN APELDOORN,
Chair of the Standing Committee on European Affairs, Dutch Senate

Prof. Dr. Jur. Sc. Atanas SEMOV, LL.D.,
*Professor at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
Jean Monnet Chair*

Moderator: Mr Kiril VALCHEV,
Journalist, Host of "The Week" political broadcast, Darik Radio

Chair of the Session: Mr Kristian VIGENIN,
*Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the
European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Debate

12:45 – 13:00 Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of LIX COSAC

Closing remarks by **Mr. Kristian VIGENIN,**
*Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the
European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 Return to the hotels by bus
Departure of delegations