



**MEETING OF THE COSAC CHAIRPERSONS**  
**21-22 January 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME as of 05.12.2017**

**Sunday, 21 January 2018**

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

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**Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**

**17:30** Departure by bus from the hotels

**18:00 – 19:00** Meeting of the Presidential Troika  
Venue: *National Assembly, "Zapad" Hall, 2 Narodno Sabranie sq.  
1169 Sofia, Bulgaria*

**19:00** Departure for the dinner

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**17:30** Departure by bus from the hotels for a cultural visit (tbc)

**18:00 – 19:00** Cultural visit (tbc)

**19:00** Departure by bus to the dinner venue

**19:30** Dinner at Boyana Residence 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: *Boyana Residence, 16 Vitoshko Lale Str., 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria*

**22:30** Return to the hotels by bus

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Monday, 22 January 2018

**8:00**

Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue  
Venue: *NDK Congress Centre Sofia, Hall "3", "Bulgaria" Square 1  
1463 Sofia, Bulgaria*

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**8:30 – 8:45**

**Opening of the meeting**

Welcome address by **Ms. Tsveta KARAYANCHEVA**,  
*President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

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

Adoption of the agenda

**8:45 – 9:15**

**Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**

- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Draft agenda of the LIX COSAC
- Outline of the 29th Bi-Annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Procedural issues

Debate

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**9:15 – 10:15**

**Session 1: Priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency  
of the Council of the EU**

**Keynote speaker: Mrs. Lilyana PAVLOVA**,  
*Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU*

Debate

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**10:15 – 11:45**

**Session 2: The future of the European Union –  
Strength in Unity**

**Keynote speaker: Mrs. Iliana IOTOVA,**

*Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria*

**Keynote speaker: Mr. Frans TIMMERMANS,**

*First Vice President of the European Commission*

**Keynote speaker: Mrs. Iskra MIHAYLOVA,**

*Chair of the Committee on Regional Development [REGI],  
European Parliament*

Debate

**11:45 – 12:15**

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**Family photo and coffee break**

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**12:15 – 13:25**

**Session 3: The role of EU macro-regional strategies for  
sustainable development, stability and security**

**Keynote speaker: Mr. Thomas MAYR HARTING** (tbc),

*Managing director of the EURCA — Europe and Central Asia,  
European External Action Service*

**Keynote speaker: Mrs. Denitsa NIKOLOVA,**

*Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works,  
**National Coordinator for the EU Strategy for the Danube Region  
[EUSDR]***

**Keynote speaker:** Representative of Estonia,

holding the **Chairmanship of the European Union Strategy for the  
Baltic Sea Region [EUSBSR]** (tbc)

Debate

**13:25 – 13:30**

Closing remarks by **Mr. Kristian VIGENIN,**

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

**13:30 - 14:30**

**Lunch**

**14:30**

**Return to the hotels by bus**

Departure of delegations

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