



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

DRAFT PROGRAMME as of 17.01.2018

Sunday, 21 January 2018

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

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

17:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the National History Museum

18:00 – 19:00 Visit of **National History Museum**
Venue: *16 Vitoshko Lale Str., 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria*

19:00 Departure by bus from the National History Museum 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



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*

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*

8:45 – 9:15

Adoption of the agenda

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

9:15 – 10:15

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

Keynote speaker: Ms Lilyana PAVLOVA,
Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Debate



10:15 – 11:45

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

Keynote speaker: Mr Frans TIMMERMANS,
First Vice President of the European Commission

Keynote speaker: Ms Iliana IOTOVA,
Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria

Keynote speaker: Ms Iskra MIHAYLOVA,
*Chair of the Committee on Regional Development [REGI],
European Parliament*

Debate

11:45 – 12:15

Family photo and coffee break

12:15 – 13:25

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

Keynote speaker: Mr Raul MÄLK,
*Ambassador-at-Large for Baltic Sea Region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of Estonia, **Chair of the National Coordinators group of the EU
Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region***

Keynote speaker: Ms Denitsa NIKOLOVA,
*Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of the
Republic of Bulgaria, **National Coordinator for the EU Strategy for
the Danube Region [EUSDR]***

Keynote speaker: Ms Audrone PERKAUSKIENE
*Head of division Regional Cooperation and the OSCE, European
External Action Service (EEAS),*

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
