



# LX COSAC

**Vienna, 18-20 November 2018**

**Draft Programme**

(as of 6 November 2018)

Sunday, 18 November 2018

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

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**Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**

16:45              Departure from the hotels

17:30              Meeting of the Presidential Troika  
*Permanent Conference Facility ACV/Room G1  
1220 Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1*

19:00              Departure for the dinner

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19:00              Departure from the hotels

19:30              **Dinner hosted by the Chair of Permanent Subcommittee on EU  
Affairs of the National Council, Mr Reinhold Lopatka, and the Chair  
of the EU Committee of the Federal Council,  
Mr Christian Buchmann**  
*Wiener Rathauskeller; 1010 Vienna, Rathausplatz 1*

22:00              Return to the hotels

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**Meetings of the political groups**

- 7:40 Departure from the hotels
- 8:30 - 8:55 Meetings of the political groups  
*Permanent Conference Facility ACV*  
*1220 Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1*
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8:00 Departure from the hotels

9:00 **Opening of the LX COSAC**  
*Permanent Conference Facility ACV, Room D*  
*1220 Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1*

**Welcome addresses**

**Mr Wolfgang Sobotka**, President of the National Council

**Ms Inge Posch-Gruska**, President of the Federal Council

Introductory remarks by the Chair

9:15 Adoption of the agenda

**Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**

- Briefing on the results of the Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
  - Presentation of the COSAC 30th Bi-annual Report
  - Letters received by the Presidency
  - Others
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9:30 **Session I: State of play of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU**

**Keynote speaker**

**Ms Karoline Edtstadler**

State Secretary, Federal Ministry of the Interior

Debate

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11:00 Family photo and coffee break

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11:30 **Session II: Brexit – current state**

A) European Union

**Keynote speaker**

**Mr Michel Barnier**

EU Chief Negotiator

Debate

First to respond: **Ms Danuta Hübner**, Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, European Parliament

B) United Kingdom

**Keynote speakers**

**Sir William Cash**

Chair of European Scrutiny Committee, House of Commons

**Lord Timothy Boswell of Aynho**

Chair of the EU Select Committee, House of Lords

Debate

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13:00 **Lunch**

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14:30 **Session III: Climate policy and Energy Union**

**Keynote speakers**

**Mr Maroš Šefčovič**

Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union

**Ms Monika Langthaler**

R20 Regions of Climate Action, Director R20 Austrian World Summit

Debate

16:00 Return to the hotels (except Chairpersons)

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16:00 **Meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons**

Debate on the Contribution and Conclusions of the LX COSAC

17:30 Return to the hotels

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19:00 Departure from the hotels

19:30 **Dinner hosted by Mr Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the Austrian National Council**

**Dinner speech by the President of the Austrian National Council**

*Kursalon Wien, 1010 Vienna, Johannesgasse 33*

22:30 Return to the hotels

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8:30 Departure from the hotels

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9:30 **Session IV: A transparent European Union closer to its citizens in light of the upcoming elections to the European Parliament**

**Keynote speakers**

**Mr Josef Moser**

Federal Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice

**Ms Mairead McGuinness**

First Vice President of the European Parliament

Debate

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11:30 Coffee break

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12:00 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LX COSAC**

12:30 Closing remarks by the Chair

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12:45 **Lunch**

14:00 Return to the hotels

Departure of delegations