

Draft as of 17 November 2017

Plenary Meeting of the LVIII COSAC 26–28 November 2017, Tallinn

Draft programme

Sunday, 26 November 2017

15:00–19:00 Arrival of the delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17:00 Departure by bus from the hotels

17:30–19:00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika
Venue: Conference Hall of the Riigikogu, Lossi plats 1a, Tallinn

19:00 Departure by bus for the dinner

19:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the dinner venue

19:30 **Dinner** hosted by **Mr Toomas VITSUT**, Chairman of the European Union Affairs
Committee of the Riigikogu
Venue: Seaplane Harbour, Vesilennuki 6, Tallinn

22:30 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 27 November 2017

Meetings of the political groups

7:45 Departure by bus from the hotels

8:30–9:30 Meetings of the political groups
Venue: Saku Suurhall, Paldiski maantee 104b, Tallinn

8:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue
Venue: Saku Suurhall, Paldiski maantee 104b, Tallinn

9:30–9:45 **Opening of the meeting**
Welcome address by **Mr Eiki NESTOR**, President of the Riigikogu

Introductory remarks by **Mr Toomas VITSUT**, Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu

Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LVIII COSAC

9:45–10:00

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Information on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Presentation of the 28th Bi-annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Procedural issues

10:00–11:30

Session I: The future of the European Union

Speakers:

H. E. Mrs Kersti KALJULAID, President of the Republic of Estonia

Mr Michel BARNIER, EU Chief Negotiator for Brexit

Ms Danuta Maria HÜBNER, Chairperson of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament

Moderator: **Mr Toomas VITSUT**, Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu

Debate

11:30–13:00

Family photo and lunch

13:00–14:30

Session II: Bringing European Union closer to its citizens – what are the best practices of the national parliaments?

Speakers:

Ms Katrin AUEL, Associate Professor in the Research Group European Integration, Vienna Institute for Advanced Studies

Mr Pieter OMTZIGT, Member of the European Affairs Committee, House of Representatives of the Netherlands

Mr Kristian VIGENIN, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of Bulgaria

Moderator: **Ms Monika HAUKANÕ**MM, Member of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu

Debate

14:30–15:00

Coffee break

- 15:00–16:30 **Session III: Digital Single Market – current developments of e-services**
- Speakers:
- Mr Siim SIKKUT**, Deputy Secretary General for Communications and State Information Systems, Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
- Mr Gunther KRICHBAUM**, most recent Chairman of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union, German Bundestag
- Mr Jean BIZET**, President of the European Affairs Committee, French Senat
- Moderator: **Mr Kalle PALLING**, Member of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu
- Debate
- 16:30 Return to the hotels by bus
- 16:30–18:00 **Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons**
Appointment of the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat
Debate on the Draft Contribution and Draft Conclusions of the LVIII COSAC
- 18:00 Return to the hotels by bus
- 19:00 Departure by bus from the hotels to the dinner venue
- 19:30 **Dinner** hosted by **Mr Toomas VITSUT**, Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu
Venue: Estonia Concert Hall, Estonia puiestee 4, Tallinn
- 23:00 Return to the hotels by bus
- Tuesday, 28 November 2017**
- 8:15 Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue
Venue: Saku Suurhall, Paldiski maantee 104b, Tallinn
- 9:00–10:15 **Session IV: State of play – building an effective and sustainable Security Union**
- Speaker: **Mr Julian KING**, European Commissioner for Security Union
- Moderator: **Ms Marianne MIKKO**, Member of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu
- Debate
- 10:15–10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45–12:00

Session V: The external dimension of migration – preventing and combating irregular migration

Speakers:

Mr Simon MORDUE, Deputy Director General for Migration, Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

Mr Edward ZAMMIT LEWIS, Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee, House of Representatives of Malta

Ms Anne-Mari VIROLAINEN, Chair of the Grand Committee, Parliament of Finland

Moderator: **Mr Jaak MADISON**, Vice-Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu

Debate

12:00–12:30

Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LVIII COSAC

12:30–12:45

Closing remarks by **Mr Toomas VITSUT**, Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee of the Riigikogu

12:45–14.00

Lunch

14:00

Return to the hotels by bus. Departure of the delegations.