

## Meeting of the Plenary COSAC The Hague, 12 - 14 June 2016

### Draft programme

#### Sunday, 12 June 2016

14.00 – 19.00      Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

#### Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17.00                Departure from the hotels

17.30 – 19.00      Meeting of the Presidential Troika  
*House of Representatives*  
(Binnenhof 1A, The Hague)

19.00                Departure for reception and cocktail dinner

19.00                Departure from the hotels

19.30 – 22.30      Members' Dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Committees on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, Mr Malik Azmani and of the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga

19.30 – 22.30      Staff dinner

22.30                Return to the hotels

## Monday, 13 June 2016

### Meeting of the political groups

07.30 Departure from the hotels to the Hall of Knights  
(Binnenhof 11, The Hague)

08.00 – 08.45 Meeting of political groups  
*Senate, committee meeting rooms*  
(Binnenhof 22, The Hague)

08:15 Departure from the hotels to the Hall of Knights  
(Binnenhof 11 The Hague)

### 09.00 **Opening of the meeting**

Welcome address by the President of the Senate, Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol

Introductory remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

#### **Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**

- Information on the results of the Presidential Troika
- Letters received by the Presidency

09.30 – 10.00 Keynote speech by Mr Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, reflection on the Dutch EU Presidency

Questions and debate

### **10.00 - 11.30 Session I: Parliamentary scrutiny, an exchange of best practices**

10.00 – 10.15 Introduction

Opening by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga and introduction of the moderator for this session, Ms Marit Maij, member of the Dutch House of Representatives

Key findings from the 25<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual report  
*Presentation by the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat, Ms Christiana Fryda*

- 10.15 – 10.45 Combining parliamentary information for scrutiny and effective cooperation between parliaments: The use of Rapporteurs
- Introduction by the moderator and debate moderated by the moderator
- 10.45 – 11.15 Scrutiny beyond ministerial Councils: Trilogue
- Introduction by the moderator and debate moderated by the moderator
- 11.15 – 11.30 State of play on the instruments at the disposal of National Parliaments (yellow/green card)
- Interview with Mr Frans Timmermans, First Vice President of the European Commission
- 11.30 – 13.00 Family photo and lunch**  
*Hall of Knights*
- 11.45 – 13.00 *Informal session on the implementation of the Single European Sky (SES) requested by the Dutch rapporteurs SES*
- 12.15 – 13.00 *Informal session on sharing economy requested by the delegation of the Parliament of Estonia*

<b>13.00 – 14.30</b>	<b>Session II: The role of Parliaments in Protecting the Rule of Law within the EU</b>
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Introduction by the moderator, Mr Murray Hunt, Visiting Professor Oxford University

Panel discussion:

- Mr Pieter van Dijk, former member Venice Commission, expert Rule of Law check list of the Venice Commission
- Ms Sophie in 't Veld, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur of the legislative own-initiative report on the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights'

Debate

Closing remarks by Mr Frans Timmermans, First Vice President of the European Commission

- 14.30 – 15.00** Coffee break

**15.00 – 16.30      Session III: Exchange of best practices and experiences in Parliamentary Diplomacy**

Introduction by the moderator, Mr Jan Wouters, University of Leuven, research project "Interparliamentary Cooperation in the EU's External Action – Parliamentary Scrutiny and Diplomacy in the EU and Beyond"

Panel discussion:

- Ms Lolita Čigāne, chairperson European Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Latvia
- Mr Andrej Hunko, member of the Bundestag, Germany
- Mr Rubén Moreno Palanques, Member of the Congress of Deputies, Spain

Debate

16.30                      Return to the hotels

**16.30 – 18.00      Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons**  
*Hall of Knights*

Debate on the Draft Contributions of the LV COSAC

18:00                      Return to the hotels

19.00                      Departure from the hotels for dinner hosted by the President of the Senate, Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ms Khadija Arib and the Mayor of The Hague, Mr Jozias van Aartsen

23.00                      Return to the hotels

## Tuesday, 14 June 2016

08.15 Departure from the hotels

9.00 – 10.00	<b>Session IV: European Court of Auditors</b>
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Introduction by the moderator, Mr Joris Backer, member of the Dutch Senate

Introduction by Mr Alex Brenninkmeijer and Mr Ville Itälä, Members of the European Court of Auditors

Debate

10.00 - 11.30	<b>Session V: Migration</b>
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**State of play implementation EU-Turkey Agreement**

Introduction by the moderator, Mr Kamran Ullah

Introductions by two speakers (tbc)

Debate

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 12.45 **Adoption of the contributions of the LV COSAC**

12.45 – 12.50 Speech by the winner of the essay contest on the role of national parliaments in the European Union in 25 years (tbc)

12.50 – 13.00 Closing remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, Mr Malik Azmani

13.00 – 14.30 **Lunch**  
*Hall of Knights*

14.30 Return to the hotels and departure of delegations