



**Plenary Meeting of the LIX COSAC**  
**17 – 19 June 2018, Sofia**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME (as of 10.01.2018)**

**Sunday, 17 June 2018**

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

**17:00** Departure by bus from the hotels for the Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

**17:30 – 19:00** **Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**  
*Venue: National Assembly, "Zapad" Hall, 2 Narodno Sabranie sq.  
1169 Sofia, Bulgaria*

**19:00** Departure for dinner

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**19:30 – 22:30** **Official dinner** hosted by **Mr Kristian VIGENIN**,  
*Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the  
European Funds*

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

**Monday, 18 June 2018**

**7:30** Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue

**8:00 – 9:00** **Meetings of the political groups**  
*Venue: National Palace of Culture,  
Address: 1 "Bulgaria" sq., Sofia*



**Monday, 18 June 2018**

**8:30** Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue  
Venue: National Palace of Culture, Hall 3,  
Address: 1 "Bulgaria" sq., Sofia

**9:00 – 9:30** **Opening of the meeting**  
Welcome address by **Ms Tsveta KARAYANCHEVA (tbc)**,  
*President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Introductory remarks by **Ms Mairead McGUINNESS (tbc)**,  
*Vice-President of the European Parliament*

Introductory remarks by **Mr Kristian VIGENIN**,  
*Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the  
European Funds*

**Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LIX  
COSAC**

**9:30 – 10:00**

**Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**

- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika meeting of COSAC
- Presentation of the 29th Bi-annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Others

**10:00 – 11:00**

**Session I: Achievements of the Bulgarian Presidency of the  
Council of the EU**

**Keynote speaker: Mr Boyko BORISOV (tbc)**,  
*Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Debate

**11:00 – 11:30**

**Coffee break**



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**11:30 – 13:00**      **Session II: Integration and connectivity of the Western Balkans – a new impetus to EU enlargement policy**

**Keynote speaker: Mr Johannes HAHN (tbc),**  
*Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations*

**Keynote speaker: Member of the European Parliament (tbc)**

**Keynote speaker: Ms Ekaterina ZAHARIEVA (tbc),**  
*Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Debate

**13:00 – 13:15**      **Family photo**

**13:15 – 14:30**      **Lunch break**

**14:30 – 16:00**      **Session III: European Pillar of Social Rights - building a more inclusive and fairer Europe**

**Keynote speaker: Ms Marianne THYSSEN (tbc),**  
*Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility*

**Keynote speaker: Member of the European Parliament (tbc)**

**Keynote speaker: Member of a National Parliament (tbc)**

Debate

**16:00**                Return to the hotels by bus

**COSAC Chairpersons' meeting**

**16:30 – 18:00**      **Debate on the draft Contribution and draft Conclusions of the LIX COSAC**

**18:00**                Return to the hotels by bus

**19:00**                Departure from the hotels for dinner



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**19:30-22:30** **Official dinner** hosted by **Ms. Tsveta KARAYANCHEVA (tbc)**,  
*President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

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

**Tuesday, 19 June 2018**

**08:30** Departure from the hotels to the conference venue

**9:00 – 10:45** **Session IV: A strong and effective Cohesion Policy post 2020**

**Keynote speaker: Ms Corina CRETU (tbc)**,

*Commissioner for Regional Policy*

**Keynote speaker: Member of the European Parliament**

**Keynote speaker: Mr. Tomislav DONCHEV (tbc)**,

*Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Debate

**10:45 – 11:30** **Coffee break**

**11:30 – 13:00** **Session V: EU Interparliamentary cooperation in the context  
of the debate on subsidiarity and proportionality**

**Keynote speaker: Mr Frans TIMMERMANS**,

*First Vice President of the European Commission*

**Keynote speaker: Ms Danuta Maria HÜBNER**,

*Chairperson AFCO Committee*

**Keynote speaker: Member of a National Parliament**

Debate

**13:00 – 13:30** **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of LIX COSAC**

**13:30 – 14:30** **Lunch**

**14:30** **Return to the hotels by buss**  
Departure of delegations