



**MALTA EU2017**  
PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION

**LVII COSAC**

# **Draft Programme**

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**28 – 30 May 2017**  
**MALTA**

## Sunday, 28 May 2017

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

### Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17:00	Departure from hotels
17:30 – 19.00	Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC Arena Conference Centre, InterContinental Hotel, St Julian's
19:00	Departure for dinner

**19:00** Departure by bus to the dinner venue

**19:30** Dinner hosted by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*

Venue: TBC

**22:00** Return to the hotels by bus

## Monday, 29 May 2017

**07:30** Departure by bus to the Arena Conference Centre, InterContinental Hotel, St Julian's

**08:00 – 09:00** **Meeting of political groups**

**08:15** Departure by bus for remaining delegates to the Arena Conference Centre, InterContinental Hotel, St Julian's

**09:00**                      **Opening of the LVII COSAC**

Welcome address by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

Introductory remarks by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*

Adoption of the Agenda

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency

Questions and debate

**09:30**                      **Session I: Reflection on Malta's EU Presidency**

Keynote speech by Hon. Joseph Muscat, *Prime Minister of Malta* (tbc)

Debate

**10:30**                      **Coffee break****11:00**                      **Session II: The role of national Parliaments in the EU**

Presentation of the 27<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual Report of COSAC by Ms Christiana Fryda *Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat*

Speakers (tbc)

Debate

**12:30**                    **Family Photo and lunch**

**14:00**                    **Session III: Outcome of the UK Referendum – State of play**

Keynote speakers:

Mr Michel Barnier, *Chief Brexit negotiator for the European Commission* (tbc)

Mr Guy Verhofstadt, *Member of the European Parliament and lead Brexit negotiator for the European Parliament* (tbc)

Debate

**15:30**                    **Session IV: Towards an Integrated EU Maritime Policy**

Keynote speech by Mr Karmenu Vella, *EU Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries* (tbc)

Debate

Return to the hotels by bus

**16:30**                    **Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons**

Debate on the Draft Contribution and Conclusions of LVII COSAC

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

**19:15**                    Departure from the hotels for dinner hosted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Venue: TBC

**22.30**                    Return to the hotels by bus

**Tuesday, 30 May 2017**

- 08:00** Departure from the hotels
- 09:00** **Session V: Migration – Combating human smuggling and trafficking and establishing a humane and effective return and readmission policy**
- Keynote speakers:  
Mr Dimitris Avramopoulos *EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship* (tbc)
- Hon. George Vella, *Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta*
- Debate
- 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:30** **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LVII COSAC**
- 12:30** Closing remarks by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*
- 12:45** **Lunch**
- 14:30** **Departure of delegations**