



MALTA EU2017
PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION

LVII COSAC

Draft Programme

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

17:30 Departure from hotels

18:00 – 19.00 Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

Venue: Arena Conference Centre, InterContinental Malta, St Julian's

19:00 Departure by bus to social event

Walking tour of Mdina

20:30 Reception hosted by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, *Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malta*

Venue: Palazzo de Piro, Triq is-Sur, Mdina

22:00 Return to the hotels by bus

Monday, 29 May 2017

07:30 Departure by bus to the *Arena Conference Centre, InterContinental Malta, St Julian's*, for the meetings of the political groups

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

08:30 Departure by bus to the conference venue

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

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

Adoption of the Agenda

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

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

Presentation of the 27th Bi-annual Report of COSAC by Ms Christiana Fryda, *Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat*

09:30 **Session I: Reflections on the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

Keynote speaker: Hon. George Vella, *Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta*

Debate

10:30 **Session II: The role of national Parliaments in the future of the EU**

Keynote speaker: Mr Frans Timmermans, *First Vice-President of the European Commission*

Speaker: Ms Mairead McGuinness, *Vice-President of the European Parliament*

Speaker: Ms Marina Berlinghieri, *Member of the European Union Policy Committee of the Italian Chamber of Deputies*

Debate

11:45 **Official Photo****12:00** **Lunch**

13:15 Session III: Outcome of the UK Referendum – State of play

Keynote speakers:

Mr Michel Barnier, *Chief Negotiator for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom*

Ms Danuta Maria Hübner, *Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament*

Debate

14:45 Session IV: Expanding the Blue Economy – Towards a more sustainable EU Integrated Maritime Policy

Keynote speaker: Mr Karmenu Vella, *EU Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

Speaker: Mr Toomas Vitsut, *Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Estonian Riigikogu*

Speaker: Ms Danielle Auroi, *Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly*

Debate

Return to the hotels by bus

16:00 Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC

Debate on the Draft Conclusions of the LVII COSAC

16:45 Return to the hotels by bus**19:30** Departure from the hotels for the official dinner hosted by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

Venue: The Xara Lodge, Triq il-Belt, Rabat

22:00 Return to the hotels by bus

Tuesday, 30 May 2017

- 08:30** Departure by bus to the conference venue
- 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*
- Hon. George Vella, *Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta*
- Ms Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, *Member of the European Parliament*
- Presentation by Mr Vannino Chiti, *Chair of the Committee on EU policies of the Italian Senate*, on the visit to the hotspot in Pozzallo, Sicily
- Debate
- 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:30** **Adoption of the Conclusions of the LVII COSAC**
- 12:00** Closing remarks by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*
- 12:15** **Lunch**
- 13:30** **Departure of delegations**