



MEETING OF THE COSAC CHAIRPERSONS  
21-22 January 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria

DRAFT PROGRAMME as of 10.01.2018

Sunday, 21 January 2018

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

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**Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**

**17:30** Departure by bus from the hotels

**18:00 – 19:00** Meeting of the Presidential Troika  
Venue: *National Assembly, "Zapad" Hall, 2 Narodno Sabranie sq.  
1169 Sofia, Bulgaria*

**19:00** Departure for the dinner

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**17:30** Departure by bus from the hotels to the National History Museum

**18:00 – 19:00** Visit of **National History Museum**  
Venue: *16 Vitoshko Lale Str., 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria*

**19:00** Departure by bus from the National History Museum to the dinner venue

**19:30** Dinner at Boyana Residence hosted by **Mr. Kristian VIGENIN**,  
*Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*  
Venue: *Boyana Residence, 16 Vitoshko Lale Str., 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria*

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

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Monday, 22 January 2018

**8:00**

Departure by bus from the hotels to the conference venue  
Venue: *NDK Congress Centre Sofia, Hall "3", "Bulgaria" Square 1  
1463 Sofia, Bulgaria*

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**8:30 – 8:45**

### **Opening of the meeting**

Welcome address by **Ms. Tsveta KARAYANCHEVA**,  
*President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Introductory remarks by **Mr. Kristian VIGENIN**,  
*Chair of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the  
European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

Adoption of the agenda

**8:45 – 9:15**

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

- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Draft agenda of the LIX COSAC
- Outline of the 29th Bi-Annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Procedural issues

Debate

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**9:15 – 10:15**

### **Session 1: Priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU**

**Keynote speaker: Mrs. Lilyana PAVLOVA**,  
*Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU*

Debate

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**10:15 – 11:45**

**Session 2: The future of the European Union –  
Strength in Unity**

**Keynote speaker: Mrs. Iliana IOTOVA,**  
*Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria*

**Keynote speaker: Mr. Frans TIMMERMANS,**  
*First Vice President of the European Commission*

**Keynote speaker: Mrs. Iskra MIHAYLOVA,**  
*Chair of the Committee on Regional Development [REGI],  
European Parliament*

Debate

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**11:45 – 12:15**

**Family photo and coffee break**

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**12:15 – 13:25**

**Session 3: The role of EU macro-regional strategies for  
sustainable development, stability and security**

**Keynote speaker: Mr. Raul MÄLK,**  
*Ambassador-at-Large for Baltic Sea Region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of Estonia, **Chair of the National Coordinators group of the EU  
Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region***

**Keynote speaker: Mrs. Denitsa NIKOLOVA,**  
*Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works of the  
Republic of Bulgaria, **National Coordinator for the EU Strategy for  
the Danube Region***  
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Debate

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**13:25 – 13:30**

Closing remarks by **Mr. Kristian VIGENIN,**  
*Chair of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the  
European Funds, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria*

**13:30 - 14:30**

**Lunch**

**14:30**

**Return to the hotels by bus**

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