





Draft Programme

Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of the Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)

Venue: Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic,
Waldstein Palace, Prague

Date: July 10 – 11, 2022

Version of July 8, 2022







Sunday, July 10, 2022

13:00 - 18:00 Arrival of delegations, check-in at the hotel and registration of participants

Lindner Hotel Prague Castle (Strahovská 128/20, 118 00 Praha 1)

18:30 5 minutes' walk from the hotel to the tram stop "Pohořelec"

18:40 Historical tram ride to the Senate premises

19:30 – 22:00 Dinner reception

Senate premises - Waldstein Garden

21:00 - 22:30 Transfer to the hotel by shuttle buses

Monday, July 11, 2022

08:30 Departure of shuttle buses from the hotel to the Senate (for the Troika

meeting, departure at 07:30)

08:00 – 08:45 Meeting of the COSAC Presidential Troika

Room: Plenary Hall

09:00 – 09:25 **Opening session**

- Welcome speech by Mr Miloš Vystrčil, President of the Czech Senate
- Opening remarks by Mr David Smoljak, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate
- Opening remarks by **Mr Ondřej Benešík**, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies

09:25 – 10:00 Procedural and other general matters

- Adoption of the Agenda of the Meeting
- Presentation of the results of the COSAC Presidential Troika Meeting







- Provisional agenda for the LXVIII COSAC Meeting
- Outline of the 38th COSAC Bi-Annual Report
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Procedural items
- Presentation of the outcomes of the COSAC working groups by representatives of the European Affairs Committees of the French Parliament

10:00 – 11:30 First session - Presentation of the priorities of the Czech Presidency

Session chaired by Mr Ondřej Benešík, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies

- Keynote speaker: Mr Jan Lipavský, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Czech Republic
- Debate

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break and family photo

12:00 – 13:30 Second session – Media and Democracy: Current Challenges

Session chaired by Mr David Smoljak, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate

- Video message: Ms Věra Jourová, Vice-President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency
- Keynote Speaker: Mr Othmar Karas, First Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Speaker: **Mr Michal Klíma,** Commissioner for Media and Counter-Disinformation of the Czech Government
- Debate

13:30 – 13:45 Closing remarks of the Chairs

- Closing remarks by Mr David Smoljak, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate
- Closing remarks by Mr Ondřej Benešík, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies







13:45 Buffet lunch (Senators' Restaurant)

14:45 Guided tour of the historical premises of the Senate – Waldstein Palace including the visit of the exhibition Alphonse Mucha: The Family Collection,

Waldstein Riding School (optional)