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PLENARY MEETING OF THE LVI COSAC

13 – 15 November 2016, Bratislava

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 13 November 2016

14:00 – 18:00 Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

16:30 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

17:00 – 18:30 Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

18:30 Departure from the hotels to the Grand Hotel River Park

19:00 **Official dinner** hosted by Mr **L'uboš BLAHA**, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Venue: Grand Hotel River Park, Dvořákovo nábrežie 6, Bratislava

21:30 Return to the hotels

Monday, 14 November 2016

07:30 Departure from the hotels to the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the meetings of political groups

Meetings of political groups

08:00 – 08:40 Meetings of political groups

Group of European People's Party

Venue: National Council of the Slovak Republic, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

08:45 Departure from the National Council of the Slovak Republic to the Bratislava Castle

08:30

Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle (other participants)

Registration (for those not yet registered)

09:00 – 9:30

Opening session of the LVI COSAC

Introductory remarks by Mr. Ľuboš BLAHA,

Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Adoption of the agenda for the Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC

Procedural issues of the Plenary Meeting of the LVI COSAC

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

Presentation of the 26th Bi-annual Report of COSAC by

Ms. Christiana FRYDA,

Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat

09:30 – 11:00

Session 1:

State of Play of the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Keynote speaker:

Mr. Robert FICO,

Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

Debate

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 13:15

Session 2:

Strengthening the role of national parliaments in the EU

Keynote speaker:

Mr. Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President, European Commission

Panelists:

Ms. Ana BIRCHALL, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs, Chamber of Deputies, Romania

Mr. Gunther KRICHBAUM, Chair of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union, Bundestag, Germany

Moderator:

Mr Martin KLUS, Vice-Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Debate

13:15 – 13:30

Family photo

13:30 – 15:00

Lunch

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava



14:00 - 15:00 Side event '*Mobilization of human capital through innovative legislation*'

Venue: Hall of Knights, Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

15:00 – 16:45 **Session 3:**
The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): a trade agreement between the European Union and the United States (and its challenges, opportunities and risks)

Keynote speakers:

Ms. **Susan GEORGE**, political and social scientist, activist and writer on global social justice; President of the Transnational Institute

Mr. **Hiddo HOUBEN**, EU Deputy Chief Negotiator of TTIP; Director, DG Trade of the European Commission

Panelists:

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

Ms. **Güler TURAN**, Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs, Member of the Senate of Belgium and Flemish Parliament

Moderator:

Ms **Brigita SCHMÖGNEROVÁ**, former Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe; former Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic

Debate

16:45 Return to the hotels

COSAC Chairpersons meeting

17:00 – 18:00 **Debate on the Draft Contribution of the LVI COSAC**

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

18:00 Return to the hotels

19:30 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

20:00 **Official dinner** hosted by Mr. **Béla BUGÁR**, Deputy Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

22:30 Return to the hotels

Tuesday, 15 November 2016

07:30 Departure from the hotels to the Bratislava Castle

08:00 – 09:45 **Session 4:**
2016: Energy Union's „year of delivery”

Keynote speaker:

Mr. **Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ**, Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union

Panelists:

Ms. **Danielle AUROI**, Chair of the European affairs committee of the French National Assembly

Mr. **Kalle PALLING**, Chair of the European Affairs Committee, Parliament of Estonia

Mr. **António COSTA SILVA**, Member of the European Affairs Committee, Portuguese Assembly of the Republic

Moderator:

Ms **Zuzana GABRIŽOVÁ**, Editor-in-chief of Euractiv.sk

Debate

09:45 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 12:00 **Session 5:**
Securing the external borders of the EU in the context of irregular migration

Keynote speakers:

Mr. **Robert KALIŇÁK**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of the Slovak Republic

Panelists:

Mr. **Richárd HÖRCSIK**, Chair of the Committee on European Affairs, Hungarian National Assembly

Mr. **Lucio ROMANO**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on European Affairs Policies, Senate of the Republic, Italy

Moderator:

Ms **Katarína CSÉFALVAYOVÁ**, Vice-Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

Debate

12:00 – 12:30 **Adoption of the Contribution of the LVI COSAC**

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

Venue: Bratislava Castle, Námestie Alexandra Dubčeka 1, Bratislava

14:00 **Return to the hotels by bus**

Departures of delegations