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# **Plenary Meeting of the LXXI COSAC**

**24-26 March 2024**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

*Draft programme*

*Last updated: 12 February 2024*

**Sunday 24 March 2024**

**Meeting of the Presidential Troika**

*Belgian Federal Parliament*

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| 16.15         | Departure to the Belgian Federal Parliament |
| 16.45 - 18.00 | Meeting of the Presidential Troika          |

**Cultural programme and diner**

*Historical center of Brussels*

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| 18.00         | Departure to the 'Grand Place' of Brussels  |
| 18.30 - 19.45 | Guided tour of the City Hall of Brussels or guided tour of the Belgian Beer World museum (Brussels Stock Exchange) - optional |
| 19.45         | Departure to the Belgian Federal Parliament   |
| 20.00 - 22.00 | Reception and buffet dinner hosted by the Belgian Federal Parliament  |
| 22.00         | Return to the hotels  |

**Monday 25 March 2024**

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| 8.20 | Opening of the accreditation desks at the European Parliament (Station Europe) |
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*European Parliament*

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| 9.00        | Welcome coffee   |
| 9.30 - 9.45 | <b>Opening session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Address by Ms Eliane Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs</li><li>- Address by Mr Gaëtan Van Goidsenhoven, Senator and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs</li><li>- Address by Mr Othmar Karas, First Vice-President of the European Parliament</li></ul> |

9.45 - 10.15

**Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**

*Session chaired by Ms. Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs*

- Approval of the draft programme of the Plenary Meeting of the LXXI COSAC
- Results of the Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Any other business

10.15 - 12.00

**Session I – Review of the 2019-2024 European legislature and prospects for the Council's strategic agenda for 2024-2029**

*Session chaired by Mr. Van Goidsenhoven, Senator and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs*

- Keynote speakers to be confirmed

Debate

12.00 - 12.15

Family picture

12.15 - 14.00

Lunch offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament

12.45 - 13.45

Political group meetings (optional)

14.00 - 16.00

**Session II – Gender policy and the representation of women and men in parliament**

*Session chaired by Ms. Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs*

- Keynote speech by Ms Marie-Colline Leroy, Secretary of State for Gender Equality, Equality Opportunities and Diversity
- Keynote speech by Ms Latifa Gahouchi, Senator and Chair of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities for women and men
- Keynote speech by Ms Agnes Hubert, Founding Member of Gender5+ and Professor at the College of Europe

Debate

16.00

Return to the hotels (except for the heads of delegations)

## **Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC**

*European Parliament*

16.15 - 17.30

### **Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC**

*Session co-chaired by Ms. Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mr. Van Goidsenhoven, Senator, both Co-Chairs of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs*

Discussion on the Draft Contribution and Conclusions of the LXXI COSAC

17.30

Return to the hotels

## **Cultural programme and diner**

*Tour & Taxis*

18.15

Departure to Tour & Taxis

19.00 - 20.00

Visit of Tour & Taxis

20.00 - 22.00

Official dinner offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament

22.00

Return to the hotels

## **Tuesday 26 March 2024**

8.00

Departure to the European Parliament

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*European Parliament*

8.30

Welcome coffee

9.00 - 10.45

### **Session III – Open Strategic Autonomy: competitiveness and resilience**

*Session chaired by Mr. Van Goidsenhoven, Senator and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs*

- Keynote speech by Mr Marek Hudon, Professor at Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, ULB
- Keynote speech to be confirmed

Debate

10.45 - 11.15

Coffee break

11.15 - 13.00

**Session IV – Democracy and the Rule of Law in Europe: the way ahead**

*Session chaired by Ms. Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs*

Keynote speech by Mr Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice

Interactive session with a panel of experts

Panel:

- Mr Koen Lenaerts, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union
- Ms Françoise Tulkens, Professor emeritus at UCL and former judge and Vice-President at the European Court of Human Rights
- Speaker to be confirmed

13.00 - 13.30

**Closing session**

*Session co-chaired by Ms. Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mr. Van Goidsenhoven, Senator, both Co-Chairs of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs*

Adoption of the contribution and conclusions of the LXXI COSAC

Closing statements

13.30 - 14.30

Lunch offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament

14.30

Departure of the delegations