



*Draft as of 20 April 2016*

## **Meeting of the Plenary COSAC The Hague, 12 - 14 June 2016**

### **Draft programme**

#### **Sunday, 12 June 2016**

14.00 – 19.00      Arrival of delegations and registration for the meeting at the hotels

#### **Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC**

17.00                  Departure from the hotels

17.30 – 19.00      Meeting of the Presidential Troika  
*House of Representatives*

19.00                  Departure for reception and cocktail dinner

19.00                  Departure from the hotels

19.30 – 22.30      Members' Dinner hosted by the Chairmen of the Committees on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, Mr Malik Azmani and of the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga  
Venue: Het Spaansche Hof  
(Westeinde 12A, The Hague)

19.30 – 22.30      Staff dinner  
Venue: tbc

22.30                  Return to the hotels

## Monday, 13 June 2016

### Meeting of the political groups

7.30 Departure from the hotels to the Hall of Knights  
(Binnenhof 11 The Hague)

8.00 – 8.45 Meeting of political groups  
*Senate, committee meeting rooms*

8:15 Departure from the hotels to the Hall of Knights  
(Binnenhof 11 The Hague)

### 9.00 **Opening of the meeting**

Welcome address by the President of the Senate, Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol

Introductory remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

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

09.30 – 10.00 Keynote speech by Mr Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, reflection on the Dutch EU Presidency (tbc)

Questions and debate

### **10.00 - 11.30 SESSION I: Parliamentary scrutiny, an exchange of best practices**

10.00 – 10.15 Introduction

Opening by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Senate, Mr Tuur Elzinga and introduction of the moderator for this session, Ms Marit Maij, member of the Dutch House of Representatives

Key findings from the 25<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual report  
*Presentation by the permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat, Ms Christiana Fryda*

- 10.15 – 10.45 Combining parliamentary information for scrutiny and effective cooperation between parliaments: The use of Rapporteurs Introduction by the moderator and debate moderated by the moderator
- 10.45 – 11.15 Scrutiny beyond ministerial Councils: Trilogue  
Introduction by the moderator and debate moderated by the moderator
- 11.15 – 11.30 State of play on the instruments at the disposal of National Parliaments (yellow/green card)  
Interview with Mr Frans Timmermans, First Vice President of the European Commission (tbc)
- 11.30 – 13.00 Family photo and lunch**  
*Hall of Knights*

<b>13.00 – 14.30</b>	<b>Session II: The role of Parliaments in Protecting the Rule of Law within the EU</b>
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Introduction by the moderator, Mr Murray Hunt, Visiting Professor Oxford University (tbc)

Interview with a panel:

- Mr Pieter van Dijk, former member Venice Commission, expert Rule of Law check list of the Venice Commission (tbc)
- Ms Sophie in 't Veld, Member of the European Parliament, Rapporteur of the legislative own-initiative report on the establishment of an EU mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights (tbc)
- Speaker (tbc)

Debate

Closing remarks by Mr Frans Timmermans, First Vice President of the European Commission (tbc)

- 14.30 – 15.00** Coffee break

<b>15.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Session III : Exchange of best practices and experiences in Parliamentary Diplomacy</b>
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Introduction by the moderator (tbc)

Interview with a panel:

- Ms Lolita Čigāne, chairperson European Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Latvia (tbc)
- Speaker (tbc)
- Speaker (tbc)

Debate

16.30 Return to the hotels

<b>16.30 – 18.00</b>	<b>Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons</b>
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*Hall of Knights*

Debate on the Draft Contribution and Conclusions of the LV COSAC

18:00 Return to the hotels

19.00 Departure from the hotels for dinner hosted by the President of the Senate, Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ms Khadija Arib and the Mayor of The Hague, Mr Jozias van Aartsen  
(venue: Kurhaus)

23.00 Return to the hotels

## Tuesday, 14 June 2016

07.00 - 07.30 Morning run (departure from the conference hotels)

8.15 Departure from the hotels

9.00 - 10.00	<b>Session IV – European Court of Auditors</b>
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Introduction by the moderator, Mr Joris Backer, member of the Dutch Senate

Introduction by Mr Alex Brenninkmeijer, Member of the European Court of Auditors of the report 'Quality of Excessive Deficit Procedure'

Debate

10.00 - 11.30	<b>Session V – Migration</b>
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### **State of play implementation EU-Turkey Agreement**

Introduction by the moderator, Mr Kamran Ullah (tbc)

Introduction by speaker (tbc)

### **European Commission forthcoming April 2016 migration packages**

Introduction by the moderator, Mr Kamran Ullah (tbc)

Introduction by a representative of the European Commission (tbc)

Debate

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break

### **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LV COSAC**

12.45 - 12.50 Speech by the winner of the essay contest on the role of national parliaments in the European Union in 25 years (tbc)

12.50 Closing remarks by the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the House of Representatives, Mr Malik Azmani

13.00 – 14.30

**Lunch**  
*Hall of Knights*

14.30

Return to the hotels and departure of delegations