



MALTA EU 2017
PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION

LVII COSAC

Draft Programme

28 - 30 May 2017
MALTA

Sunday, 28 May 2017

15:00 - 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

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| 17:00 | Departure from hotels |
| 17:30 – 19.00 | Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC <i>Arena Conference Centre, InterContinental Malta, St Julian's</i> |
| 19:00 | Departure for dinner |

19:00 Departure by bus to the dinner venue

19:30 Dinner hosted by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*

Venue: (tbc)

22:00 Return to the hotels by bus

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07:30 Departure by bus to the *Arena Conference Centre, InterContinental Malta, St Julian's*

08:00 – 09:00 **Meetings of political groups**

08:30 Departure by bus for remaining delegates to the *Arena Conference Centre, InterContinental Malta, St Julian's*

09:00 **Opening of the LVII COSAC**

Welcome address by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

Introductory remarks by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*

Adoption of the Agenda

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

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

Presentation of the 27th Bi-annual Report of COSAC by Ms Christiana Fryda, *Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat*

09:30 **Session I: Reflections on Malta's EU Presidency**

Keynote speech by Hon. Joseph Muscat, *Prime Minister of Malta*

Debate

10:30 **Session II: The role of national Parliaments in the future of the EU**

Keynote Speaker: (tbc)

Speaker: Ms Marina Berlinghieri, *Member of the European Union Policy Committee, Italian Chamber of Deputies*

Speaker: *Member of national Parliament* (tbc)

Debate

11:45 **Family Photo and lunch**

13:15 **Session III: Outcome of the UK Referendum - State of play**

Keynote speaker:

Mr Michel Barnier, *Chief Negotiator for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom*

Panel Discussion

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

Lord Timothy Boswell, *Chairman of the European Affairs, UK House of Lords*

Sir William Cash, *Chairman of the European Affairs, UK House of Commons*

Debate

14:45 **Session IV: Expanding the Blue economy - towards a more sustainable EU Integrated Maritime Policy**

Keynote speech by Mr Karmenu Vella, *EU Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries*

Speaker: Mr Toomas Vitsut, *Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Estonian Riigikogu*

Speaker: *Member of a national Parliament (tbc)*

Debate

Return to the hotels by bus

16:00 **Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons**

Debate on the Draft Contribution and Conclusions of the LVII COSAC

18:00 Return to the hotels by bus

19:15 Departure from the hotels for dinner hosted by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

Venue: (tbc)

22.30 Return to the hotels by bus

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08:30 Departure from the hotels

09:00 **Session V: Migration – Combating human smuggling and trafficking and establishing a humane and effective return and readmission policy**

Keynote speakers:

Mr Dimitris Avramopoulos, *EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship*

Hon. George Vella, *Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta*
Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

Debate

11:00 **Coffee break**

11:30 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LVII COSAC**

12:00 Closing remarks by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairman of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*

12:15 **Lunch**

14:00 **Departure of delegations**