



REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
Parliament

LX COSAC

Vienna, 18-20 November 2018

Draft Programme

(as of 30 July 2018)

Sunday, 18 November 2018

14:00 - 19:00 Arrival of delegations and registration at the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

16:45 Departure from the hotels

17:30 Meeting of the Presidential Troika
Venue: *Permanent Conference Facility ACV/Room G1*
1220 Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1

19:00 Departure for the dinner

19:00 Departure from the hotels

19:30 **Dinner hosted by the Chair of Permanent Subcommittee on EU
Affairs of the National Council, Mr Reinhold Lopatka, and the Chair
of the EU Committee of the Federal Council,
Mr Christian Buchmann**
Venue: *Wiener Rathauskeller; 1010 Vienna, Rathausplatz 1*

22:00 Return to the hotels

Monday, 19 November 2018

Meetings of the political groups

- 7:15 Departure from the hotels
- 8:00 - 8:45 Meetings of the political groups
*Venue: Permanent Conference Facility ACV
1220 Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1*

8:00 Departure from the hotels

- 9:00 **Opening of the LX COSAC**
*Venue: Permanent Conference Facility ACV, Room D
1220 Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1*

Welcome address

Mr Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the National Council

Ms Inge Posch-Gruska, President of the Federal Council

Introductory remarks by the Chair

- 9:15 Adoption of the agenda

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Briefing on the results of the Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
 - Presentation of the COSAC 30th Bi-annual Report
 - Letters received by the Presidency
 - Others
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9:30 **Session I: State of play of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU**

Keynote speaker:

Mr Gernot Blümel

Federal Minister within the Federal Chancellery for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media (tbc)

Debate

11:00 Family photo and coffee break

11:30 **Session II: Transparent European Union closer to its citizens in light of the upcoming elections to the European Parliament**

Keynote speakers

Mr Josef Moser

Federal Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice

Ms Mairead McGuinness

First Vice President of the European Parliament

Debate

13:00 **Lunch**

14:30 **Session III: Climate policy and Energy Union**

Keynote speakers

Mr Maroš Šefčovič

Vice-President of the European Commission for Energy Union

Ms Monika Langthaler

R20 Regions of Climate Action, Director R20 Austrian World Summit

Debate

16:00 Return to the hotels (except Chairpersons)

16:00 **Meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons**
Debate on the Contribution and Conclusions of the LX COSAC

17:30 Return to the hotels

19:00 Departure from the hotels

19:30 **Dinner hosted by Mr Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the Austrian National Council**
Dinner speech by the President of the Austrian National Council
Kursalon Wien, 1010 Vienna, Johannesgasse 33

22:30 Return to the hotels

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

8:30 Departure from the hotels

9:30 **Session IV: Brexit – current state**

Keynote speakers

Mr. Michel Barnier

EU Chief Negotiator (tbc)

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Member of the British COSAC delegation

Debate

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LX COSAC**

12:30 Closing remarks by the Chair

12:45 **Lunch**

14:00 Return to the hotels

Departure of delegations