Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC

Vienna, 8 – 9 July 2018
Draft Programme
Sunday, 8 July 2018

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

16:45  Departure from the hotels

17:00 -  DemocracyQuarter WalkingTour
approx. 18:00  Visit of the interim location of the Austrian Parliament during the renovation of the historic Parliament building

18:15  Return to the hotels

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

17:40  Departure from the hotels

18:00  Meeting of the Presidential Troika
Venue: Parliament-Hofburg, Room 5
Entrance: Pavilion Bibliothekshof

Departure for the dinner

18:45  Departure from the hotels

19:30  Dinner hosted by Mr Reinhold Lopatka, Chairperson of the Permanent Subcommittee on EU Affairs of the National Council and Mr Christian Buchmann, Chairperson of the EU Committee of the Federal Council
Dinner speech by Ms Karoline Edtstadler, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of the Interior, on “The global responsibility of the EU”
Venue: Restaurant Kahlenberg, Am Kahlenberg 2-3, 1190 Vienna

approx. 22:30  Return to the hotels
Monday, 9 July 2018

8:00  Departure from the hotels

8:30  **Opening of the meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons**

*Venue: Parliament-Hofburg, Großer Redoutensaal*

*Entrance: 1010 Vienna, Josefsplatz 4*

**Welcome addresses:**

**Mr Wolfgang Sobotka,** President of the National Council

**Ms Inge Posch-Gruska,** President of the Federal Council

Chairperson's introductory remarks

8:45  Adoption of the agenda

**Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**

- Briefing on the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Draft agenda of the LX COSAC
- Outline of the 30th Bi-annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Others

9:15  **Session 1: Priorities of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

**Keynote speaker:**

**Ms Karoline Edtstadler**

State Secretary, Federal Ministry of the Interior

Debate

10:30  Coffee break
11:00  **Session 2: Future and perspectives of the European Union**

**Keynote speakers:**

**Mr Frans Timmermans**  
First Vice-President of the European Commission

**Ms Mairead McGuinness**  
First Vice-President of the European Parliament

Debate

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12:55  **Chairperson's closing remarks**

Family photo

13:00  **Lunch**  
*Venue: Parliament-Hofburg, Dachfoyer*

14:30  Return to the hotels  
Departure of delegations