



REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA  
Parliament

# Meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons

**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 -  
approx. 18:00      **DemocracyQuarter WalkingTour**  
Visit of the interim location of the Austrian Parliament during the renovation of the historic Parliament building
- 18:15              Return to the hotels
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- 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
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- 18:45              Departure from the hotels
- 19:30              **Dinner hosted by the Chairperson of the Permanent Subcommittee on EU Affairs of the National Council and the 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

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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 30<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency
- Others

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9:15 **Session 1: Priorities 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

Debate

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10:30 Family photo and coffee break

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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**

Vice President of the European Parliament

**Ms. Ulrike Guérot**

Head of Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy

Danube University Krems

Debate

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12:55

Chairperson's closing remarks

13:00

**Lunch**

*Venue: Parliament-Hofburg, Dachfoyer*

14:30

Return to the hotels

Departure of delegations