



Plenary meeting of the LIII COSAC

Riga, 31 May – 2 June 2015

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

MEETING VENUE Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre
 Ķīpsalas iela 8, Rīga, LV1048
 www.parleu2015.lv
 www.saeima.lv
 Twitter@parleu2015
 instagram.com/parleu2015
 All venues are marked on the [map](#)

MEETING ROOM Hall A

ARRIVAL/
DEPARTURE AND
LOCAL TRANSFERS Participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from and to the airport.
 Riga International Airport is approximately 13 km from the city centre.
 For more information on Riga International Airport, visit
 <http://www.riga-airport.com/lv>.

Taxi fare is approximately EUR 15.

The following taxi companies are recommended by the organisers:

Baltic Taxi: phone (+371) 2000 8500; (+371) 6700 8500

Rīgas Taksometru parks (Red Cab): phone (+371) 8000 1313

Transfer from the recommended hotels to the meeting venue and to social events will be provided by the organisers.

ACCOMMODATIONS Due to high hotel occupancy, participants **are kindly requested to make their hotel bookings in due time.**

The deadline for hotel booking is 30 April 2015, and rooms will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. After this date, rooms will be booked according to their availability.

Participants can choose from the following hotels.

Reservations at Radisson Blu hotels can be made online, while reservations at the Astor Riga Hotel can be made by filling out the attached registration form.



Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija** (200 rooms)**

Elizabetes iela 55, Riga, LV-1010

Spectacular panoramic view of Riga

Room	Rate (EUR)
Standard	99

Promo code: PARL15

Online booking form: [click here](#)

Radisson Blu Elizabete Hotel** (80 rooms)**

Elizabetes iela 73, Riga, LV-1050

Modern 4-star hotel in the city centre

Room	Rate (EUR)
Standard	105

Promo code: PARL15

Online booking form: [click here](#)

Radisson Blu Ridzene Hotel** (20 rooms)**

Reimersa iela 1, Riga, LV-1050

Pleasant atmosphere characterised by refinement and tradition

Room	Rate (EUR)
Standard	109

Promo code: PARL15

Online booking form: [click here](#)

Astor Riga Hotel* (30 rooms)**

Zigfrīda Annas Meierovica bulvāris 10, Riga, LV-1050

<http://www.astorrigahotel.lv/>

Pearl of eclectic architecture built in 1876 by the famous Latvian architect Jānis Baumanis. The building was completely renovated in 2012.

Room	Rate (EUR)
Standard	115
Standard double	125
Business	123
Business double	135

A room can be booked by filling out the attached registration form.

N.B. Hotel booking should be made without delay because some of the above hotels will keep rooms available only until 30 April 2015.

REGISTRATION**Online registration in advance**

Each participant is kindly requested to register online at <http://parleu2015.lv> by **30 April 2015**.

Registration at the event

Registration desks will be open at the hotels on 31 May 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Participants that arrive later will be able to register at the meeting venue:

On 1 June from 7:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On 2 June from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Upon registration, participants will receive their identity badges and working documents.



Colours of the lanyards attached to identity badges:

red – heads of delegations;

blue – members of delegations;

green – delegation staff;

yellow – media;

orange – interpreters;

grey – guests, rapporteurs;

white – COSAC Secretariat;

maroon-white-maroon – organisers and volunteers

Participants are kindly requested to wear their identity badges at all times during the event. If you lose your badge, please contact the organisers immediately.

DOCUMENTS

The updated programme, working documents and other information are available at <http://parleu2015.lv>.

All documents are available in Latvian, English and French.

After the event, the updated documents will be published on <http://parleu2015.lv>.

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation into all official EU languages will be provided during the plenary meeting of the LIII COSAC and the meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC.

Simultaneous interpretation into Latvian, English and French will be provided during the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC. Delegations willing to bring their own interpreters for this event are kindly requested to inform the organisers about the need for additional booths in advance **but not later than by 30 April 2015**.

TAKING THE FLOOR

Participants who wish to take the floor during the event are kindly requested to fill out the request-for-the-floor cards. These cards will be provided upon registration together with other documents. The cards will be colour-coded, with each colour matching an item on the programme.

The floor will be given in the order that the request-for-the-floor cards are submitted. The floor can be taken from the participant's seat.

FACILITIES

Computers and a printer will be available in the Internet café.

There is an ATM available at the Ķīpsala International Exhibition Centre.

INTERNET

Open Wi-Fi connection is available at the meeting venue.

SMOKING

In Latvia, smoking is prohibited in offices, restaurants, cafes, public transport and other indoor public premises with the exception of specially designated areas. Smoking is allowed outdoors but not within a **10-meter radius** from entrances to the building.

CATERING

Lunch will be served at the meeting venue.

In addition to the coffee break, coffee, tea and water will be available throughout the event near the meeting room.

Participants are kindly asked to refrain from taking food into the meeting room.

Vegetarians and persons with allergies are kindly asked to inform organisers in advance by indicating the relevant information in the registration form.



SOCIAL EVENTS	<p>On 31 May 2015, Lolita Čigāne, Chairperson of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima, will host dinner in the National Library of Latvia. On 1 June 2015, Ināra Mūrniece, Speaker of the Saeima, will host dinner in the Residence of the Saeima Presidium in Jūrmala.</p> <p>On 2 June 2015, after lunch, it will be possible to take a guided tour of the Old Town Riga.</p>
LOCAL TIME	Time zone in Latvia is GMT+2.
CLIMATE	<p>Average temperature in June:</p> <p>Weather forecasts and other information about the climate in Latvia are available on the webpage of the Latvian Hydrometeorological Service at http://meteo.lv/en/.</p>
CURRENCY	The currency of the Republic of Latvia is the euro (EUR).
INFORMATION	<p>All information about the event is available at http://parleu2015.lv.</p> <p>During the event, an information desk will be located outside the meeting room.</p>
DISCOVER LATVIA	<p>www.latvia.travel – contains descriptions of all visitors’ sites in Latvia. Come to Riga, but stay and see the beauty of the rest of the country.</p> <p>www.liveriga.com – highlights various experiences one can enjoy when visiting Riga and provides useful information related to traveling to Riga, such as Internet access and emergency care.</p> <p>www.latvia.eu – offers background information, resources and general facts about Latvia; contains videos and blogs about the country, its people, culture, economy and much more. Visit the site to get detailed facts about Latvia and life here.</p> <p>www.liaa.gov.lv – offers information on why Latvia is a fertile ground for investment and business.</p>
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RESERVATION FORM

Guest Surname				
Guest Name				
Arrival date				
Departure date				
Room category:	Single room	✓	Double/Twin room	✓
Standard class room	115 EUR		125 EUR	
Business class room	125 EUR		135 EUR	
The above rates are per room per night and inclusive: delicious hot breakfast buffet, free WiFi, VAT.				
Number of rooms			Number of persons	
Credit Card number			Credit Card validity	
E-mail address and phone number				
Special requests				
Transfer from/to Airport/ Price :18 EUR per way				

RESERVATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please note that registration will be able until 30.04.2015., later on upon availability. We kindly ask you to send this form by e-mail to: reservations@astorrighahotel.lv. After we receive your application, we will send you confirmation for your booking.

Rate can be extended up to 2 days earlier/ later.

Guest credit card details are required to guarantee the reservation. The card will not be charged prior to your arrival and is required only to guarantee your booking. Guaranteed booking is valid until 24:00hrs on arrival day.

Non-guaranteed reservations will be held until 6 p.m. on the arrival day. In case the reservation is not guaranteed, the hotel reserves the right to sell the room to another client after 6pm of the arrival date.

To make your booking guaranteed please provide us with your credit card number and the expiry date. Also the reservation can be guaranteed with deposit payment or company's agreement

Your reservation can be cancelled without any charge until 2 p.m. 1 day prior to your arrival. The Customer shall be obligate to make all cancellations in in written form by fax or e-mail. The cancellation shall be confirmed by the Hotel also in written form by fax or e-mail.

We trust in your understanding that in case of a no-show or a late cancellation we will charge your credit card for 100% of the first night stay.

We are looking forward to welcome you at ASTOR RIGA HOTEL!

