

Meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons

Bucharest, 20-21 January

Draft Programme

Sunday, 20 January 2019

14:00 – 19:00	Arrival of delegations and registration at the hotels
16:15	Departure from the hotels, by bus
16:30 – 17:15	Cultural programme – Visit of the National Museum of Contemporary Art <i>Venue: Calea 13 Septembrie, no. 1-3</i>
17:15 – 18:00	Visit of the Palace of Parliament, Chamber of Deputies (guided tour)
18:00	Return to the hotels, by bus

Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC

18:00	Departure from the hotels, by bus (for the members of Troika which are not participating at the cultural programme)
18:15 – 19:15	<i>Meeting of the Presidential Troika</i> <i>Venue: Hall Dimitrie Cantemir, Senate of Romania</i> <i>Entrance A1</i>
19:15	Departure for the dinner
19:30 – 22:30	Dinner hosted by Mrs. Gabriela Crețu, Chairwoman of the European Affairs Committee of the Senate and Mr. Angel Tîlvăr, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies <i>Venue: Royal Palace, Throne Hall</i>

Monday, 21 January 2019

8:30

Departure from the hotels, by bus

9:00 – 9:30

Opening of the meeting

Venue: Senate plenary hall

Welcome addresses:

Mr. Călin Popescu-Tăriceanu, President of the Senate of Romania (TBC)

Mr. Liviu Dragnea, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Romania (TBC)

Introductory remarks by the Chairs

Adoption of the agenda

9:30 – 10:00

Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters

- Briefing on the results of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Draft agenda of the LXI COSAC
- Outline of the 31st Bi-annual Report of COSAC
- Letters received by the Presidency

Debate

10:00 – 11:00

Session I: Priorities of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Keynote speaker:

Mrs. Viorica Dăncilă, Prime Minister of Romania (TBC)

Debate

11:00 – 11:30

Family photo and coffee break

Venue: Plenary hall foyer

11:30 – 12:15

Session II: Shaping the European Union in 2019: challenges and opportunities

Keynote speakers:

- **Mr. Frans Timmermans**, First Vice President of the European Commission (TBC)
- **Mrs. Mairead McGuinness**, Vice President of the European Parliament (TBC)

Debate

12:15 – 13:15

Session III: Increasing cohesion and ensuring convergence through the Multilateral Financial Framework instruments

Keynote speakers:

- **Mrs. Maria João Rodrigues**, President of European Foundation of Progressive Studies (FEPS) and MEP (TBC)
- Commissioner for Regional Policy (TBC)
- **Mr. Daniel Dăianu**, member of the Board, National Bank of Romania and member of the Romanian Academy

Debate

13:15 -13:30

Closing remarks by the Chairs

13:30 - 14:30

Lunch

Venue: Unirii Hall, Palace of Parliament

14:30

Return to the hotels, by bus

Departure of delegations