

Programme

XLI Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)

Prague, 11 – 12 May 2009

Sunday, 10 May 2009

- Arrival of delegations
- 12.00 – 19.30 Registration of participants at the hotels
- 15.00 – 17.30 Guided tour of Prague Castle
- 18.00 Departure by bus to the COSAC Troika Meeting
- 18.30 – 19.30 **COSAC Troika Meeting**
Chamber of Deputies, Sněmovní 4, Prague 1
- 19.30 Departure by bus to Prague's Municipal House
- 20.00 Dinner hosted by Ms. Kateřina Jacques, Chairwoman of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies
French Restaurant, Prague's Municipal House, nám. Republiky 5, Prague 1

Monday, 11 May 2009

- 7.45 Departure by bus from the hotels Anđel's and Angelo to the Mövenpick Hotel
- 8.00 – 8.40 **Meeting of Political Groups**
Hotel Mövenpick, Mozartova 261/1, Prague 5
- 8.45 Departure by bus to the Žofín Palace
- 9.00 Continuation of the registration of participants at the Žofín Palace
Žofín, Slovanský ostrov 226, Prague 1
- 9.30 **Opening Session of the XLI COSAC**
Mr. Miloslav Vlček, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
Mr. Přemysl Sobotka, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
- 9.40 **Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU**
Mr. Jan Fischer, President of the European Council, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
Debate
- 11.15 **Current Economic and Financial Situation: Czech Presidency Perspective on its Recovery**
Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic
Debate
- 12.00 **European Commission's Annual Policy Strategy for 2010**
Mr. Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Debate
- 13.15 Family photo

- 13.30 Lunch
The Žofín Restaurant
- 14.30 **Role of the EU in Defending Democracy and Human Rights in the World**
Mr. Michael Kocáb, Minister for Human Rights and National Minorities of the Czech Republic
Debate
- 16.00 **Presentation of the 11th Bi-annual Report with Special Regard to the National Parliaments' Role in the Control of Europol and Evaluation of Eurojust**
Ms. Kateřina Jacques, Chairwoman of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies
Mr. Luděk Seřiz, Chairman of the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate
Debate
- 17.00 End of session
Departure by bus to the hotels
- 17.10 **Chairpersons' Meeting on the Elaboration of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XLI COSAC**
- 18.00 Return by bus to the hotels
- 19.00 Departure by bus to St. Agnes Convent
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by Mr. Miloslav Vlček, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
St. Agnes Convent, U Milosrdných 17, Prague 1

Tuesday, 12 May 2009

- 8.30 Departure by bus to the Žofín Palace
- 9.00 **Eastern Dimension of the European Neighborhood Policy**
Mr. Jan Kohout, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
Debate
- 11.00 **Results of the Subsidiarity Check on the Proposal for a Directive on Standards of Quality and Safety of Human Organs Intended for Transplantation**
Debate
- 12.00 **Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the XLI COSAC**
- 12.30 Lunch
The Žofín Restaurant
- 14.00 Return by bus to the hotels