

Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC

14-15 January 2024

Namur

Draft Programme
Last updated: 3 January 2024

Sunday 14 January 2024

Meeting of the Presidential Troika

Grand Manège – Namur Concert Hall

- 16.45 Departure to *Grand Manège – Namur Concert Hall*
17.00 – 17.45 Meeting of the Presidential Troika

Cultural programme and diner

Grand Manège – Namur Concert Hall

- 18.00 Departure to *Grand Manège – Namur Concert Hall*
18.30 – 19.30 Music and Light Show at *Le Grand Manège*
19.30 – 22.00 Welcome drink and seated dinner offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament
22.00 Return to the hotels

Monday 15 January 2024

- 8.15 Departure from Hotel Mercure to Business Village Ecolys

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Business Village Ecolys

- 9.00 – 9.15 **Opening session**
- Address by Ms Eliane Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs
 - Address by Mr Gaëtan Van Goidsenhoven, Senator and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs
- 9.15 – 9.30 **Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters**
Session chaired by Ms. Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs
- Results of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
 - Draft programme for the LXXI COSAC Plenary Meeting
 - Outline of the 41st Bi-annual Report of COSAC
 - Letters received by the Presidency
 - Any other business

9.30 – 11.00

Session I - Presentation of the priorities of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU

Session chaired by Mr. Van Goidsenhoven, Senator and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs

- Keynote speech by Ms Hadja Lahbib, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions
- Keynote speech by Mr Guy Verhofstadt, Member of European Parliament

Debate

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00

Session II – The European Pillar of Social Rights

Session chaired by Ms. Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs

- Keynote speech by Mr Pierre-Yves Dermagne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Work
- Keynote speech by Ms Bea Cantillon, Professor emeritus in Sociology of the University of Antwerp

Debate

13.00 – 13.15

Family picture

13.15 – 14.40

Walking lunch offered by the Belgian Federal Parliament

14.40 – 16.10

Session III – Enlargement and its impact on the future of the EU

Session chaired by Mr. Van Goidsenhoven, Senator and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs

- Keynote speech by Ms Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, Chair of the Committee of Ukraine's integration into the European Union
- Keynote speech by Ms Ramona Coman, Professor in Political Science at the Université Libre de Bruxelles

Debate

16.10 – 16.25

Closing Session

- Address by Mr Gaëtan Van Goidsenhoven, Senator and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs
- Address by Ms Eliane Tillieux, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs