

XXXVIIth COSAC
Berlin, 13th to 15th May 2007

Programme
(as of 10th May 2007)

Sunday, 13 May 2007

5:00pm **Meeting of the COSAC Troika**

Venue: Reichstag building, room 3 N 040

6:00pm Transfer by bus from the hotels to the landing stage Berlin-Wannsee

7:00pm **Boat trip on the Havel** with dinner and music

hosted by the Chairman of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union of the German Bundestag, Matthias Wissmann, and by the Chairman of the Committee on Questions of the European Union of the Bundesrat, Willi Stächele, Minister of the Land Baden-Württemberg

10:00pm (ca.) End of the boat trip and bus transfer to the hotels

Monday, 14 May 2007

8:30am Meeting of the political groups

Venue: Reichstag building, Parliamentary Groups' Level

9:30am Welcome remarks by the Chairmen and adoption of the XXXVIIth COSAC's agenda

Venue: Reichstag building, Plenary Chamber

Agenda item: COSAC procedural issues

- Report on the state of affairs as regards the establishment of the COSAC Secretariat in the rules of procedure and co-financing of a permanent member

- Presentation and adoption of the 7th biannual report

Agenda item: Examination of the way ahead as regards the evaluation of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality

- afterwards Coffee break
- 11:00am **Agenda item: Climate Change and Climate Protection – The Role of the EU**
Guest speaker: Mr Sigmar Gabriel, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- 12:30pm **Buffet reception on the Parliamentary Groups’ Level of the Reichstag building**, hosted by the two Chairmen
- 2:00pm **Agenda item: Speech on the future of Europe by the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and President of the European Council, Angela Merkel**
- 2:30pm Family photo in the Plenary Chamber
- 3:00pm **Agenda item: Evaluation of the so-called Commission Initiative on the Direct Transmission of Documents to the national parliaments**
- afterwards Coffee break
- 4:00pm **Meeting of the Chairperson** for the preparation of the conclusions and contribution of the XXXVIIth COSAC
- 7:15pm Transfer from the hotels to the Hotel Adlon
- from 7:30pm Reception of the conference participants at the Hotel Adlon
- 8:00pm **Official dinner** hosted by Norbert Lammert, President of the German Bundestag, and by Minister-President Harald Ringstorff, President of the Bundesrat

Tuesday, 15 May 2007

- 8:30am Time for possible additional meetings of the political groups
- 9:30am **Agenda item: “The EU and its Eastern Neighbours – Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia”**

Guest speaker: Mr Günter Gloser, Minister of State for Europe, Federal Foreign Office
- 10:30am **Agenda item: Discussion on the Conclusions and Contribution**
- afterwards Coffee break
- 11:15am **Agenda item: Discussion on the European Commission’s Annual Policy Strategy for 2008**

Guest speaker: Ms Margot Wallström, Vice-President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Institutional Relations and Communication Strategy
- afterwards **Agenda item: Adoption of the Conclusions and Contribution**
- 12:15pm Transfer to the Federal Representation of the Land Baden-Württemberg
- 12:30pm **Lunch** at the Federal Representation of the Land Baden-Württemberg, hosted by the Chairman of the Committee on Questions of the European Union of the Bundesrat, Willi Stächele, Minister of the Land Baden-Württemberg, and by the Chairman of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union of the German Bundestag, Matthias Wissmann
- 2:30pm End of the conference, bus transfer either to the hotels or to the Reichstag building
- afterwards Opportunity to partake in a guided tour of the Reichstag building, followed by a visit to the building’s dome