



9th Council of Europe
Conference of Ministers
responsible for Youth

Saint Petersburg, Russian
Federation
23-25 September 2012

“Young people’s access to rights:
development of innovative youth policies”

Draft agenda and programme
(21/09/2012)

Sunday, 23 September 2012

- 10:00 Meeting of Senior Officials¹
- Arrival of participants (afternoon and evening)
- Registration of conference delegates/observers as from 14:00 h
- 16:45 Departure of ministers / heads of official delegations / leadership of the Council of Europe from the Hotel "Corinthia"
- 17:00 Departure of other Conference participants from the Hotels "Corinthia" and "Ambassador"
- 17:00 Transfer for Ministers and Heads of Delegation by high-speed boat to the State Museum "Peterhof"
- 17.15 Transfer for other Conference participants by high-speed boat to the State Museum "Peterhof"
- 19:30 Official dinner for Ministers² hosted by Mr Dmitry Livanov, Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation (Restaurant "Summer Palace", St. Petersburg, Petrodvorets/ Peterhof, St. Petersburg highway, 130, cor. 7)
- 19:30 Ceremonial dinner for other participants, hosted by Mr Dmitry Livanov, Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation (Restaurant "Summer Palace", St. Petersburg, Petrodvorets/ Peterhof, St. Petersburg highway, 130, cor. 7)

Monday, 24 September 2012

- 07:30 Registration of conference delegates and observers
- 09:30 Opening of the conference³**
- Opening of the Conference by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Welcome address by the representative of the Russian Federation
 - Address by Mr. Abaz Hado, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports of Albania, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
 - Address by Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Address by Mr Keith Whitmore, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
 - Address by Ms Maria Paschou (Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth)
 - **Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference**

¹ Simultaneous interpretation English/French. Special invitation.

² By special invitation

³ Simultaneous interpretation English, French, German, Russian, Italian, Spanish (passive)

- Address by the Chair of the Conference
- Address by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- **Adoption of the agenda**

10:30 **Presentation of the results of the youth event held from 21 to 23 September 2012**

10:45 *Group photo with the Heads of Delegation*

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 *Press conference of the hosts of the Conference*

11:30 **Keynote presentation on the main theme of the Conference, by Mr Ad Melkert**

Debate

13:00 *Luncheon hosted by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe for the Heads of Delegation (Restaurant "Landskrona", Hotel Corinthia)⁴*

13:00 *Luncheon hosted by the Russian government for the other participants (Restaurant "Imperial", Hotel Corinthia)*

14:30 **Afternoon session (three panels held in parallel)**

Panel 1: "Social inclusion of young people"⁵

Chair: Mr Pascal Smet, Minister for Education, Youth and Equal Opportunities of the Flemish Community of Belgium

Keynote speaker: Prof. Dr. Howard Williamson

Rapporteurs: Ms Miriam Teuma (European Steering Committee for Youth) and Mr Sandu Coica (Advisory Council on Youth)

Panelists: Ms Marie-Josée Jacobs (Minister of Family and Integration of Luxemburg); Mr Luca Volontè (Parliamentary Assembly); Ms Eunice Campbell-Clark (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities); Ms Ilaria Esposito (Advisory Council on Youth)

Panel 2: "Democracy and participation"⁶

Chair: Mr Alexandre Mestre, Secretary of State for Sports and Youth of Portugal

Keynote speaker: Dr. Lihong Huang

Rapporteurs: Mr. Alexis Ridde (European Steering Committee for Youth) and Shannon Stephens (Advisory Council on Youth)

Panelists: Ms Katrin Jakobsdottir (Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Iceland); Mr Michael Connarty (Parliamentary Assembly); Ms Natalia Pilius (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities); Ms Anna Dobrovolskaya (Advisory Council on Youth)

⁴ By special invitation

⁵ Simultaneous interpretation English, French, German, Russian, Italian and Spanish (passive)

⁶ Simultaneous interpretation English, French and Russian

Panel 3: “Living together in diverse societies”⁷
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Chair: Ms Petya Evtimova, Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Science of Bulgaria

Keynote speaker: Dr. Manfred Zentner

Rapporteur: Ms Lea Benirschke (Advisory Council on Youth) and... (European Steering Committee for Youth)

Panelists: Mr Azad Rahimov (Minister of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan); Mr Gvozden Flego (Parliamentary Assembly); Ms Hande Özsan Bozatli (Congress of Local and regional Authorities); Mr Mihai Floran (Advisory Council on Youth)

- 16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:30 Panels continued** (until max.18:30)
- 19:00 *Bus transfers from the hotels "Corinthia" and "Ambassador"*
- 19:30 *Reception⁸ for Ministers, hosted by Mr Georgy Poltavchenko, Governor of St. Petersburg (State Residence "K-2", St. Petersburg, Malaya Neva embankment, 6)*
- 19:30 *Art dinner for other Conference participants (loft "Skorokhod", St. Petersburg, ul. Zastavskaya, 33)*

Tuesday, 25 September 2012

Hotel check-out (participants leaving on 25 September only)

- 09:30 Final session⁹**
- Presentation of the conclusions of the panels
 - Presentation of the draft Final Declaration, followed by debate
 - Adoption of the Final Declaration of the 9th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth
 - Presentation of the Conclusions of the Chair
 - Closing addresses
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 13:00 *Press conference on the results of the Conference and the youth event*
- 14:00 *Excursion to State Museum “Peterhof” (ends 18:30)*
- Departure of participants*

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