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## Conference

**Human rights: a reality for all**

**Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023**

**Filoxenia Conference Centre, Nicosia, Cyprus, 27-28 March 2017**

## Practical information

We welcome you to Cyprus and hope that you will enjoy our hospitality. This practical information guide will assist you during your stay in Nicosia.

## 1. Registration

You are kindly requested to register in accordance with the instructions of the Registry of the Council of Europe

[http://a.cs.coe.int/team81/disability/Form/CAHDPH\\_Chypre\\_March\\_2017.aspx](http://a.cs.coe.int/team81/disability/Form/CAHDPH_Chypre_March_2017.aspx)

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## 2. Visas

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for securing a visa, if need be, for entry into Cyprus. Further details may be found on [http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/mfa81\\_en/mfa81\\_en?OpenDocument](http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/mfa81_en/mfa81_en?OpenDocument)

The Cypriot consular posts have been informed of the events of the Cyprus chairmanship of the Council of Europe, so as to facilitate the granting of visas. Participants are kindly requested to contact the Cypriot consular post responsible for their country. It is highly recommended that visa requests are made at least a week in advance.

Member states of the CoE whose citizens require a visa to enter Cyprus:

1. Albania; not required for holders of diplomatic or biometric passports;
2. Armenia; not required for holders of diplomatic and service passports;
3. Azerbaijan;
4. Bosnia and Herzegovina; not required for holders of diplomatic or biometric passports;
5. Georgia; not required for holders of diplomatic and service passports;
6. Republic of Moldova; not required for holders of diplomatic and service or biometric passports;
7. Montenegro; not required for holders of diplomatic or biometric passports;
8. Russian Federation; not required for holders of diplomatic and service passports;
9. Serbia; not required for holders of diplomatic and service or biometric passports;
10. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; not required for holders of diplomatic or biometric passports;
11. Turkey; and
12. Ukraine; not required for holders of diplomatic and service passports.

No visa is required for holders of a CoE laissez-passer.

### 3. Accommodation

For participants covered by the Council of Europe, Hotel rooms have been pre-booked at the hotel HILTON PARK, Nicosia <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/cyprus/hilton-park-nicosia-NICLEHI/index.html>

1 AXAION STREET ENGOMI, NICOSIA, 2413, Cyprus

TEL: +357-22-695-111 FAX: +357-22-351-918

### 4. Display of background/information material

Relevant information and documentation will be distributed and displayed by the Secretariat of the Council of Europe prior to arrival or/and at the conference venue, upon request.

### 5. Transport from the Airport

❖ Reaching Nicosia; transportation from-to the airports in Larnaca / Paphos  
Kapnos Airport Shuttle to Nicosia normally terminates at Kyrenias Ave., opposite Police headquarters; however, Kapnos Airport Shuttle Ltd kindly offers transportation to any hotel in Nicosia at no extra cost.

one way tickets	fare	journey time
Larnaca airport → Nicosia	€10	40' approx.
Paphos airport → Nicosia	€15	90' approx.

Same fares apply for the way back to the airport, i.e.

one way tickets	fare	journey time
Nicosia → Larnaca airport	€10	40' approx.
Nicosia → Paphos airport	€15	90' approx.

Prior-booking is necessary for all journeys. Please note that for assuring the above fare it is necessary to declare in the booking form your participation in a CoE Cyprus Chairmanship activity. Exact timetables, other information and prior-booking are available at <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com/event/cypruschairmanship>

- ❖ **Taxis** may also be found in front of the arrival hall of both airports; the fare should not be more than €40 - 50 from Larnaca and €90 - 100 from Paphos.
- ❖ If needed, **Special Transport** can be arranged for disable persons at the airport to the hotel and return. Thank you to fulfill the part 'special requirement' when you register.

6. Transportation from the hotels in Nicosia to the Conference Centre  
Shuttle buses will be organised to go from the hotel to Filoxenia conference on 27 and 28 March in the morning and return after the conference in the afternoon.

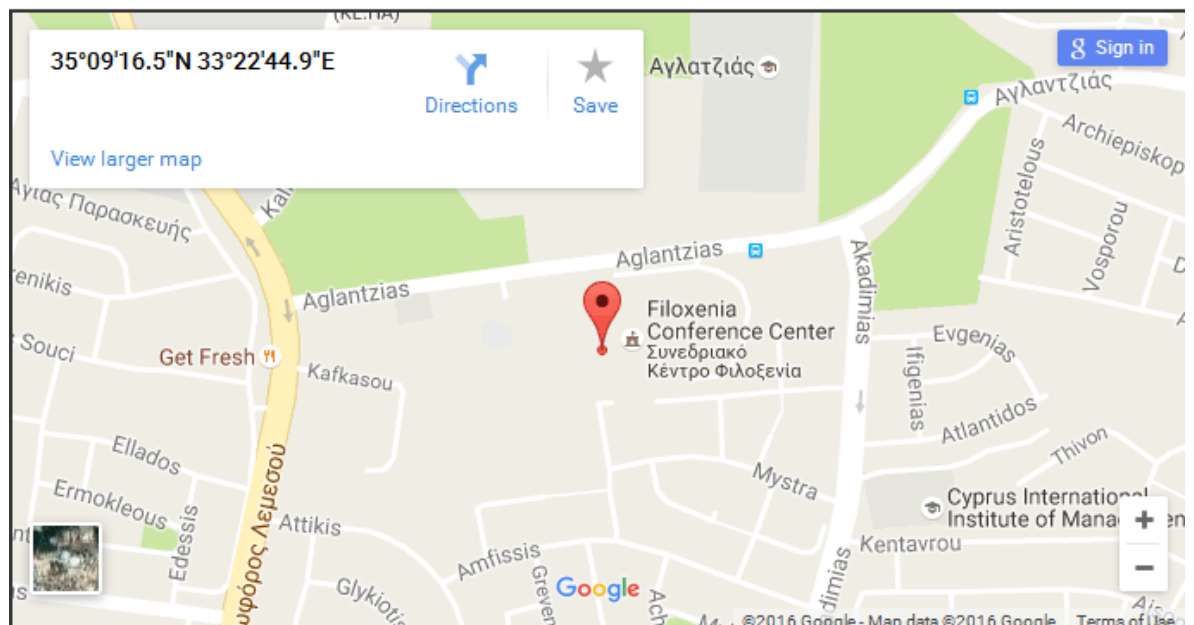
7. Meals

Lunches will be provided in the Filoxenia centre.

The Cyprus authorities are also happy to invite you to a dinner on 27 March 2017.

8. Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place at the Filoxenia Conference Centre – 17 Thrakis Street, 1311 Nicosia, Cyprus. The venue is close to the city centre, not more than 6 km from all hotels in the capital. The facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities and assistance will be provided if need be. A luggage storage area will also be available for the convenience of the delegates. Filoxenia Conference Centre offers a free and secure Wi-Fi network; passwords will be given on the spot. For further information on the Filoxenia Conference Centre, please visit <http://www.fcc.com.cy/> or consult the map below:



9. Useful information

**Time zone:** Eastern European Time Zone (GMT + 2).

**Average temperature in Nicosia in March:** 10-20 °C.

**Languages:** Greek and Turkish are the national languages of Cyprus; the majority of the population is also fluent in English.

**Voltage:** 220-240 volts.

**Emergency numbers:** Police, Fire or Medical Service: 112 or 199.

**International dial code for Cyprus:** +357.

**Currency:** Euro.

**Credit cards:** All major credit cards are generally accepted everywhere.

**Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places.

**Shop opening hours:** Most shops in Cyprus open at 9:00 and close at 19:00.