



10 March 2015

International High-Level Conference on the fight against the Trafficking in Human Organs

Factsheet on the organisation
of the Conference and the signing ceremony

I. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this document is to give some information on the organisation of the events to be held in Santiago de Compostela on 25-26 March 2015. It is addressed to all participants taking part at the international high-level Conference on the fight against Trafficking in Human Organs and the signing ceremony of the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs (THO). Both events are organised by the Criminal Law Division within the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (<http://www.coe.int/justice>) in conjunction with the Spanish authorities.

II. INTERNATIONAL HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE

The Conference will be divided into **six** different sessions which highlight the areas tackled by the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs (hereafter, the Convention):

- a) **Session I:** Trafficking in human organs: international setting
- b) **Interactive Session:** Trafficking in human organs
- c) **Session II:** Legal perspective
- d) **Session III:** Law enforcement and the international co-operation perspective
- e) **Session IV:** Health-care perspective
- f) **Session V:** Prevention measures and victim protection

Each session will analyse the problem of the trafficking of human organs from a different perspective. The interactive session will be chaired by a journalist and aims at giving a general overview of the convention.

On 25 March, during the closing session, the Chairs of each session will be providing the participants with summaries of the different sessions.

Provisional schedule of the Conference

▶ 24 March 2015

Arrival of the participants

Joint event (Council of Europe – World Health Organisation): “Walking against Organ trafficking”. Sponsored by Swiss Transplant.

- Pilgrimage: Conference Venue at 15:30 (participants will be collected)
- Jubilee ceremony: Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela at 19:30pm

▶ 25 March 2015

09:30-10:30 Opening session

10:45-11:15 Signing Ceremony of the Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs

11:20 Family photo

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30 Conference: Session I

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:00 Interactive Session

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:30 Conference: Session II

17:30-18:15 Conference: Session III

18:30 End of day 1

18:40 Social event: visit of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela

20:45 Cocktail – dinner Hostal de los Reyes Católicos (Address: plaza del Obradoiro, s/n.)

▶ 26 March 2015

09:30-10:45 Conference: Session IV

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 Conference: Session V

12:15-13:00 Closing Session

13:00 End of the Conference

Documentation

The documents for the Conference are being prepared by the Council of Europe and the Spanish authorities. These documents will be available on the [Conference website](#) under the “DOCUMENTS” section.

Each participant will receive a Conference file upon his/her registration containing the following documents:

■ **Information documents**

- Draft programme
- List of participants
- Information on the organisation of the Conference (factsheet)
- Concept paper
- Practical information

■ **Background documents** *(these documents will not be distributed. You can download them from the Conference website)*

- Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs
- Joint Council of Europe/United Nations Study: Trafficking in organs, tissues and cells and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of the removal of

organs.

Conference venue

The Conference will take place at **Palacio de Congreso e Exposicións de Galicia**. All those who are properly registered can participate in the Conference. A badge will be provided to all participants (see further paragraph “Registration”).

The meeting room reserved for the event is the following:

Conference Room:

- [Room COMPOSTELA](#)
- **25 March 2015 at 9h30**
- **26 March 2015 at 9h30**



Punctuality is recommended for all participants.

Wi-Fi connection will be free of charge and available for all participants.

You are kindly invited to choose where you wish to sit. Some seats at the front of the room will be reserved for high-ranking representatives/speakers.

At the end of each session, participants will be able to ask questions. Mobile microphones will be available to the participants who wish to intervene.

All participants are invited to take note that headphones will be provided by the Secretariat under presentation of a valid ID card. Please take note that this document will be given back only after the return of the headphone.

The Council of Europe will provide three coffee breaks for all participants (two scheduled on 25 March and one scheduled on 26 March).

III. SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE CONVENTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN ORGANS (THO)

All participants attending the Conference can also take part at the signing ceremony. All delegations are kindly invited to designate the name of the person who is going to sign by sending an e-mail to the Secretariat (giorgia.spada@coe.int).

Signing Ceremony venue

The signing Ceremony will take place in the Obradoiro room at 10:30 am.

Signing Ceremony:

- [OBRADOIRO room](#)
- 25 March 2015 at 10h30



Punctuality is recommended.

You are kindly invited to choose where you wish to sit. Some seats at the front of the room will be reserved for high-ranking representatives.

Wi-Fi connection will be free of charge and available for all participants in the above-mentioned room.

All participants are invited to take note that **headphones** will be provided by the Secretariat under presentation of a **valid national ID card**. Please take note that this document will be given back only after the return of the headphone.

IV. [PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE](#)

a) Registration (badge)

- Participants covered by the CoE: Accreditation will be given to participants at the NH Hotel upon arrival.
- Participants not covered by the CoE: Accreditation will be given to participants at the Conference venue on 25 March.

b) Working languages

The working languages of the Conference will be English, French, Russian and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation.

c) Meals and social programme

Meals on 25 March will be provided to all participants:

- The **lunch** on 25 March will be offered by the Council of Europe to **all participants** in the Conference (*please note your dietary requirements on your registration form*).
- The Spanish authorities will offer a **dinner** on 25 March.

d) Social programme TBC (*please consult the Conference website in order to be regularly updated*)

e) Contacts

For more information regarding the International Conference on the Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs, please contact:

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For further information, participants are kindly invited to consult the **Practical Information file**, available at the [Conference website](#), which will be regularly updated.