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17th Ministerial Conference of the Pompidou Group 'Sustainable drug policies respectful of human rights'

**Radisson Blu Atlantic Hotel
Stavanger, Norway, 27 – 28 November 2018**



Programme

Tuesday, 27 November

12:00 - 1400 h Informal buffet lunch offered by the Ministry of Health and Care Services of Norway at the Radisson Blu Atlantic Hotel

14:00 h Opening

- Welcome address by the Minister of Health of Norway, Presidency of the Pompidou Group
- Communication by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Election of Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Pompidou Group
- Presentation of the Bureau membership for the period 2019 - 2022

14:30 h Session 1 – The Pompidou Group’s achievements

Presentation of the Pompidou Group’s work conducted during 2015 – 2018
During the breaks participants will have the opportunity to interact with presentations of Pompidou Group work-related projects in the lobby of the conference venue

- Key note speech by Bent Høie, Minister of Health, Norway
- "Nothing about us without us" – Voices from civil society

15:45 h Coffee break

16:15 h Session 2 – Impact of the Pompidou Group’s work

Panel discussion with impulse statements by Ministers about the relevance and added value of the Pompidou Group’s work for member States followed by discussion with interventions from the floor.

17:45 h Award ceremony of the 2018 European Prevention Prize

19:00 h Dinner hosted on invitation by the Mayor of Stavanger will be offered for the heads of delegations and Permanent Correspondents at Ledaal Manor.

Departure by bus to Ledaal Manor at 18:45 h

For the other members of delegations dinner will be offered at the Radisson Blu Atlantic Hotel.

Ledaal Manor was built in 1799 as a summer residence for the Kielland family, and owned by the great-grandfather of Norwegian famous author, Alexander L. Kielland. Ledaal was taken over by Stavanger Museum in 1936 when the building passed out of private ownership. Since the days of Kielland this has been an open and hospitable house. Today Ledaal is a museum, a royal residence and, like tonight, a place for the City of Stavanger to entertain guests on special occasions.

Wednesday, 28 November

9:30 h Session 3 – Towards sustainable drug policies respectful of human rights

- Presentation of the Pompidou Group's Work Programme 2019-2022 by the next Presidency
- Adoption of the Work Programme 2019-2022 (*doc. P-PG/ MinConf (2018) 4*)
- Endorsement of the document on Mission, organisation, governance & working methods (*doc. P-PG/ MinConf (2018) 5*)
- Short inputs by Ministers presenting key aspects of the priorities set out in the WP 2019-2022
 - Good governance
 - International drug policy development
 - New challenges

10:45 h Coffee break

11:00 h Session 4 – Addressing 21st century challenges

- Statements by international partner organisations
- Interventions from delegations

12:45 h Closing

- Adoption of the declaration of the Ministerial Conference (*doc. P-PG/ MinConf (2018) 6*)
- Handover ceremony of the Presidency
- Farewell address by Mr Bent Høie, Minister of Health, Norway

13:00 h End of Conference

Family photo

13:15 h Informal buffet lunch offered by the Ministry of Health and Care Services of Norway at the Radisson Blu Atlantic Hotel

Dear Ministers, dear delegates,

It is with great pleasure I welcome you to Norway for the 17th Ministerial Conference of the Pompidou Group.

While in Stavanger we will review the work accomplished between 2015 and 2018 under the Norwegian Presidency of the Group, and we will decide on needed future actions to better tackle the world drug problem. It is my personal wish that you also find time to explore the beautiful city of Stavanger, my home town.

I wish you inspired discussions and a memorable stay in Stavanger.

*Bent Høie
Minister of Health*



Honored guests,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to Stavanger and to the 17th Ministerial Conference.

You have come to one of Norway's oldest cities. The development of Stavanger has always been closely related to the sea; fishing, canning, shipping, international trade and since the 1960's, oil & gas.

Today the Stavanger region is the energy capital of Europe and recognized as a Smart City through the European Project Triangulum within Horizon 2020. The city and its' surrounding region is not only known for the agriculture, oil and gas activities and Smart city solutions and innovation. It was appointed as the European Capital of Culture in 2008.

The Greater Stavanger region is the third largest populated area in Norway, with more than 320 000 inhabitants. The city with its 133 000 inhabitants is centrally located along the south west coast of Norway.

The region is the culinary center of Norway and some of Norway's best chefs and restaurants, included two with a Michelin star, can be found in Stavanger. The region's farmers and food manufactures produce a wide range of quality products in seafood, meat and vegetables.

Because of the energy business the city has a strong international and multicultural orientation. 22 percent of Stavanger's inhabitants have a foreign origin, and we represent 189 nationalities.

We are proud to host the 17th Ministerial Conference, and I wish you all a good stay in Stavanger.

*Christine Sagen Helgø
Mayor of Stavanger*

