



**CYPRUS SPORT  
ORGANISATION**  
The Highest Sport Authority in Cyprus



**start to talk**

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport  
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# LAUNCH OF “START TO TALK” NATIONAL CAMPAIGN IN CYPRUS

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## FOR BETTER PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SPORT

### PROGRAMME

18 September 2024

9.00 am to 2.30 pm

**VENUE:**

Cyprus Teacher Association (POED), Kyrenia Avenue 184, 2112 Platy Aglantzias, Nicosia

**Working languages:**

Greek and English with simultaneous interpretation provided



Moderated by George Nikolaidis, *Research Director, Department of Mental Health and Social Welfare, Institute of Child Health, Greece and member of Council of Europe's Pool of Experts on safe sport.*

**8.30 AM - 9.00 AM**      **REGISTRATION**

**9.00 AM - 9.45 AM**      **OPENING**

**Welcome by Yiannis Ioannou, President, Cyprus Sport Organisation.**

**Opening by**

**Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe (recorded intervention).**

**Marina Ioannou Hasapi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, representing Minister of Education, Sports and Youth of the Republic of Cyprus, Athena Michaelidou.**

**Clea Hadjistephanou–Papaellina, Chair, Foni Council, Cyprus.**

**Annita Demetriou, President of the House of Representatives, Cyprus.**

**9.45 AM – 12.55 PM**      **MAKING SPORT SAFE AND EMPOWERING FOR CHILDREN**

**Mathilde Grenet, Founder, En Garde, - Why it is critical to engage with athletes with lived experience to design child safeguarding policies and procedures?**

**Karolina Pelendritou, Paralympic Champion – Protecting and empowering children with disabilities and diversity: My experience as a child with a disability.**

**Stephanie Wheeler, Appointed Safeguarding Officer, Cyprus Sport Organisation - The Cyprus Sport Organisation's work on child protection and welfare in sports.**

**Coffee break**

**Panayiota Trifilli, Social Services Officer, Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare, Cyprus and member of the Council of Europe's Lanzarote Committee for Cyprus.**

**Elena Casero, Programme Manager, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe - Council of Europe's work on child safeguarding in sport: "Start to Talk" project.**

**Paul Bercea, International trainer and consultant on child safeguarding – Training for safeguarding children in sport in Cyprus.**

**Tania Masia, Head of Children's House, "Hope For Children" CRC Policy Center - Child Sexual Abuse: Facts in Cyprus and the role of Children's House against sexual violence.**

**12.55 PM – 1.10 PM**      **CLOSING WORDS**

**Elena Casero**, *Programme Manager, Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe* - Council of Europe's work on child safeguarding in sport: "Start to Talk" project.

■ 1.00 PM – 1.10 PM      **GROUP PICTURE**

■ 1.10 PM – 2.30 PM      **STANDING BUFFET**