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Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable development

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

Programme

Celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Europe Prize In Donostia / San Sebastián (Spain) Friday, 6 June 2025

Thursday, 5 June

- Arrival of participants at airports of Biarritz, Pays Basque (France), Bilbao or San Sebastián (Spain)
- **Accommodation:** See the list of hotels provided by the municipality

Friday, 6 June

10.00-10.30 am Welcome coffee

Venue: Palais Miramar (*Hall Sur*)

10.30-11.00 am Opening of the conference on “Democracy on trial: how cities carry hope for European values”

Venue: Miramar Palace, Paseo Miraconcha, 48, 20007 San Sebastián (*Salón de Música*)

(*Interpretation: English – French - Spanish*)

Opening of the conference by Mr Eneko Goia, Mayor of Donostia / San Sebastián

- Speech by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Speech by Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Speech by Mr Konstantinos Koukas, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

11.00-11.30 am Conference

Venue: Miramar Palace, Paseo Miraconcha, 48, 20007 San Sebastián (*Salón de Música*)

Speech by Mr Christian Petry, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

With the participation of:

- Ms Angela Jain (Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany), expert in citizen participation and deliberative democracy
- Mr Mikel Mancisidor (Spain), lawyer and expert in human rights and international institutions

11.30-11.45 am Coffee-break

11.45-12.30 pm Discussion groups with young people

Venue: Miramar Palace (*Comedor Real*)

(Moderator: Maialen Gandarias, language: English)

12.30-1.00 pm Debate/Feedback from discussions

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1.10 pm Buffet lunch on the theme of Europe

Venue: Miramar Palace (*Salón Blanco and Salón de Música*)

3.00 pm 70th anniversary of the Europe Prize plaque and Tree of Europe

Venue: *Ijentea, s/n*

4.00 pm Official ceremony of the 70th anniversary of the Europe Prize

Venue: Town Hall of Donostia / San Sebastián, entry by Alderdi Eder (*Plenary Hall*)
(Interpretation: English - French - Spanish)

-Screening of a video created to mark the 70th anniversary of the Europe Prize

-Welcome by Mr Eneko Goia, Mayor of Donostia / San Sebastián

-Musical interlude on the theme of democracy and European values

Performance by Coro Easo, Easo Sinfonietta and Verdini

Musical proposal: "Txoriak Txori", M. Laboa (1934-2008), Arr: m. Bautista

- Speech by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

-Musical interlude

Performance by Coro Easo and Easo Sinfonietta

Musical proposal: "Logelan logale", J. Astiazaran

-The 86 winning towns of the Europe Prize are announced and congratulated by Mr Christian Petry, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize and Mr Eneko Goia, Mayor of Donostia / San Sebastián

-Honorary award of a Diploma to each winning city for the 70th anniversary of the Europe Prize

-Musical interlude: European anthem
*Performance by Coro Easo and Easo Sinfonietta
And Verdini*

Group photo

5.30 pm Free walking tour of the town

Saturday 7 June: Departure or free programme

-Departure from the hotel to airports of Biarritz, Pays Basque (France), Bilbao or San Sebastián (Spain)

Or

-Free programme:

Optional excursions/visits (**not organised by the city**):

- Chillida Leku Museum (Hernani)
- Basque Culinary Center
- Visits around Gipuzkoa
- Visits around the French Basque Country (France)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Location: Donostia / San Sebastián

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