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## **Council of Europe Standing Conference of Ministers of Education**

### **“The Transformative Power of Education: Universal Values and Civic Renewal”**

**26<sup>th</sup> Session**

Strasbourg, France  
Palais de l'Europe

28-29 September 2023

**Programme**

<b>28 September 2023</b>	
14:00-15:00	Welcome of the Ministers in the Bar des Parlementaires
<p>Venue: <b>Committee of Ministers' room</b>  Access to the CM room will be limited to 3 persons per National Delegation  (4 for those countries with separate Ministries of Education and Higher Education)  and  <b>Listening room 11</b>  (for the other members of the Delegations)</p> <p><b>Access to the Committee of Ministers' room</b>  <b>14:45</b></p>	
15:00-15:45	<p><b><u>Opening session</u></b></p> <p><b>Mr Bjørn Berge</b>, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe  <b>Ms Anda Čakša</b>, Minister for Education and Science of Latvia  <b>Ms Stefania Giannini</b>, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</p> <p>Address by <b>Mr Leendert Verbeek</b>, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</p>
15:45-17:45	<p><b><u>Session 1: The Transformative Power of Education: Universal Values and Civic Renewal</u></b></p> <p>Keynote by <b>Ms Anda Čakša</b>, Minister for Education and Science of Latvia</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
17:45-18:15	<p><b>Presentation of the Council of Europe Education Strategy 2030</b>  <b>"Learners First: Education for Today's and Tomorrow's Democratic Societies"</b></p> <p><b>Ms Maija Innola</b> – Chair of the Steering Committee for Education (CDEDU)</p> <p><b>Mr Matjaž Gruden</b> – Director of Democratic Participation, DGII, Council of Europe</p>
18:15	<b>Closing of the 1<sup>st</sup> day session</b>
18:30-19:00	<p>"Teaching history, grounding democracy" Exhibition at the Foyer of the Parliamentary Assembly Hemicycle</p> <p>Interventions by <b>Mr Bjørn Berge</b>, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and <b>Mr Alain Lamassoure</b>, Chair of the Governing Board of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe (OHTÉ)</p>
19:00-21:00	<p>Official dinner for the Heads of delegations in the Restaurant Bleu of the Palais, offered by the Council of Europe  Buffet dinner for the other participants in the Self-Service Restaurant of the Palais, offered by the Council of Europe</p>

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**Welcome coffee at 08:30**

**Access to the Committee of Ministers' room**

**09:00**

09:15-10:30	<p><b><u>Session 2: Renewal of the civic mission of education</u></b></p> <p>Introduction by <b>Mr Gabriel Attal</b>, Minister of National Education and Youth of France</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
10:30-11:30	<p><b><u>Session 3: Education in times of emergencies and crisis</u></b></p> <p>Introduction by <b>Mr Mychailo Wynnyckyj</b>, Deputy Minister responsible for higher education, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
11:30-11:45	Coffee break
11:45-12:50	<p><b><u>Session 4: Harnessing the potential of digital transformation in and through education</u></b></p> <p>Introduction by <b>Mr Darjo Felda</b>, Minister of Education of Slovenia</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
12:50-13:00	<b>Family photo</b>
13:00-14:30	Luncheon Reception hosted by the Latvian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
14:30-15:30	<p><b><u>Closing session</u></b></p> <p><b>Adoption of the Resolutions of the Conference</b></p> <p>Closing address by <b>Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić</b>, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>