

INFORMATION NOTE

Introduction

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament brings together Speakers and Presidents of the Parliaments of the 46 Member States of the Council of Europe, of Parliaments enjoying Observer or Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and of international parliamentary assemblies. The Parliaments of Central Asia and Maghreb are also associated. For bicameral Parliaments both Speakers are invited to attend the Conference. It takes place every other year, in Strasbourg or in a host country.

The Conference to be held on 20 and 21 March 2025 in Strasbourg will deal with the following topics:

- **Theme 1: Safeguarding democracy**
- **Theme 2: Guaranteeing freedom of expression in times of polarization and uncertainty**
- **Theme 3: Violence against politicians**

In the margins of the Conference:

- A welcome reception offered by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly to the Speakers as well as to the Secretaries General of Parliament and International Organisations will be held on Wednesday 19 March from 7 pm to 8.30 pm (*by invitation only*).
- A working breakfast of Women Presidents of Parliament will be organised on Thursday 20 March from 8.15 am to 9.30 am (*by invitation only*).
- A pre-Conference Event will be held on Thursday 20 March from 9.45 am to 10.45 am on the Theme: "Youth for Planet Protection: A call for Action"
- The Secretaries General of Parliament will meet on Friday 21 March from 8.15 am to 10 am (including a discussion on the theme "Issues and challenges of artificial intelligence technologies for parliaments").

Registration of delegations / Badges

The **online registration of delegations has been open since mid-November**. Each delegation should designate a contact person who will be in charge of the registration of the whole delegation. This person will have access to the Conference registration database after having contacted the Secretariat of the Conference: ecpp2025@coe.int.

The deadline for registration for the Conference is 12 March 2025. After this date, registration and changes to registration should be made by sending an email to the Secretariat of the Conference: ecpp2025@coe.int

The registration and information desk, located in the main hall of the Palais, will be open:

- . Wednesday 19 March from 9.00 to 18.00
- . Thursday 20 March from 8.00 to 19.00
- . Friday 21 March from 8.00 to 10.00

Permanent Representations are invited to collect as early as possible, starting from Wednesday 19 March, the files and badges for their national delegations to allow for a smoother arrival of delegations on the opening day of the Conference (information desk in the entrance of the Palais).

Accommodation

A block-booking has been made at several hotels in Strasbourg (3 to 5 stars). The list of the hotels is available to contact persons when accessing the online registration or upon request to the Conference Secretariat (ecpp2025@coe.int).

Interpretation and documents

Conference documents are available in **English and French**. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into and from English, French, German and Italian.

Any delegation requiring interpretation of the speech of their President by their own interpreter will be given access to an interpretation booth. Any request should be addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference.

Additional booths can be allocated, in chronological order of requests made, for simultaneous interpretation in other languages. Please note that these requests must comply with the working conditions of interpreters working for the Council of Europe.

List of speakers / Speeches

Presidents (or Vice-Presidents) can register on the list of speakers (for one or more themes) by contacting the Secretariat of the Conference (ecpp2025@coe.int) or directly at the Table Office (office 1155, 1st floor) during the Conference.

The order of the speakers for each of the three thematic discussions will be determined by the drawing of lots organised during the meeting of Secretaries of national delegations (20 March from 8.30 am to 9.30 am). The lists thus established will be distributed as soon as possible to allow speakers to know when they will be called to address the Conference.

Speakers registering after the drawing of lots will be added to the list in the order in which they have registered.

In order to facilitate the work of the interpreters, speakers are invited to provide in advance a copy of any written speeches to the Secretariat of the Conference (ecpp2025@coe.int).

Speaking time

Only Speakers and Presidents, or, in their absence a Vice-President, will have the right to speak. In accordance with past practice, oral statements at the Conference will be limited to five minutes in order to give an opportunity to all those who so wish to take the floor.

The keynote Speakers are invited to deliver a 7 minute opening speech for introducing a specific theme.

Seating arrangements in the Chamber

Reserved seating will be allocated in the Assembly Chamber for National Delegations as follows: three seats for unicameral Parliaments and six for bicameral Parliaments. If Delegations include – as would be desirable - the Chairpersons of the National Delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, then one more seat can be reserved for them with advance notice to the Secretariat. All other delegations will be allotted three seats. Delegations will be seated in the Chamber in English alphabetical order (A to Z).

Bilateral meetings

Three meeting rooms will be at the disposal of participants for the purpose of bilateral talks. Should a meeting room be required, please contact the Secretariat of the Conference (ecpp2025@coe.int) or the Table Office (office 1155, 1st floor) during the Conference.

Lunches/receptions

The format of the various social events mentioned in the program is the subject of a separate memo to the delegations and Permanent Representations.

Invitations will be sent to participants.

Cloakroom

A cloakroom will be available to conference participants in the entrance hall of the Palais de l'Europe on both days of the conference (closing on Friday 21 March at 2 pm).

Press service

Webcast: The Conference will be webcast live (in English, French, German and Italian) on the PACE Website.

Press accreditations: before completing the [Accreditation form](#), please contact the Communication Department by e-mail (accreditation.press@coe.int) to find out about the special Conference arrangements.

Accredited journalists will be able to follow the plenary debates from the Press Room (1st floor) and will have access to the public gallery of the Chamber.

The MediaBox will be available during the Conference. This multimedia studio located right next to the Chamber enables to record short video clips, statements or interviews to be shared on social media, published on a website or blog or to be sent by e-mail.

All media activities (press reception, Mediabox, press conference, etc.) will be organised at the Palais. Journalists will have access to the Press Room (1st floor).

For further information, please contact the PACE Communication Division: pace.com@coe.int.

Offices for delegations

Delegations of Parliaments of member States, Observers, as well as Partners for Democracy dispose of a permanent office in the Palais de l'Europe (5th floor).

Other delegations without permanent offices may contact the Conference Secretariat to request the provision of an office to hold a bilateral meeting.

Transportation and welcome at Strasbourg airport/ transport

As in previous editions of the Conference when the Parliamentary Assembly has benefited from the full co-operation of the Permanent Representations of the Council of Europe, we anticipate that transfers:

1. from and to the airport/hotel
2. to and from hotels and the Conference venue
3. if necessary the transport to the Haras on 19 March and to the Pavillon Josephine on 20 March (possibility of access directly by car only for Heads of delegation)

will be provided by the Permanent Representations of the countries concerned.

For delegation(s) which do not have a representation in Strasbourg, or in case of specific requests regarding transportation, please contact the Secretariat of the Conference (ecpp2025@coe.int).

Access to the forecourt // parking official cars

Upon presentation of car access passes, cars belonging to the Permanent Representations/car rental company will be allowed to drop off their Heads of delegations on the forecourt and then, if necessary, to use the parking opposite to the Palais (along the Orangerie), reserved for this purpose.

Specific security and transportation instructions have been sent to the delegations and Permanent Representations in a separate memo.

Permanent Representations are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of the Conference (ecpp2025@coe.int) about the exact number of car access passes needed. These passes will be available together with files and badges as from 19 March at the registration desk in the entrance hall of the Palais.

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Appendix 1 - Parliaments and International Organisations invited to the Conference

FRANCAIS	ENGLISH
ALBANIE	ALBANIA
ANDORRE	ANDORRA
ARMÉNIE	ARMENIA
AUTRICHE	AUSTRIA
AZERBAÏDJAN	AZERBAIJAN
BELGIQUE	BELGIUM
BOSNIE-HERZÉGOVINE	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
BULGARIE	BULGARIA
CROATIE	CROATIA
CHYPRE	CYPRUS
TCHEQUIE	CZECHIA
DANEMARK	DENMARK
ESTONIE	ESTONIA
FINLANDE	FINLAND
FRANCE	FRANCE
GÉORGIE	GEORGIA
ALLEMAGNE	GERMANY
GRÈCE	GREECE
HONGRIE	HUNGARY
ISLANDE	ICELAND
IRLANDE	IRELAND
ITALIE	ITALY
LETTONIE	LATVIA
LIECHTENSTEIN	LIECHTENSTEIN
LITUANIE	LITHUANIA
LUXEMBOURG	LUXEMBOURG
MALTE	MALTA
RÉPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
MONACO	MONACO
MONTÉNÉGRO	MONTENEGRO
PAYS-BAS	NETHERLANDS
MACÉDOINE DU NORD	NORTH MACEDONIA
NORVÈGE	NORWAY
POLOGNE	POLAND
PORTUGAL	PORTUGAL
ROUMANIE	ROMANIA
SAINT-MARIN	SAN MARINO
SERBIE	SERBIA
RÉPUBLIQUE SLOVAQUE	SLOVAK REPUBLIC
SLOVÉNIE	SLOVENIA
ESPAGNE	SPAIN
SUÈDE	SWEDEN
SUISSE	SWITZERLAND
TÜRKIYE	TÜRKIYE
UKRAINE	UKRAINE
ROYAUME-UNI	UNITED KINGDOM

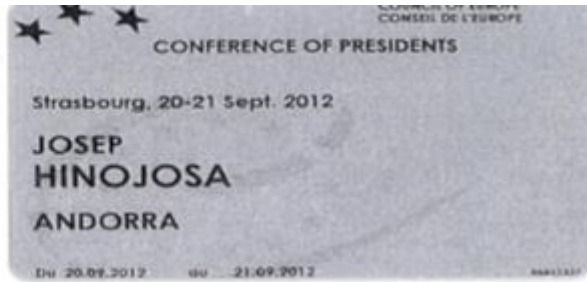
CANADA	CANADA
ISRAËL	ISRAEL
MEXIQUE	MEXICO
MAROC	MOROCCO
ALGÉRIE	ALGERIA
TUNISIE	TUNISIA
PALESTINE	PALESTINE
JORDANIE	JORDAN
KAZAKHSTAN	KAZAKHSTAN
KIRGHIZSTAN	KYRGYZSTAN
TADJIKISTAN	TAJIKISTAN
TURKMENISTAN	TURKMENISTAN
OUZBÉKISTAN	UZBEKISTAN
PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN	EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
UNION INTERPARLEMENTAIRE	INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
AP OTAN	NATO PA
AP OSCE	OSCE PA
PABSEC – Assemblée parlementaire de la coopération de la Mer Noire	PABSEC – Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Cooperation
ASSEMBLÉE DU BENELUX	BENELUX ASSEMBLY
ASSEMBLÉE PARLEMENTAIRE DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE	PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN
UNION POUR LA MÉDITERRANÉE	UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN
BSPC – Conférence parlementaire de la Mer Baltique	BSPC – Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference
ASSEMBLÉE BALTE	BALTIC ASSEMBLY
CONSEIL NORDIQUE	NORDIC COUNCIL
PARLEMENT PANAFRICAIN	PANAFRICAN PARLIAMENT
PARLATINO – Parlement d’Amérique Latine	PARLATINO – Latin American Parliament

Appendix 2 - Conference Badges

For your information, here are the Conference badge categories.



PRESIDENT – VICE-PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT



SECRETARY GENERAL / DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL



MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



MEMBER OF DELEGATION



TECHNICAL SERVICE
(Interpreter, journalist, photograph, security officer)



MEMBER OF STAFF – PACE – COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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