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MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday 4 November 2026

Venue: Grimaldi Forum, Hall Ravel, 10 Av. Princesse Grace, Monaco

8.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m.	*Welcoming of delegations and coffee*
9.00 a.m. - 9.20 a.m.	**OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE** Welcoming addresses by: - His Serene Highness Prince Albert II - Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe - Leila Marques Mota, First Vice President, International Paralympic Committee
9.20 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	**ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR** - Lionel Beffre, Minister of Interior of the Principality of Monaco **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** - Solène Charuau, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board
9.30 a.m. - noon	**SESSION I – BUILDING A COMMON COMMITMENT TO SAFER AND HEALTHIER SPORT**
9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Panel on the challenges and actions covered by the Draft Resolution - Charlie McConalogue TD, Minister of State with special responsibility for Sport and Postal Policy, Ireland - Gloria Viseras - OLY, Senior Manager Safeguarding, International Olympic Committee, member of the Council of Europe's Pool of international experts on safe sport - Emily Karakoleva, European Union Youth Delegate to the United Nations Co-moderated by Matthias Kloth, Head of the Department of Digital Governance and Sport, Council of Europe, and Maren Mildestvedt, Project Manager – Safe Sport, Norwegian Sports Confederation
10.00 a.m. - noon	Interventions by Heads of Delegations
12 noon - 12.30 p.m.	*Family photo of the Ministers and Heads of Delegations*
12.30 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.	*Lunch for the Ministers and Heads of Delegations hosted by the Council of Europe - Indigo room* *Lunch/Buffet for delegations offered by the Monaco authorities - Le Génois room*
2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	**SESSION II – FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION: DELIVERING SAFER AND HEALTHIER SPORT**
2.00 p.m. - 2.10 p.m.	Introduction by: Her Serene Highness Princess Charlene of Monaco
2.10 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	Panel on practical implementation - Encho Angelov Keryazov, Minister of Youth and Sports, Bulgaria - Caroline Mohr, European champion in para-golf, Ambassador of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation - Marie-Laure Lemineur, Head of Safeguarding and Child Protection, FIFA - Zander Newman, European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF), United Kingdom

2.45 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.	Interactive session with Ministers and participants Key topics of the questions: • Governmental and intergovernmental co-operation • Governmental-sport co-operation • Resources and support for safer and healthier sport The guiding questions can be found in the background document. Moderated by Ingrid Beutler, Senior Partner, Think Beyond
3.45 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	*Coffee break*
5.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	**CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE**
5.30 p.m. - 5.40 p.m.	Adoption of the Resolution
5.40 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.	Closing speeches by: - H.E. Isabelle Berro-Amadeï, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Monaco, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe - Hanne Juncher, Director, Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Council of Europe - Mogens Jensen, Chair of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - Charlotte Girard Fabre, Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee
6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. *Room Le Génois*	**Restricted Ministerial Gathering of EPAS member states**
8.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.	**Closing Dinner hosted by the Monaco Government** “Grand Salon” of the Fairmont hotel

PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND SIDE EVENTS

Tuesday 3 November 2026

Venue: Grimaldi Forum, 10 Av. Princesse Grace, Monaco

9.00 a.m. - noon Auric room	**Meeting of the Saint-Denis Committee**
10.00 a.m. - noon Genevoix room	**Meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee**
noon - 2.00 p.m. Foyer des Commissions	*Lunch/Buffet offered by the Monaco Government to the Saint-Denis Committee and the EPAS Consultative Committee*
2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Auric room	**Meeting of the Saint-Denis Committee (continued)**
2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Van Dongen room	**Meeting of Senior Officials** See Agenda (MSL19(2026)7) **Participants:** Representatives of the 46 Council of Europe member states, EPAS non-Council of Europe member states (Israel, Morocco), Holy See and Kazakhstan, who are Advisers to their Ministers or Heads of Delegation (one representative per delegation)
3.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	*Coffee break*
1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Genevoix room	**Side meeting hosted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe – "Stadia, a welcoming space for all"**
4.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Camille Blanc room	**10th anniversary of the Saint-Denis Convention** See the full programme here **Participants:** All national delegations without size restriction, members of the EPAS Consultative Committee, members of the Saint-Denis Committee
7.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.	*Welcome dinner offered by the Monaco Government, including a **signing ceremony** of some Council of Europe Conventions* *Oceanographic Museum of Monaco*

Wednesday 4 November 2026

9.00 a.m. - 12 noon *Auric room*	**Meeting of the Saint-Denis Committee (continued)**
2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. *Auric room*	**Meeting of the Saint-Denis Committee ad-hoc working group on FIFA World Cup 2026 (CAN/MEX/USA)**
3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	**Ministerial conference press point**