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I. INTRODUCTION

The 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport is organised by the Council of Europe Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) in co-operation with the Government of Monaco.

Participants will discuss two highly topical and interrelated topics under the main general theme of the Conference: “Safer and healthier sport for all children.”

Theme 1: Means to prevent, detect and respond to violence and abuse against children in sport, including cyber-bullying.

Theme 2: Promotion of a healthy sport, as a means of protecting and promoting children’s physical and mental health and well-being.

II. DATES AND VENUES

Delegations are expected to arrive on Tuesday 3 November. The opening dinner, which will include a signing ceremony for the Council of Europe’s Conventions related to sport, will be preceded by a celebration marking the 10th anniversary of the Saint-Denis Convention.

The 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport will take place on Wednesday 4 November.

Important events will also take place on Tuesday 3 November, notably the meeting of Senior Officials, which will enable representatives of the states participating in the Conference to approve the final draft of the resolution and to be briefed on the proceedings of the Conference.

With the exception of the opening dinner on 3 November, which will take place at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, and the closing dinner on 4 November, which will take place in the ‘Grand Salon’ of the Fairmont Monte-Carlo Hotel, all events will be held at the Grimaldi Forum (10 Avenue Princesse Grace, Monaco 98000).

The following information reflects the provisional schedule.

2.1 Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport

4 November 2026

9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m. <i>Ravel Hall</i>	Opening of the Conference Welcoming addresses by: - His Serene Highness Prince Albert II - Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
9.20 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair Adoption of the agenda
9.30 a.m. – 12 noon	SESSION I - MOBILISING ALL STAKEHOLDERS FOR SAFER AND HEALTHIER SPORT - Panel on the challenges and actions covered by the Draft Resolution - Interventions by Ministers
12 noon – 12.30 p.m.	Group photo of the Ministers and Heads of Delegation

12.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Lunch for the Ministers and Heads of Delegation, offered by the Council of Europe <i>Indigo room</i>
	Lunch/Bufferet for delegations, offered by the Monaco Government <i>Le Génois room</i>
2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	SESSION II – THE WAY FORWARD - Panel on practical implementation - Interactive session with ministers and participants
5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Closing
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 Juncker, Director, Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Restricted ministerial gathering of EPAS member states <i>Le Génois room</i>
8.00 pm – 10.30 pm	Closing dinner hosted by the Government of Monaco in the ‘Grand Salon’ of the Fairmont Monte-Carlo Hotel, in the presence of H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco. Return shuttle buses will be provided for those not staying at the Fairmont Monte-Carlo Hotel.

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7.30 p.m. – 10.30 p.m.	Welcome dinner offered by the Monaco Government Signing ceremony of some Council of Europe Conventions <i>Oceanographic Museum of Monaco</i>
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Participants will be able to visit the aquariums from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. and take advantage of the fact that the venue will be closed to the public to explore the exhibition galleries throughout the evening. Shuttle buses will run between the Fairmont Hotel and the Oceanographic Museum in both directions.

States intending to sign or ratify one or more of the Council of Europe Conventions are invited to contact the EPAS secretariat (sport.epas@coe.int) **by Friday 2 October 2026 at the latest.**

2.2 Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Saint-Denis Convention

In July 2016, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted the “Council of Europe Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events” (Saint-Denis Convention, CETS No. 218).

Ten years on, this unique and legally binding international instrument serves as the benchmark for countries and sports organisations in the field of safety, security and services at football matches and other sporting events.

A decade after the Convention’s adoption, it is time to take stock of its impact and look ahead to the range of challenges and priorities for the coming decade.

All participants and observers at the 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport are warmly invited to attend this celebration.

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3.30 p.m.	Welcome of participants <i>Camille Blanc auditorium</i>
4.00 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.	Opening of the Conference – Representative of the Principality of Monaco – Representative of the Council of Europe
4.20 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Presentation of the event – Sara Marques, Gender-Equality Rapporteur of the Saint-Denis Committee
4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	SESSION 1: Key achievements of the first decade - First roundtable: Safety, security and development of services at national level - Second roundtable: Questions, testimonies and debate
6.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	SESSION 2: Outlook
6.30 p.m.	Closing

2.3 Preparatory meetings and side events

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9.00 a.m. – 12 noon	Meeting of the Saint-Denis Committee <i>Auric room</i>
10.00 a.m. – 12 noon	Meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee <i>Genevoix room</i>
12 noon – 2.00 p.m.	Lunch/Bufferet offered by the Monaco Government to the Saint-Denis Committee and the EPAS Consultative Committee <i>Foyer des salles des Commissions</i>
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Meeting of the Saint-Denis Committee (continued) <i>Auric room</i>
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Meeting of Senior Officials <i>Van Dongen room</i>
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Side-event hosted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe – “Stadia, a welcoming place for all” (to be confirmed)
4.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	10th anniversary of the Saint-Denis Convention <i>Grimaldi Forum, Camille Blanc Auditorium</i>

III. PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

3.1 Participants

In accordance with the decisions approved by the Committee of Ministers, invitations are being sent to:

- a) the Ministers responsible for Sport of the 46 Council of Europe members states;
- b) the Ministers responsible for Sport from EPAS non-Council of Europe member states: Israel and Morocco;
- c) Holy See and Kazakhstan (Parties to the European Cultural Convention);
- d) the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers and Parliamentary Assembly;

3.2 Guests

The European Union.

3.3 Observers

- a) the following non-member states which hold observer status with the Council of Europe or the Parliamentary Assembly: Canada, Japan, Mexico, and the United States of America;
- b) the Chairs of the following Council of Europe Committees:
 - Monitoring Group of the Anti-Doping Convention (T-DO), Anti-Doping Convention (ETS N°135);
 - Ad Hoc European Committee for the World Anti-Doping Agency (CAHAMA);
 - Follow-up Committee of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (T-MC Committee), Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (Macolin Convention, CETS N°215);
 - Committee on Safety and Security at Sports Events (T-S4), Convention on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events (Saint-Denis Convention, CETS N°218);
- c) the following agencies and organisations:
 - the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA);
 - the International Olympic Committee (IOC);
 - the International Paralympic Committee (IPC);
 - the Fédération internationale de football association (FIFA);
 - the Commonwealth of Nations;
 - United Nations agencies (UNESCO, joined, where appropriate, by representatives of other UN agencies e.g. UNICEF, UN Women, WHO, UNHCR, etc);
- d) the members of the Consultative Committee of EPAS.

IV. ORGANISERS OF THE CONFERENCE, CONTACT DETAILS

4.1 Council of Europe

EPAS is responsible for the general organisation and conduct of the Conference. All communication with the EPAS Secretariat on substantive/administrative matters in connection with this Conference should be addressed to:

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4.2 Government of Monaco

The Conference will be chaired by the Minister of Interior, Lionel Beffre. The Monaco authorities will provide conference facilities, security and hospitality and assist with other local arrangements.

Any queries for the Monaco authorities shall be addressed to the Ministerial Conference Secretariat. When sending any inquiry, please clearly mention your country/organisation and indicate your inquiry in the subject of the e-mail.

Ministerial Conference Secretariat

Phone: +377.98.98.28.45 (available from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Central European Time, CET)

Email: sportministerial2026@gouv.mc

V. REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

5.1 Registration

Participant and Guest delegations (3.1 and 3.2) are invited to nominate up to three (3) participants, including the Minister or Head of Delegation. In the spirit of co-operation between public authorities and the sports movement, the authorities are invited to include a representative from their sports movement in their delegation.

Observer delegations (3.3) are invited to nominate up to two (2) participants, including the Head of Delegation.

Furthermore, delegations that had nominated a Youth delegate to take part in the preparatory event on 26 May 2026 in Strasbourg are invited to include that person in their delegation.

To begin the registration process, delegations are invited to send an email to sport.epas@coe.int and sportministerial2026@gouv.mc, providing the following details for each of their participants: country, full name, role and email address. The designated participants will receive by email a link, a username and a password enabling them to individually access the registration form for the Conference.

Registration deadline: **Wednesday, 7 October 2026**

5.2 Accreditation

Meeting badges will be issued at the accreditation and information desks in the lobby of the Grimaldi Forum. These desks will be open **on 3 November from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on 4 November from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.**

Participants will be required to wear these badges to access the meeting rooms.

5.3 Media accreditation

Journalists and photographers wishing to cover the 19th Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport on 3 and 4 November in Monaco are invited to send an email to paivi.suhonen@coe.int and sfolcheri@gouv.mc with the following details: country, surname, first name, position, media outlet, email address, telephone number, press card number, and identity card or passport number.

Accredited journalists and photographers will receive an email confirming their accreditation request, along with instructions for collecting their badge.

Media representatives may work from the "Business Centre", located in the Guelfe room, which is equipped with Internet access and power strips.

Please note that any filming or photography in the Principality, outside the Grimaldi Forum, requires prior authorisation, to be requested via the following online service: <https://teleservice.gouv.mc/autorisation-prisesdevues/>

Contact details of the official media team:

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VI. DOCUMENTATION

The programme and documents for the Conference are prepared under the responsibility of the EPAS Governing Board.

The documents will be available in English and in French (the two official languages of the Council of Europe) on the [Conference website](#) and on the [EPAS website](#).

VII. INTERPRETATION

During the plenary session of the Conference (4 November 2026), simultaneous interpretation will be provided to and from English, French, German and Italian. Passive interpretation will be available in Spanish (participants may speak in Spanish, but interpretation into Spanish will not be provided).

During the Meeting of Senior Officials (3 November 2026), simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

VIII. LOGISTICS

8.1 Accommodation

The Heads of the national delegations (in principle, the Ministers) will be staying at the [Fairmont Monte-Carlo Hotel](#).

The accommodation costs for the Heads of the national delegations will be covered by the Monaco authorities at the Fairmont Monte-Carlo Hotel for a maximum of three (3) nights (arrival on 2 November – departure on 5 November).

One additional member from each state invited to the Conference (the 46 member states of the Council of Europe, Israel, Morocco, the Holy See and Kazakhstan) will also be staying at the Fairmont Monte-Carlo Hotel. EPAS will cover the accommodation costs for this additional member for a maximum of three (3) nights (arrival on 2 November – departure on 5 November).

The Heads of national delegations and the additional member of each delegation, whose accommodation is covered, will receive a booking confirmation as the date of the 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport approaches.

Heads of delegation and additional members are advised that the presence of any accompanying person in the hotel room will incur additional charges, which they will be required to pay.

All additional charges (minibar, telephone, video-on-demand, etc.) must be settled by participants before they check out of the hotel.

Other members of the delegations, other participants, Youth delegates and observers should make their own hotel reservations in Monaco. A list of hotels offering easy access to the Grimaldi Forum by public transport is available below:

- *Hôtel Hermitage* (****) – resort@montecarlosbm.com – +377.98.06.40.00
 - Address : Square Beaumarchais, Monte-Carlo
- *Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort* (****) – fs@montecarlobay.mc – +377.98.06.02.00
 - Address : 40 Avenue Princesse Grace, Larvotto
- *Hôtel Fairmont* (****) – montecarlo@fairmont.com – +377.93.50.65.00
 - Address : 12 Avenue des Spelugues, Monte Carlo
- *Méridien Beach Plaza* (****) – reservations.montecarlo@lemeridien.com – +377.93.30.98.80
 - Address : 22 Avenue Princesse Grace, Larvotto
 - Preferential rates are available via a link accessible from the registration form.
- *Colombus* (***) – info@colombus.mc – +377.92.05.90.00
 - Address : 23 Avenue des Papalins, Fontvieille
- *Hôtel de France* (**) – hoteldefrance@monaco.mc - +377.93.30.24.64
 - Address : 6 rue de la Turbie, Condamine
- *Novotel Monte-Carlo* (***) – h5275-fo@accor.mc – +377.99.99.83.00
 - Address : 16 Boulevard Princesse Charlotte, Monte Carlo
 - Preferential rates are available via a link accessible from the registration form.
- *Hôtel Ambassador Monaco* (**) – reception@ambassadormonaco.com – +377.97.97.96.96
 - Address : 10 avenue Prince Pierre, Condamine

In addition to this list, hotels and holiday apartments in neighbouring towns (Cap-d'Ail, Beausoleil, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin) may also be suitable.

8.2 Transport

– Arrival in Monaco

Scheduled flights connect the airports of the vast majority of European capital cities to Nice Côte d'Azur Airport, situated approximately 30 kilometres from the Principality of Monaco. This airport is the main point of entry by air.

The Monaco authorities will organise transport for all Conference participants and observers from Nice Côte d'Azur Airport to the Principality of Monaco and the neighbouring municipalities (Cap d'Ail, Beausoleil, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin) for arrivals scheduled for 2, 3 and 4 November 2026.

They will also provide transfer to all participants arriving at Monaco central train station.

To facilitate the organisation of local transport, participants are asked to provide details of their travel itinerary in the online Conference registration form.

– Departure from Monaco

The Monaco authorities will arrange return transport for all Conference participants and observers from the Principality of Monaco to Nice Côte d’Azur Airport, on 4 and 5 November 2026.

They will also provide transfer to all concerned participants to Monaco central train station.

– Transport in the Principality of Monaco:

❖ Bus network:

Monaco offers an efficient network of city buses, covering the whole territory and providing regular services to the main neighbourhoods and the Conference venue.

A dedicated app (called ‘Monaco Bus’) is also available on the App Store and the Play Store to help travellers get around.

A map of the bus routes is shown below:



More information [here](#).

❖ Taxis:

An official taxi service is available throughout the Principality.

Bookings can be made by telephone on +377 93 15 01 01 or online via the [Taxi Monaco website](#).

Please note that private hire services (such as Uber or Bolt) are not authorised to pick up passengers in Monaco. However, these services may operate journeys to Monaco, provided that passengers are picked up outside Monaco.

8.3 Visas

Participants are responsible for verifying the visa requirements and for obtaining visas to enter the Principality of Monaco.

Further information on visa requirements can be found [here](#).

For visa application purposes, the Monaco authorities and the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe will provide participants, if needed, with an official letter of invitation and a personal “Note verbale”.

If participants are applying for a visa, they are required to tick “Yes, I need an official invitation letter” in the on-line conference registration form.

8.4 Bilateral Meetings

Rooms for bilateral meetings will be made available within the Conference Centre from the afternoon of 3 November until the end of the conference on 4 November. Delegations wishing to hold a bilateral meeting and use one of the rooms set aside for this purpose are invited to contact the Secretariat of the Ministerial Conference in writing via its email address (sportministerial2026@gouv.mc). Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO

9.1 Language

French is the official language in the Principality of Monaco.

9.2 Local Time

Monaco is in the Central European Time (CET) time zone, which is UTC+1 (GMT+1).

9.3 Bank services and currency

The official currency of Monaco is the euro (€).

Banks are generally open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Foreign currency and traveller's cheques can be exchanged at commercial banks and at Nice Côte d'Azur Airport.

Cash machines are widely available throughout the country and international bank cards are widely accepted.

9.4 Electricity

The mains voltage in Monaco is 230 volts.

Electrical sockets are European two-pin types (type C or E), identical to those used in France.

9.5 Climate

Monaco has a Mediterranean climate, characterised by hot, sunny summers and mild, dry winters with little rainfall.

9.6 Country calling code

Monaco's dialling code is +377.

To make an international call from Monaco, dial 00, followed by the recipient's country code.

9.7 4G/5G usage and roaming charges

Delegations are advised that using mobile data in the Principality (4G/5G) may incur roaming charges.

Participants are therefore strongly advised to:

- check with their mobile network operator the terms and conditions applicable to their mobile plan before their arrival;

- check for any specific charges relating to mobile data usage in Monaco;
- where possible, make use of the Wi-Fi networks available in hotels and within the Grimaldi Forum.

9.8 Emergency numbers

The European emergency number 112 can be used for any emergency within the Principality.

It is also possible to contact the following directly:

- the Monaco Police by dialling 17;
- the Fire Brigade by dialling 18;
- the Emergency Medical Assistance Service (SAMU) by dialling 15.