

27th COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF PRISON AND PROBATION SERVICES

21-22 June 2022, Sevilla, Spain



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1- The Conference

- **DATE AND VENUE:** The 27th Council of Europe Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services will take place at BARCELÓ SEVILLA RENACIMIENTO (<https://www.barcelo.com/en-es/barcelo-sevilla-renacimiento/>) in Seville, Spain, starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 21st June, and closing at 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd June 2022.
- **WORKING LANGUAGES:** The working languages of the Conference will be English and French with simultaneous interpretation during the plenary sessions and in one of the three parallel workshops. In the remaining workshops the working language will be English only. The workshops will be repeated in order to allow for simultaneous interpretation to be provided during most of them. There will be Spanish/English interpretation for the opening and closing speeches of the Spanish authorities.
- **REGISTRATION:** The Conference is open to invited participants only. Each participant in the Conference has to register using the online registration form available on the Conference website (www.coe.int/cdpps2022). **The registration will be closed on 14 June 2022.**
- **WORKING DOCUMENTS:** All working documents for the Conference will be posted on the Conference website which will be regularly updated. Please note that no working documents will be printed out and distributed during the Conference.

2- General Information

- **HOTEL OF THE CONFERENCE:** BARCELÓ SEVILLA RENACIMIENTO is a five-stars hotel located at:
Av. Álvaro Alonso Barba, s/n, 41092 Seville
Telephone: +34 954 46 22 22
- **OFFICIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19:**

ALL PASSENGERS ARRIVING IN SPAIN BY AIR (except those under 12 years of age and those in international transit), regardless of the country of origin of the trip, including Spaniards returning home, must have:

1) One of these documents:

- an EU DIGITAL COVID CERTIFICATE /OR EU EQUIVALENT/ of vaccination against COVID-19 or
- a negative certificate of a diagnostic test for active infection or
- a certificate of recovery after having passed this disease

You can check if your certificate is valid on the website <https://spth.gob.es>

2) SpTH form - QR code:

If you DO NOT HAVE the EU Digital COVID Certificate /or EU equivalent/ or one of the aforementioned certificates, you must complete the SpTH Sanitary Control Form through the website <https://spth.gob.es>

- **THE OBLIGATION TO WEAR MASKS:** to deal with the health crisis caused by the COVID-19, is established in the following terms:

People six years of age and older are obliged to wear masks in the following cases:

- a) In any closed space for public use or that is open to the public.
 - b) In mass events that take place in outdoor spaces, when attendees are standing. If they are seated, it will be mandatory when a safety distance of at least 1.5 meters between people cannot be maintained, except for groups of cohabitants.
 - c) In air, bus, or rail transport, including passenger platforms and stations, or by cable car, as well as complementary public and private passenger transport in vehicles with up to nine seats, including the driver, if the occupants of the tourism vehicles do not live on the same address. In closed spaces of ships and boats when the safety distance of 1.5 meters cannot be maintained, except for groups of cohabitants.
- **WEATHER:** The weather in Seville in June 2022 has low temperatures of 18°C and highs of 33°C. It is the perfect temperature to explore Seville without being too cold or too hot. Expect some hot and rainy days in Seville during June. This combination of temperature and humidity can result in quite humid days, so make sure you dress comfortably for both the heat and the rain.
 - **ACCESSIBILITY:** Seville Airport also popularly known as Seville-San Pablo Airport, is currently the only airport in Seville, the capital of Andalusia, and is located at 10 kilometres northeast of this city, between the limits of the cities of Seville and Rinconada.

There are several ways to get from Sevilla Airport (SVQ) to Barceló Sevilla Renacimiento, Seville: by bus, taxi, car or towncar.

- **Bus** - Line 22 - 60 min; Cost: 6 €
 - **Taxi** - Take a taxi from Sevilla Airport (SVQ) - 11 min; Cost: 16-20 €
- **CURRENCY:** As a member of the European Monetary System since the 1st of January 1999, the currency used in Spain is the Euro.
 - **DRIVING:** In Spain, any driving license issued in the European Union and an international driving license are valid. Remember that the latter is only valid for one year and to obtain it, it is essential to have a driver's license in your country. The minimum age to drive in Spain is 18 years.
 - **ELECTRIC CURRENT:** The nominal voltage of electricity in Spain is 230 volts, comparable to most of the countries of the European Union.

Voltage: 230V

Frequency: 50 Hz

Plugs: Type F

- **EXCHANGE:** Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, shops and restaurants. Travellers' cheques and currency can be changed at hotels or at a bank - these are open Monday to Friday from 08h30 to 15h00. Automatic changing and cash dispensing machines linked to international networks are also widely available.

- **MEDICAL CARE:** Emergency services are provided both in hospitals and in health centres. If you need urgent care, you can go to those health centres that have an emergency care unit during normal business hours, outside normal business hours, or to the emergency services of hospital centres.

Emergencies 112 Andalusia is a public service that, through a single and free telephone number, provides permanent assistance throughout Andalusia to any urgent and emergency situation in health matters, firefighting and rescue, citizen security and civil protection (Andalucía is the autonomous region to which Seville belongs).

- **PASSPORTS AND VISAS:** A valid passport (or identity card for European Community nationals) is required. Visas are not necessary for citizens of EU countries, the U.S.A., Canada and the majority of countries. Please contact your local Spanish Embassy/Consulate or your Travel Agency for further information.
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** Seville, with the largest Old Town in Spain and the third largest in Europe, is a flat and easy city to get around since most of the old town is pedestrianized and ideal for exploring on foot.

The different modes of public transport in Seville are: the metro (which has only one line), the tramway - which connects the centre with San Bernardo, the city's bus network (TUSSAM) and the suburban trains.

- **RECREATION:** Seville has a long history both in high competition sports and in grassroots sports practiced in the city. Rowing and canoeing, horse riding, football or athletics are sports that are practiced in the city with great participation.

Museums: Most of the museums in Seville open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (approximately). Some museums open on Mondays, so it is advisable to plan in advance the places you want to visit.

It is also important to note that although most of the museums and places of interest have uninterrupted hours, some of them close at noon.

- **SALES / TAX:** Sales tax (VAT) is included in prices quoted. For non E.U. residents, tax free shopping schemes are available in many shops, which give substantial savings to visitors.
- **SECURITY:** Spain is a safe country. It is characterized by being a peaceful society without endemic violence. In fact, it has one of the lowest crime rates in the European Union.
- **SHOPPING:** Most of the shops in Seville are open from Monday to Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The downtown souvenir shops, as well as the department stores and shopping malls, have slightly longer hours and are usually open on Sundays and holidays.
- **SMOKING:** Smoking is forbidden by law in public transportation, and in closed public areas.