

30th COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF PRISON AND PROBATION SERVICES

"Can we move away from the overuse of penal sanctions?"

(Kraków, Poland, 24-25 September 2025)



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. THE CONFERENCE

DATE AND VENUE

The 30th Council of Europe Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services will take place at AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT KRAKÓW, (<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/krkac-ac-hotel-kraków/overview/>) in Kraków, Poland, starting at 09:30 a.m. on Wednesday 24 September, and closing at 12:30 p.m. on 25 September, followed by a visit at the prison in Nowy Wiśnicz. The Welcome reception will be held on the preceding evening, starting at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 23 September 2025 at restaurant Skansen Smaków (<https://skansensmakow.pl>). The Gala Dinner will be on 24 September, starting at 8 p.m. at AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT KRAKÓW.

WORKING LANGUAGES

The working languages of the Conference will be English, French and Polish with simultaneous interpretation during the Plenary sessions and in one of the three parallel workshops. Some of the workshops will be repeated in order to allow for more participants to attend the different workshops and for providing simultaneous interpretation during most of them.

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/cdpps2025) before 1 September 2025.

WORKING DOCUMENTS

All working documents of 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

AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT KRAKÓW is surrounded by parks and located just few steps (2 tram stops) to the vibrant city center with its main attractions, historical and cultural sights. Hotel offers one-level glazed restaurant with specious summer garden to try European cuisine with local accents. SPA with unique zone of relaxation, tranquility and regeneration with swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna and gym is available.

For your convenience, we are providing the hotel's name and address in English and Polish. The Polish address may be shown to taxi drivers or used for any other transportation needs.

AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT KRAKÓW, 51 3rd May Av. 30-062 Kraków, Poland
AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT KRAKÓW, Aleja 3 Maja 51, 30-062 Kraków, Polska



REACHING THE AC HOTEL BY MARRIOTT KRAKÓW

Host has arranged two airport transfers, departing from Kraków airport, for the venue at 12:30 p.m and 3:30 p.m.

ACCESS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Kraków Airport is served by regular bus lines - 300

Take bus 300 direction Os. Podwawelskie (4 stops) leave at the stop Muzeum Narodowe take tram nr 6 direction Cichy Kącik (3 stops) leave at tram stop Reymana walk 250 m to the Hotel.

Tickets can be purchased from:

the ticket machine at the passenger terminal, arrivals hall, level 0
the ticket machine at the bus stop (payment in cash or with credit/debit card)

Note: The ticket must be validated when getting on the bus.

Ticket type:

Multiple trips 20-minutes - 4,00 PLN
Single trip / Multiple trips - 60 minutes 6,00 PLN (recommended to get to the venue)
Multiple trips 90-minutes - 8,00 PLN

Travel Time from Kraków Airport - approx. 30 minutes

RENT-A CAR

Rent-a-car companies with offices at the airport (all stands - passenger terminal, level +1).

<https://krakowairport.pl/en/passenger/transport-en/rent-a-car/>

ARRIVING BY TAXI

Kraków Airport Taxi is the only official taxi service at the airport. At the request of the client drivers issue invoice. All types of payment card are accepted.

Phone booking: +48 12 258 0 258 / +48 668 307 307.

The average rate for a ride from airport to the venue should be around 109 PLN (27 Euros).

WEATHER

The weather in Kraków in September: the low temperature is around 11°C and the high temperature is around of 20°C.

CURRENCY

Polish currency is zloty (PLN) and it is the only currency accepted as cash. At most places, you can also pay with credit cards. All commonly used credit cards, i.e. MasterCard, Visa and American Express, are accepted. Polish zloty (PLN) is pegged to the Euro at 4.20 per 1 EUR.

ELECTRIC CURRENT

The nominal voltage of electricity in Poland is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz, comparable to most of the countries of the European Union. The power sockets are of type E. Voltage: 230V Frequency: 50 Hz Plugs: Type E

DIALING CODE

The dialing code for Poland is +48.

MEDICAL CARE

In case of a serious medical emergency, phone 112 for an ambulance.

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.

RECREATION

Poland - A Country of History, Innovation, and Hospitality

Poland, located in the heart of Europe, is a country rich in history, culture, and dynamic economic growth. With its stunning landscapes - from the sandy beaches of the Baltic Sea to the picturesque Tatra Mountains - it offers diverse natural beauty. Poland is known for its vibrant cities, such as Warsaw, Kraków, and Gdańsk, where history meets modernity. As a hub of innovation and business, Poland plays a key role in European development. Visitors can enjoy world-renowned cuisine, warm hospitality, and a strong tradition of creativity and entrepreneurship. Welcome to Poland!

SIGHTSEEING

Wawel Castle is one of the most iconic landmarks in Poland, located in the heart of Kraków. As the former residence of Polish kings, it is a symbol of national heritage and a masterpiece of Renaissance and Gothic architecture. Visitors can explore the Royal Chambers, the Crown Treasury, and the famous Wawel Cathedral, where many Polish monarchs are buried. Don't miss the legendary Wawel Dragon's Den, a cave linked to an old Polish legend. Located just a short walk from the city center, Wawel offers breathtaking views of the Vistula River and is a perfect place to experience Polish history and culture.

Main Market Square - The Heart of Kraków

Kraków's Main Market Square (Rynek Główny) is one of the largest and most beautiful medieval squares in Europe. Surrounded by historic townhouses, churches, and vibrant cafés, it has been the city's cultural and commercial hub for centuries.

At its center stands the iconic Cloth Hall (Sukiennice), once a major trading hub, now home to a charming market and a museum. Nearby, St. Mary's Basilica impresses with its stunning Gothic architecture and the famous Hejnał (bugle call) played every hour. A perfect place for a stroll, dining, or simply soaking in the unique atmosphere of Kraków.

Kazimierz - Kraków's Historic Jewish Quarter

Kazimierz is one of Kraków's most vibrant and historically rich districts. Once the center of Jewish life in the city, it is now a unique blend of history, culture, and modern creativity. Visitors can explore beautifully preserved synagogues, including the Old Synagogue and the Remu'h Synagogue, as well as the atmospheric Jewish Cemetery.

Today, Kazimierz is also known for its lively cafés, art galleries, and street food scene - especially the famous "zapiekanka" in Place Nowy.

Barbican - Kraków's Medieval Fortress

The Barbican is one of the best-preserved medieval fortifications in Europe and a remarkable symbol of Kraków's defensive history. Built in the late 15th century, this circular brick structure was part of the city's outer walls, protecting the main entrance to Kraków.

With its thick walls, seven watchtowers, and a moat, the Barbican once served as an impenetrable stronghold.

Today, it hosts exhibitions and cultural events, offering visitors a glimpse into the city's medieval past. Located near St. Florian's Gate, it is a must-see for history enthusiasts exploring Kraków's Old Town.

SALES / TAX

Sales tax (VAT) is included in prices quoted.

SECURITY

Kraków is really safe for visitors.

SHOPPING

Most of the stores, malls and supermarkets in KRAKÓW are usually open between 8, 9 or 10 a.m. and 8, 9 or 10 p.m. Some supermarkets already open their doors at 7 a.m.

SMOKING

Smoking is forbidden by law in closed areas. People may freely smoke in open public areas and in restaurants' open-air sections.

WATER

The tap water is safe to drink.