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“Empowering Educators for a Democratic Europe in the Digital Age”

27th Session

Podgorica, Montenegro, 3-4 December 2026

Preliminary Agenda of the Conference

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Day 1 — Thursday, 3 December 2026

16:00 – 16:15

Opening of the Conference

- Welcome by the Minister of Education, Science and Innovation of Montenegro
- Address by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Adoption of the Agenda

16:15 – 17:15

Ministerial Introduction: Empowering Educators for a Democratic Europe in the Digital Age

- Presentation of the Ministerial Theme and Sub-Themes
- SG 2026 Report
- Overview of the mid-term implementation of the Education Strategy 2024–2030 “Learners First”
- Introductory remarks by invited ministers

17:15 – 18:15

Thematic Session I — Teachers as Builders of Democratic Culture

- Presentation of key challenges
- Ministerial exchange

18 :15 – 18 :30

Conclusion of Day 1

- Rapporteur’s summary of key messages
- Practical announcements for Day 2

18 :30 – 18 :35

Family photo

19:30 – Bus Departure for the official Dinner for Heads of Delegation

Hosted by the Minister of Education, Science and Innovation of Montenegro
(Venue to be confirmed)

Informal Dinner for all other participants

Hosted by the Minister of Education, Science and Innovation of Montenegro (location to be confirmed)

Day 2 — Friday, 4 December 2026

09:00 – 09:10

Opening of Day 2

- Recap of Day 1
- Agenda for the morning sessions

09:10 – 10:10

Thematic Session II — Teachers and digital transformation

- Presentation of key challenges and policy directions
- Ministerial debate

10 :10 – 11 :10

Thematic Session III — Safeguarding Academic Freedom

- Presentation of strategic challenges
- Ministerial discussion

11:10 – 11:30 — Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15

Ministerial Roundtable: Post 2030 UN Agenda — Towards a Shared European Commitment

- Final interventions by ministers
- Consolidation of key messages for the Ministerial Resolution

12:15 – 13:00

Adoption of the Ministerial Resolution and Closing Statements

- Presentation and endorsement of the Resolution
- Closing remarks by the Chair
- Invitation to the next session of the Standing Conference

13:00 – 13 :10

Three strategic Launches

13:10 – 13 :15

End of the Conference