

RIGHT TO A FAIR PROCEDURE IN ANTI-DOPING PROCEEDINGS

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Programme

8:30 Registration and networking

9:30 Inaugural Session

- Welcome by moderator and conference chair Andy Parkinson
- Opening statements by the Latvian authorities and the Council of Europe
 - o Bjørn Berge, Council of Europe's Deputy Secretary General (video)
 - o Artjoms Uršulskis, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Health
 - o Vladimirs Šteinbergs, Director of the Sport Department of the Ministry of Education and Science
 - o Jānis Buks, President of the Latvian Olympic Committee

10:00 Plenary Session Protecting the rights of athletes and clean sport

- Why anti-doping procedure should be fair? – *Anders Solheim, CEO Antidoping Norway (Norwegian NADO)*
- Fair anti-doping procedure: an athlete perspective – *Jelizaveta Belousa, Latvian athlete*
- Are anti-doping procedures fair? A state of the art – *Shafag Huseynli, CEO AMADA (Azerbaijan NADO)*

11:00 Thematic session 1 Access to an impartial, independent, and competent Panel

- What does the European Court of Human Rights say about fair procedures in anti-doping? – *Daniel Rietiker, Senior lawyer, European Court of Human Rights*
- Access to an impartial, independent and competent Panel, what does the Code say? – *Marissa Sunio, Senior Manager, Legal Affairs, WADA*
- Access to an impartial, independent and competent Panel, how does it work at national level? – *Aleksandra Łysuniak, Chair of the Appeal Disciplinary Panel, Poland*

11:30 Networking break with tea and coffee

- 11:45 Breakout session 1 (4 groups)** Good practices and challenges: exchanges among the participants
- Group 1-2 *Access to an impartial and independent Panel*
 - Group 3-4 *Competence of the Panel's members*

12:45 Lunch *Family photo*
Visit of the library by appointment

14:00 Thematic session 2 Public nature of the process and effective defence

- Public nature of the procedure and effective defence, how to make it happen – *Floriane Cavel, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, AFLD (French NADO)*
- Exercising the right to defence and publicity of the hearings. A lawyer's perspective - *Inga Kačevska, attorney at law, practising sports lawyer, Latvia*
- Right to an effective defence in international proceedings – *Damien Clivaz, Senior Legal Counsel, ITA*

- 14:30 Breakout session 2 (4 groups)** Good practices and challenges: exchanges among the participants
- Group 5-6 *Public nature of the process*
 - Group 7-8 *Effective defence*

16:00 Networking break *with tea and coffee*

16:15 Panel discussion **Making fair procedure in anti-doping a reality**
High-level panellists

17:45 Conclusions *Conclusions - Andy Parkinson, moderator and conference chair*

18:00 Cocktail *With a view of the Daugava River and the Riga panorama from the glass-walled summit of the National library*

Broadcasting of the film "Touched by doping" (25 minutes) by Dāvids Ernštreits - the true story of three athletes who were sanctioned for doping. This film is a part of the "True Sport" initiative of the Latvian NADO.