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**Sport For All:
Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination
Against Persons with Disabilities**

Launch event

15 May 2025

Thursday 15 May
12.30 pm – 5.30 pm (CEST)

Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg – Room 9
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Programme

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12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Cocktail and networking reception co-offered by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and the Permanent Representation of Monaco to the Council of Europe
1.30 pm – 2.15 pm	Demonstration of Blind Football on the lawn of the Palais de l'Europe
2.30 pm – 2.50 pm	Opening session <i>Gianluca Esposito</i> , Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe <i>Normunds Popēns</i> , Deputy Director-General, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission (online) <i>Alexandre Husting</i> , Chair of the EPAS Governing Board <i>Charlotte Girard Fabre</i> , Chair of the EPAS Consultative Committee
2.50 pm – 3.30 pm	Keynote speakers / Athlete testimonies <i>Zakia Khudadadi</i> , Afghan taekwondo athlete, Paralympic & European Champion (online) <i>Yaroslav Denysenko</i> , Ukrainian swimming athlete, Paralympic, World & European Champion <i>Gizem Girişmen</i> , Turkish archery athlete, Paralympic & World Champion <i>Arnaud Assoumani</i> , French athlete specialised in long & triple jump, Paralympic & World Champion Q&A Interviewed by <i>Iva Stoyanova</i> , Sport journalist, Bulgaria
3.30 pm – 4.10 pm	Empowering sports organisations, from Alsatian grassroots to elite level <i>Elvira Stinissen</i> , Vice President of World ParaVolley, Dutch Paralympic sitting volleyball player <i>Gaël Rivière</i> , President of the French Handisport Federation, Paris 2024 Blind Football Champion <i>Mireille Loeffler</i> , Member of the Schiltigheim Blind Football team; Paris 2024 Paralympic Torch bearer <i>Delphine Szachsznajder</i> , Educator of adapted physical activity and physical trainer, DS Coaching; Paris 2024 Paralympic Torch bearer Q&A Moderated by <i>Olivia Conrad</i> , Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe

4.10 pm – 4.25 pm	Coffee break
4.25 pm – 5.20 pm	<p>Best practices at international level</p> <p>Presentation of the survey results & Comments from country representatives</p> <p><i>Raymon Blondel</i>, President, European Paralympic Committee</p> <p><i>Patrick Stolpmann</i>, Executive Director, International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)</p> <p><i>Osazemen Aghedo</i>, Project Manager, TAFISA</p> <p><i>Shanaia Xuereb</i>, Athlete leader, Special Olympics Malta (online)</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderated by <i>Kateryna Lavryk</i>, Junior Project Officer, Council of Europe</p>
5.20 pm – 5.30 pm	<p>Closing session</p> <p><i>Pia Haschke</i>, Policy Officer, Sport Policy and Programme Unit, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission</p> <p><i>Alexandre Husting</i>, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board</p> <p><i>Sophie Kwasny</i>, Head of the Sport Division, Executive Secretary of EPAS, Council of Europe</p>