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

Closing event

23-24 June 2026

Tuesday 23 June

14:00 – 17:30 CEST (hybrid)

Wednesday 24 June

09:00 – 11:45 CEST (hybrid)

13:00 – 15:00 CEST (in person)

Council of Europe, Agora, Strasbourg – Room G05
and online (KUDO platform)

Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg – Room 7

Draft Programme

Tuesday 23 June 14:00 – 17:30 (CEST)

Council of Europe, Agora, Room G05 & online on KUDO

14:00 – 14:15

Opening session

Gianluca Esposito, Director General, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Dora Schaffrin, Deputy to the Head of the European Union Delegation to the Council of Europe

14:15 – 14:25

Screening of the role model interview with Katrin Neudolt, Austrian badminton player & Chair of Athletes' Commission, International Committee of Sports for the Deaf

14:25 – 15:05

Athlete leadership and advocacy

Martina Caironi, Paralympic medallist in 100m sprint and long jump & Member of the Athletes' Council, International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and World Para Athletics (WPA)

Päivi Tolppanen, Para judo coach & Vice-President, Finnish Paralympic Committee

Q&A

Moderated by *Patrick Stolpmann*, Executive Director, International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)

15:05 – 15:15

Video message from Raymon Blondel, President, European Paralympic Committee

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:15

Demonstration of wheelchair fencing at level 2 of Agora next to the Room G05

16:15 – 17:05

From mapping the present to shaping the future

Presentation of the outcomes and recommendations of the Sport For All needs assessment exercise across 8 project countries

Marika Mkheidze, Senior Policy and Governance Consultant, ACT LLC

Q&A

Moderated by *Kateryna Lavryk*, Junior Project Officer, Council of Europe

17:05 – 17:10

Closing of the first day

Kateryna Lavryk, Junior Project Officer, Council of Europe

Wednesday 24 June 09:00 – 11:45 (CEST)

Council of Europe, Agora, Room G05 & online on KUDO

09:00 – 09:05

Opening of the second day

Céline Guth, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe

09:05 – 10:05

Building the capacity of grassroots

Presentation of the outcomes of the Sport For All training workshops for sport professionals & good practices at the national level

Patrick Stolpmann, Executive Director, International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)

Gearóidín McTavish, Director of Disability, Sport Ireland & Sport For All focal point

Daniel Videira, Executive Committee Member, NPC Portugal & Sport For All focal point

Q&A

Moderated by *Céline Guth*, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe

10:05 – 10:30

Practising inclusion: Sport For All Toolkit

Presented by the Sport For All project team

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30

Official draw of the European Blind Football Championships 2026

Introduction & Background information

Draw & Presentation of the tournament schedule

Q&A

Moderated by *Charly WEBER*, Presenter & Commentator, ICI Alsace

11:30 – 11:45

Closing session

Céline Guth, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe

Wednesday 24 June 12:30 – 13:00 (CEST)

Cocktail lunch

Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, 2nd Floor, Vestibule of Room 7

Wednesday 24 June 13:00 – 14:00 (CEST)

In collaboration with the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport

Council of Europe, Palais, Room 7 (in person)

13:05 – 13:15

Opening of the meeting and election of the Bureau of the Alliance

Welcome and introductory remarks by the Vice-Chairperson of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport

13:15 – 13:55

Career pathways for persons with disabilities in sport

Presentation of the Sport For All project outcomes & panel discussion

Vladyslava Kravchenko, Chair of the Athletes' Council, IPC & Paralympic swimmer

Andy Stevenson, Sports Presenter, Reporter & Commentator

Ludivine Munos, Executive Vice-President of the French Handisport Federation & Paralympic Champion

Q&A

Moderated by *Céline Guth*, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe

13:55 – 14:00

Closing session

Wednesday 24 June 14:00 – 15:00 (CEST)

In collaboration with the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Council of Europe, Front lawn of the Palais (in person)

14:00 – 15:00

Demonstration of Blind Football on the lawn of the Palais de l'Europe

Mogens Jensen, Chair of PACE Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Matthias Kloth, Head of the Digital Governance and Sport Department, Directorate of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Gaël Rivière, President of the French Handisport Federation & Paris 2024 Blind Football Champion