

The Secretary General

Promoting Safety, Integrity, Equality and Inclusion in Sport
A Council of Europe Parliamentary Conference
Venue:Hellenic Parliament, Senate Hall, Athens, Greece
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Strasbourg, 11 July 2024

Dear Chairperson,

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the Hellenic Parliament, is organising a high-level conference on "Promoting integrity, equality and inclusion in Sport".

The conference will seek to engage participants in meaningful discussions, exchanges of ideas and good practice with the aim of promoting sport integrity, equality, and inclusion on a European and at a global level.

Expected outcomes include among others the launching of a Parliamentary Alliance for good governance and integrity in sport, sharing information and best practices and increasing awareness and commitment towards advancing these critical issues within Council of Europe member States, national parliaments, sports organisations, and other relevant stakeholders.

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Postal Address : T-67075 Strasbourg Cedex Tel.: +33 (o)3 88 41 30 75 despina.chatxivassiliou@coe.int Target participants include members of national delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, representatives from the Council of Europe intergovernmental sector and convention system, representatives from international sports organisations and other regional and international organisations, experts and practitioners in sports governance, integrity, equality and inclusion, as well as advocacy groups and NGOs focused on sports-related issues.

In view of the very important role of national parliaments in this regard, in addition to the members of the PACE ad-hoc committee constituted to represent the Assembly in the conference, we would like to extend an invitation to representatives of committees of national parliaments responsible for issues to be covered by the conference. Kindly note that, as it is already the case for members of the ad hoc committee, participation costs shall be borne by national parliaments.

I would therefore be grateful if you could forward this invitation to the Chairperson(s) of relevant committees in your national parliament.

Upon designation of one to two representatives of the national parliament, a formal invitation letter will be addressed to the designated member(s) of parliament.

I would appreciate it if the names of designated representatives could be sent to Ms Bohumila Ottova, the Conference Assistant, by 15 August 2024.

Ms Liri Kopaci-Di Michele, Head of the Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division (<u>Liri.KOPACI-DI-MICHELE@coe.int</u>) and Ms Bohumila Ottova, Conference Assistant, (<u>Bohumila.OTTOVA@coe.int</u>), remain at your disposal for any questions you may have.

You will also find attached, for your information the background information and preliminary draft programme of the Conference.

I look forward to our continued cooperation and I wish you a pleasant summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis

Enc.: Draft Programme