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Dear Sir, Madam,

The Council of Europe is organising the HUDERIA Academy for Health, in co-operation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and with the support of the Alan Turing Institute.

The event will take place on 21 (afternoon) - 23 (morning) September 2026, at the Council of Europe's Office in Paris (55, avenue Kléber, 75116).

The event will explore the development, deployment and oversight of AI in healthcare, notably the risks and impact of a chronic disease management AI chatbot on human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

We have the pleasure of inviting one representative or expert from your country to participate in the event. You are kindly asked to consider the criteria for selection in Appendix I of this letter. The names and contact details of the nominated representatives/experts should be sent to the Secretariat (below) by 15 July 2026.

Participants' travel and subsistence expenses will be borne by the Council of Europe on the terms specified in the enclosed [Rules](#). Please note that the rate of daily allowance has been set at € 199 for 2026. The organisers will provide the participants with prepaid tickets.

The claim form and supporting documents for the subsistence allowance reimbursement must be returned by e-mail as soon as possible, ideally before the meeting, and at the latest within 30 days after the end of the meeting. Reimbursement will be made by bank transfer after the meeting.

An insurance policy taken out by the Council of Europe with the insurers AIG EUROPE (Policy number 9.502.001) covers risks related to official journeys such as medical expenses for illness, accident and medical repatriation for persons up to their 80th birthday. The following help line AIG EUROPE Assistance 24 Hours can be called in case of need: +32 2 739 9990/+32 2 739 9991 ([Summary of guarantees](#)).

Before your departure we advise you to check the French [Ministry of Foreign Affairs website](#) for any update concerning travel restrictions. We also recommend that you take note of the [practical arrangements and safety instructions](#) in force on the Council of Europe premises.

You are responsible for obtaining any visas necessary for your journey and may use this invitation letter to do so. Visa applications should be submitted to consular offices at least one month before the above-mentioned event. **If you require visa support from Council of Europe Protocol, please notify the Department immediately and in any case no later than 30 July 2026.**

Visa expenses will be reimbursed upon the presentation of a supporting document as proof of payment such as the receipt or by preference at the moment its digital version, and a copy of the passport page showing the visa in it.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Council of Europe Secretariat:

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Yours sincerely,

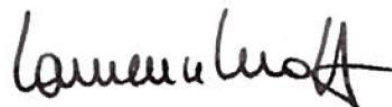
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Appendix I: nominations criteria

Appendix II: [HUDERIA Methodology and Model](#)

APPENDIX I

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

In selecting participants, we kindly ask you to consider the following criteria:

- An individual who has direct professional experience in fields such as health data or AI regulatory authorities, digital health or AI governance within relevant ministries, health technology assessment, or medical device regulation as it relates to artificial intelligence. Importantly, the **primary consideration is the individual's proximity to actual regulatory or oversight decisions regarding health AI systems, rather than seniority or protocol status.**

or

- An individual with direct, hands-on involvement in patient-facing healthcare, ideally in settings using AI-assisted clinical decision support, chronic disease management, patient navigation, or patient rights advocacy. This includes professionals in primary or secondary clinical practice, nursing, community health, or those representing groups disproportionately affected by chronic conditions. **The essential qualifier is direct engagement with patients or patient interests as it relates to the application of AI within a healthcare or advocacy context.**

We trust that these criteria will help ensure the presence of participants best placed to contribute effectively to the objectives of the Academy event.