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## **19<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference of the Pompidou Group**

**Strasbourg, France, 27-28 November 2025**

**Venue: Palais de l'Europe - Room 1**

(Avenue de l'Europe, 67000 Strasbourg, France)

### **Preliminary draft programme**

#### **Thursday, 27 November**

##### **12:00 Registration of participants**

##### **12:30 Lunch**

##### **14:00 Opening – Chair: Acting Presidency**

- Opening by the acting Swiss Presidency (Federal Councillor of Interior)
- Opening by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Adoption of the agenda
- Election of the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Pompidou Group for the period 2026-2029
- Presentation of the Bureau membership for the period 2026-2029

##### **14:40 Session 1 – The Pompidou Group's achievements in the 2023-2025 work cycle and its impact in member States**

- Presentation of the Pompidou Group's work conducted during the period 2023-2025 by the Acting Chair of the Permanent Correspondents
- Inputs by Ministers
- Voices from civil society

##### **16:10 Coffee break / Family photo**

##### **16:30 Session 2 – Addressing risks and harms related to online addictions**

- Work of the Pompidou Group in the field of online gaming and gambling during the 2023-2025 work cycle, and planned follow up
- Inputs by Ministers
- Statement by the World Health Organization (WHO)

##### **18:00 Pompidou Group 2025 Prevention Prize Ceremony**

##### **18:30 End of day 1**

##### **19:30 Official dinner at the invitation of the Acting Swiss Presidency**

**Friday, 28 November – Chair: next Presidency**

**9:30 Session 3 – Council of Europe values at the heart of drug and addiction policies**

- Presentation of the Pompidou Group Work Programme 2026-2029 by the next Presidency
- Adoption of the Pompidou Group Work Programme 2026-2029
- Progress report on the work of the Pompidou Group in the field of human rights and drug policies during the 2023-2025 work cycle, and planned follow up
- Inputs by Ministers highlighting key aspects of the priorities set out in the Work Programme
- Statements by international partner organisations

**11:00 Coffee break**

**11:20 Session 4 – Combating organised crime related to drug trafficking**

- Progress report on the Pompidou Group's work on elaborating policy guidelines on the fight against organised crime related to drug trafficking, based on the case law of the ECHR
- Discussion with impulse statements by Ministers
- Approval of the draft policy guidelines
- Statements by international partner organisations

**12:50 Closing**

- Introduction to and adoption of the declaration of the Ministerial Conference
- Signature of the appendix of the MoU between the Pompidou Group and the EUDA defining cooperation priorities for the period 2026-2029
- Concluding remarks by the Executive Secretary of the Pompidou Group
- Farewell address by the acting Presidency

**13:00 End of Conference**

**13:15 Lunch**

**14:30 Press Conference by the outgoing and incoming Pompidou Group Presidencies**