

Lisbon, 22 July 2024

Dear Minister,

I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 18th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, which will be held in Porto from 8 to 10 October 2024.

The theme of this Ministerial Conference's is highly topical. We will be exchanging on 9 October on "*Governing and Governance in Sport: Supporting a Fresh Approach to Match Its Societal Importance.*" This discussion will address the two following interrelated topics: *collaborative governing* and *good governance in sport*.

The Conference aims at providing every two years a unique forum of exchange and cooperation between the 50 countries that are invited as participants to contribute to the discussions. There simply is no equivalent to this platform which offers a unique opportunity to also engage with representatives from the sports movement, athletes, intergovernmental organisations, international bodies, youth representatives and other key stakeholders invited to take part and give an impetus to this fresh approach to sport governing and governance.

The Conference is organised by the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) of the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, which is responsible for sport in Portugal.

Additional important events will be held on 8 and 10 October, notably to mark the 10th anniversary of the Macolin Convention, to promote youth participation, gender equality and delve into dual careers practices.

As Minister of an EPAS member state, you are also warmly invited to participate in a restricted informal event on EPAS' working priorities, taking place on 8 October from 17:30 to 18:30, at the Lodge Hotel.

Ms Heidy Purga
Minister of Culture
Estonia

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Each national delegation may comprise up to three participants, including a representative from your national sports movement. In addition to your national delegation, we have the pleasure to invite you to designate a youth delegate engaged in sport policies to participate in the Initiative for a Youth Perspective. Please note that expressions of interest for this initiative should be submitted by the 3rd of September. For further details, please refer to the attached terms of reference.

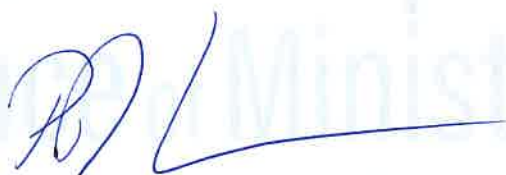
The enclosed factsheet provides information on the Conference and the registration process, which should be completed by the 17th of September using the website <https://www.sportministerial2024.gov.pt>, which will contain all relevant information pertaining to the Conference.

In order to initiate the registration process, we kindly invite you to appoint a focal point through an email sent to sportministerial2024@ipdj.pt with a copy to sport.epas@coe.int indicating the following details: Country; Full Name of the focal point; E-Mail Address.

Our Conference will pave the way for follow-up activities by the Council of Europe, in line with the European Sports Charter.

I look forward to welcoming you in Porto.

Yours sincerely,



Pedro Duarte

Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (responsible for sport)

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