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# 132<sup>nd</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

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**Turin, 20 May 2022**

**MEDIA HANDBOOK**

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## **ABOUT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

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The Council of Europe is an international organization established in 1949 with the Treaty of London in order to promote respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law. Its headquarters are in Strasbourg in France, and it comprises 46 States, including the 27 member Countries of the European Union. Italy is one of the 10 founding members, while the other 36 joined later. An additional 6 countries - Canada, Israel, Japan, Mexico, the Holy See and the United States - do not form part of the Council of Europe but are observers which status gives them the right to attend the regular meetings of the Ministers' Deputies or the Parliamentary Assembly, but no voting rights.

In addition to the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly monitors compliance by the member States with the core values of the Council of Europe, ensuring that they fulfil their commitments and obligations with respect to the Organization. The Members of Parliament of the national Parliaments of the 46 countries form part of it, and elect the Secretary-General (currently Marija Pejčinović Burić who was elected in 2019), the Commissioner for Human Rights (currently Dunja Mijatović who was elected in 2018) and the judges of the European Court of Human Rights.

In order to carry out its objectives, the Council of Europe operates by making recommendations through specialized, independent control bodies, monitoring the respect of human rights in the member States and drawing up Conventions and Treaties. They are binding on the States that ratify them, and include essential texts on the protection of basic human rights such as the European Convention on Human Rights drawn up in 1950 and the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, the broader international treaty to tackle this serious type of infringement of human rights.

## **ITALIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

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Italy is holding the Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, for the eighth time, between November 2021 and May 2022; this is the decision-making body of the Organization and comprises the Foreign Affairs Ministers of each member State or their Permanent Representatives - Ambassadors - in Strasbourg.

The half-year term of the Italian Presidency has set three priority areas for special attention and revolving around the words renew, reinforce and build. Renew its commitment to the principles and values shared by the Council of Europe and its member States through projects that reinforce dialogue, inclusivity and the identity of the Organization in sectors such as the protection of cultural heritage, social rights, sport, the right to health; reinforce female empowerment and the rights of children and adolescents, promoting policies for young people; build a people-centered future, on the one hand concentrating on the effectiveness of justice, and especially restorative justice, and on the other, on the protection of human rights, democracy and the rule of law with respect to risks arising from the development and application

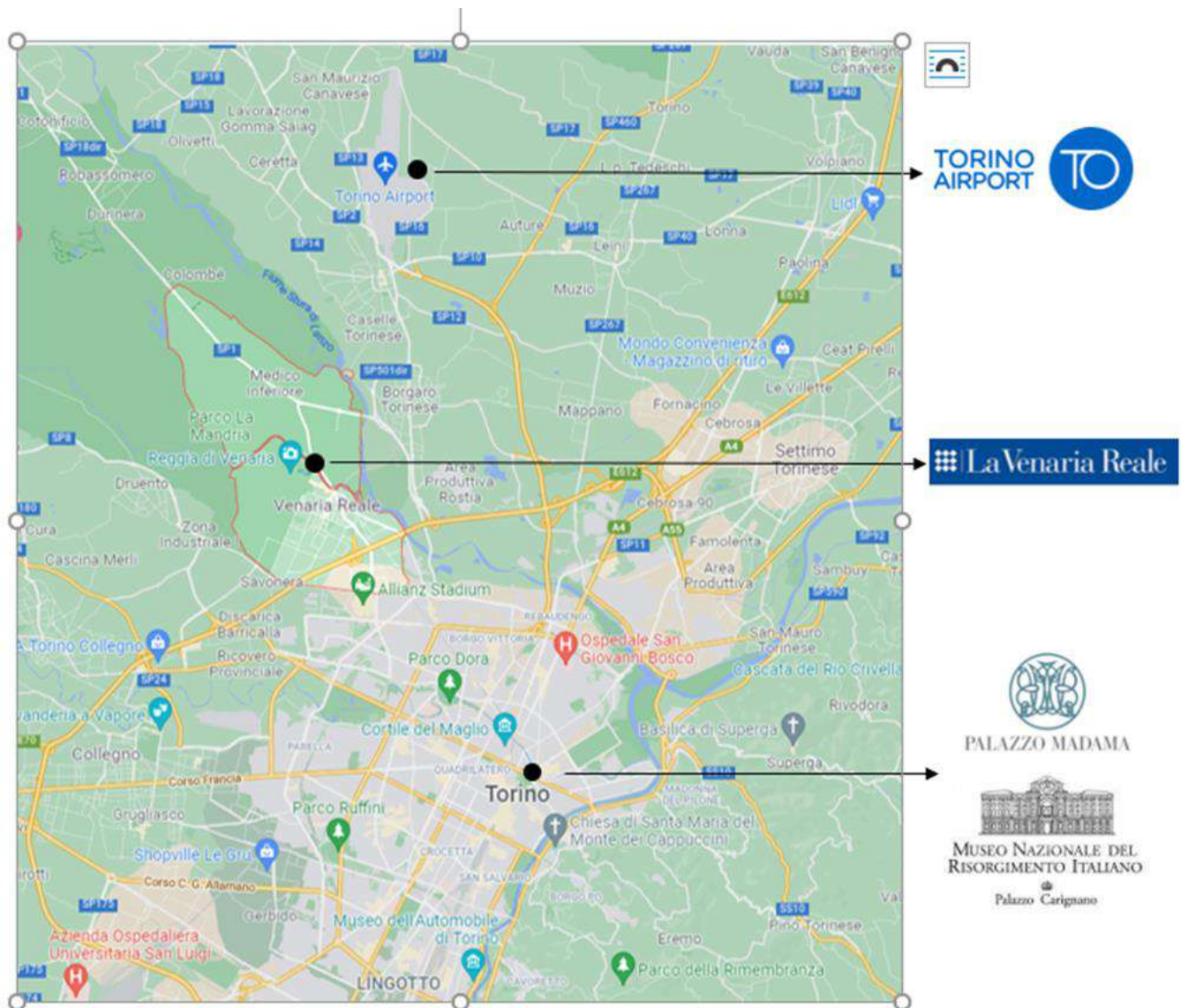
of artificial intelligence. Over 30 events have been organized around these issues, with involvement by the Foreign Ministry and numerous other State Administrations. At ministerial level, meetings include one held by Justice Ministers on 13-14 December in Venice, a meeting for Culture Ministers on 1 April in Strasbourg and a conference launching the new Strategy of the Council of Europe for the Rights of the Child (7-8 April in Rome).

## **132nd SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS**

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In line with tradition, once a year the Meeting of the Committee of Ministers at ministerial level brings together the Foreign Ministers of the member States of the Council of Europe. Turin will mark the transfer of chairmanship from the Italian Presidency to the Irish Presidency. This will give an opportunity to illustrate the results achieved by our Presidency and the priorities of the Irish Presidency, and more generally for an exchange of viewpoints at Ministerial level on the areas of major interest of the Council of Europe and the current political situation. In view of the recent exclusion of the Russian Federation, it will allow for reflection at Ministerial level on the prospects and the role of the Council of Europe of 46 member States.

## HOST CITY: TURIN



## VENUE OF THE SESSION OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

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**La Venaria Reale** is a grandiose estate just outside Turin. It comprises 80,000 square meters of floor surface in the Reggia and 60 hectares of Gardens, adjacent to the 17th century ancient village of Venaria and the 3,000 fenced hectares of the Park of La Mandria. It is a natural and architectural masterpiece that was declared part of the **World Heritage by UNESCO** in 1997. It reopened to the public in 2007 after completing the EU's largest cultural restoration project to date.

[www.lavenaria.it/en/venaria-reale/reggia](http://www.lavenaria.it/en/venaria-reale/reggia)

## AGENDA 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022



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H: 8:30	<b>Official Welcome by the Chair of the Committee of Ministers and the Secretary General to the Heads of the Delegations</b> <i>(Reggia - La Venaria Reale – just outside Turin)</i> <i>HB (Host Broadcaster) + official photographers and cameramen</i>
H: 9:15	<b>Family photo</b> <i>(Garden - Reggia)</i> <i>HB + official photographers and cameramen + photographers and cameramen pool (subject to prior accreditation)</i>
H: 9:30	<b>Tour de Table of the opening of the Ministerial Session</b> <i>(Meeting Room – Reggia)</i> <i>HB</i>
H: 12:45	<b>Transfer of Chairmanship from Italy to Ireland</b> <i>HB</i>
H: 14:30	<b>Press Conference</b> by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy, <b>Luigi Di Maio</b> ; the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ireland, <b>Simon Coveney</b> , and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, <b>Marija Pejčinović Burić</b> <i>(Press Conference Room – Reggia)</i> <i>Open to all press</i>

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## **MEDIA PROGRAMME: INFORMATION**

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### **ONLINE ACCREDITATION**

Prior accreditation of media representatives is mandatory.

**Accreditation applications must be submitted no later than Monday 16 May at 1 p.m. through this platform: Council of Europe accreditation form.**

For the registration to the 132nd Session of the Committee of Ministers Foreign Ministerial Meeting, please provide the required information and a scan of the following mandatory documents (exclusively in Jpeg or Pdf format, max 2MB):

- Valid passport or other ID document
- Letter from editor
- Photo (exclusively in Jpeg format, max 2MB)
- Press card.

**After the accreditation deadline, an e-mail confirmation will be sent.** We recommend that you print out the confirmation email of the accreditation and bring it with you. **Only members of the media who have received that confirmation email will be authorized to access the venues.**

**Applications for parking satellite vehicles must specify the registration number and model of the vehicles and sent by email to accreditamentostampa@esteri.it (tel. 06/3691.3432-8573) no later than 1 pm on 16 May.**

### **PRESS BADGES**

Press representatives may collect their badge (yellow) as follows:

- **Hotel Concord Torino (via Giuseppe Luigi Lagrange, n.47)** Thursday, 19 May 3:00 pm - 7:00pm
- **La Venaria Reale - Ticket Office (via Andrea Mensa, n.34)** Friday, 20 May 7:00 am - 2:30 pm

### **MEDIA CENTRE 20 MAY**

The Media Centre will be based at the **Reggia – Citroniera Hall** (Venaria Reale) and will be open on Friday May 20 from 7:00am to 5:30pm.

### **ACCESS TO THE MEETINGS**

Photographers and TV operators will not be allowed into the event venues, except as specified in the Agenda above.

All photos and videos will be taken by host broadcaster (RAI) and official photographers (ANSA and Council of Europe photo service) for the official welcome, the opening session and the transfer of Chairmanship, through a link that will be communicated by email at a later stage.

During bilateral meetings, the "handshake" at the beginning of the meeting may be filmed by the official photographers and cameramen of the Countries concerned.



The **press conference** held by the outgoing (Italy) and incoming (Ireland) Presidencies and by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe will take place at **La Venaria Reale**, on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022, at 14:30. The press conference will be held in Italian, English and French with a simultaneous translation service. Accredited media representatives may follow the conference in person.

#### **TRANSFER 20 MAY:**

A shuttle bus will be made available for the press already holding an accreditation badge, for the following transfers:

6:30 am - From Torino - Porta Nuova Station to La Venaria Reale (approx. 30 minutes journey)

5:00 pm - From La Venaria Reale to Porta Nuova Station Torino (approx. 30 minutes journey)

#### **LIVE STREAMING**

The following moments will be made available live to the Media Center:

- Official Welcome to the Heads of Delegation;
- Family photo;
- Opening of the meeting (including the speeches by the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Luigi Di Maio and by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe Marija Pejčinović Burić);
- Transfer of Chairmanship from Italy to Ireland;
- Press conference of Minister Di Maio, Secretary General Burić and Minister Coveney.

#### **HEALTH PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE EVENT**

Due to the large number of persons involved, all participants to different events of the Ministerial Session will be required to show the negative result of a test (negative molecular swab test result within 72 hours or antigenic swab test within 48 hours). Test facilities will be provided by Italian Authorities at Turin Airport and outside of the venues where the events will take place.

It will be furthermore mandatory to wear FFP2 masks in indoor spaces during the whole session, with the exception of speakers and during convivial events.

#### **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Please be reminded that the media representatives of several countries require a visa to enter Italy. To check whether you need a visa go to <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home.aspx>

You must comply with the applicable visa requirements and with the Covid-19 guidance on travel before entering Italy.

Media representatives are advised to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

#### **PRESS CONTACTS**

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## Italian MFA Social Media accounts



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[https://twitter.com/ItalyMFA\\_int](https://twitter.com/ItalyMFA_int)



Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ItalyMFA.it>



Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/italymfa/>



Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MinisteroEsteri>