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## European Ministers of Sport to meet in Moscow to settle on a new form of co-operation

Strasbourg, 12.10.2006 – The Ministers of Sport of the 49 countries which have signed the Council of Europe's Cultural Convention will meet in Moscow on 20 and 21 October 2006 to give a new political slant to European co-operation on sport.

Matters to be discussed by the Ministers will include the possibility of establishing a partial agreement on sport, open to member and non-member states of the Council of Europe and to non-governmental organisations working in this area. They will also look at the results and options presented in the feasibility study and discuss current sports policy issues and chief national concerns in order to establish the Council of Europe's priorities in the sport sector.

Speakers at the opening session starting on Friday 20 October at 9 a.m. will include the head of the Federal Agency for Physical Culture and Sport of the Russian Federation, Vyacheslav Fetisov, the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, and representatives of the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Relations with the World Anti-Doping Agency and the appointment of European representatives to its subordinate bodies will also be on the agenda.

A **press conference** will be held on **Saturday 21 October at 12.30 p.m.** (World Trade Centre, Krasnopresnenskaya Naberejnaya 12).

This 17<sup>th</sup> informal meeting of European Ministers of Sport forms part of the programme of the Russian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (May-November 2006).

Accreditation for journalists can be applied for from the press service of the Russian Federal Agency for Physical Culture and Sport ([www.rossport.ru](http://www.rossport.ru)), tel. +7 495 265 34 26.

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