

# Media Advisory

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Macedonia"  
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## First conference of European Ministers responsible for social cohesion

**Date:** 26-27 February 2009

**Location:** Moscow (Russian Federation) – Hotel Holiday Inn Moscow Sokolniki, Rusakovskaya 24

**Organised by** the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation

**Description:** In the context of the world economic crisis, the Ministers responsible for social cohesion in the member states of the Council of Europe intend to reinforce their political commitment in favour of an equal access of all – including the most vulnerable groups – to social rights, in order to improve stability and well-being in society.

Speakers will include the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Terry Davis, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Thomas Hammerberg, and the Minister for Public Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation, Tatiyana Golikova.

### Practical information:

- Media representatives are invited to obtain online accreditation on the Ministry's web site [www.minzdravsoc.ru](http://www.minzdravsoc.ru)
- A **final press conference** is scheduled at **12.30 pm on Friday 27 February**. Other press points will be announced later on.
- A "family photo" will be organised at the end of the morning sitting **on 26 February**.

**More information:** [www.coe.int/T/E/Social\\_cohesion](http://www.coe.int/T/E/Social_cohesion)

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