

# Media Advisory

## Directorate of Communication

Ref: MA072a10

Tel. +33 (0)3 88 41 25 60

Fax +33 (0)3 88 41 39 11

Internet: [www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int)

e-mail: [pressunit@coe.int](mailto:pressunit@coe.int)



### 47 member States

Albania  
Andorra  
Armenia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Belgium  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia  
Finland  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Italy  
Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Moldova  
Monaco  
Montenegro  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Russia  
San Marino  
Serbia  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"  
Turkey  
Ukraine  
United Kingdom

21.06.2010

## 5<sup>th</sup> Summer University for Democracy: "The crisis of leadership"

**Date:** 28 June - 2 July 2010

**Organised** by the Council of Europe with the support of the European Union, the French Government and the local authorities of Alsace and Strasbourg.

### Description:

Nearly 600 political leaders, civil society activists, journalists and business leaders from all of Eastern, South- Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus will meet in Strasbourg to discuss the developments which have occurred in the exercise of power when faced with the crises of our time.

The Summer University is the annual highlight of the Council of Europe's 16 [schools of political studies](#) which aim to train the next generation of political, economic, social and cultural leaders in transition countries.

### Speakers :

- Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland will open the Summer University on Monday 28 June at 9 a.m. and Sylvie Kauffmann, Editor in Chief, "Le Monde", will give an opening lecture.
- Strasbourg Mayor Roland Ries, Parliamentary Assembly President (PACE) Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Vasko Naumovski, Deputy Prime Minister for European integration of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", on behalf of the Committee of Ministers chairmanship, and President of the European Association of the Schools of Political Studies Catherine Lalumiere are among the opening speakers.
- Bamir Topi, President of the Republic of Albania, Ludmilla Alexeeva, Chair of the Moscow Helsinki Group, Sakharov Prize winner 2009, and Bianca Jagger, founder and chair of the Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation, London, will participate in the closing session on Friday 2 July at which a final declaration is due to be adopted.

### Practical information:

- A **press breakfast** will be given by Jean-Louis Laurens, Council of Europe Director General of Democracy and Political Affairs, Nawel Rafik-Elmrini, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, and Jack Hanning, Secretary General of the European Association of the Schools of Political Studies, **on Wednesday 23 June at 9am. (Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Palais de l'Europe).**
- The plenary sessions, workshops and thematic conferences are **open to the press**, as opposed to the bilateral meetings and meetings in the ECHR.
- The **opening and closing sessions** of the Summer University **will be webcast live** at [www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int)

**Special file:** [The Schools of political studies](#)

### Press Contact :

**Henriette Girard**, Press Officer Tel. +33 (0) 3 88 41 21 41 , [Henriette.Girard@coe.int](mailto:Henriette.Girard@coe.int)

To receive our press releases by e-mail, contact: [Council.of.Europe.Press@coe.int](mailto:Council.of.Europe.Press@coe.int)

A political organisation set up in 1949, the Council of Europe works to promote democracy and human rights continent-wide. It also develops common responses to social, cultural and legal challenges in its 47 member states.