

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMBATING CORRUPTION, DEFENDING DEMOCRACY: THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS



27-28 May 2022 Filoxenia Conference Centre, Nicosia

#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### **CONFERENCE VENUE**

Filoxenia Conference Centre, Thrakis 17, Aglantzia 2112, Cyprus.

# **ACCOMMODATION**

The Cyprus House of Representatives has arranged group pre-booking at the hotels listed below. Participants are kindly requested to make their reservations directly by booking accommodation online through the links listed below, *no later than 20 April 2022*. After the deadline, the rooms will no longer be reserved, and reservations can only be made upon availability.

The following options are available:

# Hilton Hotel

Address: 1 Achaion street, Egkomi, 2413, Nicosia

Telephone: +357 22 695111

Email: nicosia.reservations@hilton.com

Booking link: <a href="https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/niclehi-ggroup-">https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/niclehi-ggroup-</a>

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Approx. 100 rooms available under the block booking.

Cancellation policy: Please note that cancellations until <u>24 hours before arrival</u> will be free of charge.

#### Cleopatra Hotel

Address: 8 Florinis street, 1065, Nicosia

Telephone: +357 22 844000

Email: <a href="mailto:info@cleopatra.com.cy">info@cleopatra.com.cy</a> Booking link: the booking link can be found at <a href="https://www.cleopatra.com.cy">www.cleopatra.com.cy</a> where an icon named *House of Representatives Conference 27 & 28 May 2022* is displayed. Please use the password *CleopatraHouse2022* to proceed with the booking.

20 rooms available under the block booking.

Cancellation policy: In the event that the reservation is cancelled less than 72 hours prior to arrival date at midday, or is a no show, the equivalent to one nights' stay will be charged.

#### **REGISTRATION**

Kindly fill in the Registration Form for each participant individually and return them to the International Relations Service of the House of Representatives (fax: +357 22 668611, email: <a href="mailto:international-relations@parliament.cy">international-relations@parliament.cy</a>) by 20 April 2022.

Participants will be able to collect their badges, conference information and other material upon arrival at the lobby areas of the hotels.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR CYPRUS**

Please note that in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Cyprus the only legal points of entry to the Republic of Cyprus are the International Airports of Larnaca and Paphos and the ports of Larnaca, Limassol, Latsi and Paphos, which are situated in the government-controlled area of the Republic. Participants are required to use only these points of entry.

- Larnaca Airport is approximately 52 km from the Conference Hotels.
- Paphos Airport is approximately 140 km from the Conference Hotels.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Airport transfers will **NOT** be provided by the House of Representatives.

The following taxi agencies are recommended:

- Primo Taxi Ltd, Email: <a href="mailto:fotisprimotaxiltd@yahoo.com">fotisprimotaxiltd@yahoo.com</a>
- Mr. Yiannos Ioannou, Email: <u>ioannis.ioannou@hotmail.com</u>, telephone: +357 99635141

Transportation will be provided for all guests for all events included in the programme.

# **WORKING LANGUAGES**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

Documents and information materials regarding the Conference will be available in English only. No written translation services will be provided.

Where possible, participants are kindly requested to provide interpreters with copies of their speeches.

#### **CONFERENCE BADGES AND DOCUMENTS**

Conference badges and documents will be provided at registrations and will be available in English on the House of Representatives' website <a href="http://www.parliament.cy/en/international-activities-under-revision-/international-parliamentary-activities-in-cyprus/osce-parliamentary-assembly-conference-27-and-28-may-2022-(nicosia).">http://www.parliament.cy/en/international-activities-under-revision-/international-parliamentary-activities-in-cyprus/osce-parliamentary-assembly-conference-27-and-28-may-2022-(nicosia).</a> Please check regularly for updates.

For security reasons, participants are requested to wear their conference badge at all times. The lanyards of the badges correspond to the following categories of participants:

Keynote Speakers Green
Members of Parliament Blue
Secretaries of Delegations Red
House of Representatives staff and OSCE International Secretariat

# **SERVICES**

A working station for secretariats will be available at the Conference venue (*Elia* lounge) on a first-come, first-served basis.

# **BILATERAL MEETINGS**

Three (3) rooms will be available in the Filoxenia Conference Centre for bilateral meetings. If you wish to organize bilateral meetings, please email us at <a href="mailto:international-relations@parliament.cy">international-relations@parliament.cy</a> by 25 May 2022.

# **SOCIAL EVENTS**

A cocktail reception on Thursday 26 May, an evening programme on Friday 27 May and a half-day cultural visit on Saturday, 28 May 2022, will be offered to participants.

# **ACCOMPANYING PERSONS**

No separate programme for accompanying persons is foreseen.

# EMBASSIES AND HONORARY CONSULATES OF PARTICIPANTS' COUNTRIES IN CYPRUS

Relevant protocol information may be found on the website of the Foreign Ministry of Cyprus <a href="https://mfa.gov.cy/protocol-information/">https://mfa.gov.cy/protocol-information/</a>

# **VISA REGULATIONS**

Participants requiring a visa for admission to the Republic of Cyprus should contact the Cyprus Embassy or Consulate in their country. Information on the Cyprus visa policy, as well as a list of all Cyprus Diplomatic Missions and Consulates abroad is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus <a href="https://mfa.gov.cy/visa-information.html">https://mfa.gov.cy/visa-information.html</a>

# COVID-19

As information concerning Covid-19 measures change frequently, you are advised to check requirements regularly on

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# **INSURANCE**

Medical and personal insurance is the responsibility of each participant.

#### **MEDICAL FACILITIES**

A first aid facility will be available during the Conference.

In case of an emergency, please refer to the Conference Secretariat or call the emergency line 112 directly.

#### **DRESS CODE**

Business attire is required during the Conference.

Comfortable shoes are recommended for the guided tour in Nicosia, prior to the official dinner and also for the excursion.

#### **CLIMATE AND TIME**

Cyprus enjoys an intense Mediterranean climate with long dry summers from mid–May to mid–October and mild winters from December to February which are separated by short autumn and spring seasons. In April-May, days are pleasantly warm, but can get chilly at nights. In May the average maximum daytime temperature in Nicosia is 24°C and 15 °C in the evening. The chance of rain in May is small.

The time zone of Cyprus is GMT +3 hours.

#### **CURRENCY**

The currency of the Republic of Cyprus is the Euro (€).

Most major credit cards are accepted everywhere. Cash can be obtained from ATMs. Bank service hours are 8.30-13.30 from Monday to Friday. Currency exchange offices are also available at the Larnaca and Paphos Airports.

# **ELECTRICITY**

The standard voltage in Cyprus is 240V/50Hz and British-style three-pin wall sockets are used. Adapters are therefore required for devices carrying two-prong plugs. A limited number of adapters may also be available at the hotels.

# **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

The international code for Cyprus is +357. There will be wireless internet available at the hotels and the Conference Centre.

#### **FACTS ABOUT CYPRUS**

Facts about Cyprus can be found on the following websites:

http://www.visitcyprus.com/

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