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Special Olympics Europe Eurasia Leadership Conference Belgrade 2026

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Hosted by: Special Olympics Serbia



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INTRODUCTION

The Special Olympics Europe Eurasia Leadership Conference 2026 will take place in Belgrade, Serbia, from 3–6 November 2026.

The conference will bring together leaders, representatives of National Programs, athlete leaders, partners, mentors, facilitators, interpreters, volunteers and other members of the Special Olympics community from across the Europe Eurasia region

Under the theme “Inspired by the Past. Leading to the Future.,” the conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and legacy of the Special Olympics movement while looking ahead to the priorities, opportunities and leadership required to further strengthen inclusion through sport.

Through interactive sessions, discussions, presentations and networking opportunities, participants will have the opportunity to exchange experiences, share good practices and strengthen cooperation across the Europe Eurasia region.

The conference will also provide an opportunity to experience Belgrade and Serbia and to connect with the country's cultural and historical heritage.

KEY CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Dates: Tuesday, 3 November – Friday, 6 November 2026

3 November: Arrival Day

4 November: Conference Working Sessions and Belgrade Sightseeing

5 November: Full Conference Working Day and VIP Dinner

6 November: Departure Day

Conference Venue: Crowne Plaza Belgrade

The conference will take place at Crowne Plaza Belgrade, located in New Belgrade, with convenient access to Belgrade city centre, Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport and the city's main attractions.

The hotel will serve as the main location for conference activities, accommodation, meals and participant support throughout the event.

For all conference-related questions, participants are kindly requested to contact the organizing team rather than the hotel directly.

[Venue and accommodation link](#)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME AND DAILY INFORMATION

3 November 2026 – ARRIVAL DAY

Tuesday, 3 November 2026, is the official arrival day for all participants.

Participants will arrive in Belgrade throughout the day.

Upon arrival at Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport, participants will find a clearly identified Special Olympics Conference Information & Transfer Desk/Stand, where members of the organizing team will welcome participants, provide assistance and coordinate their transfer to the conference hotel.

Further information regarding airport transfers will be communicated to participants through the official conference communication channels.

18:30-Welcome Cocktail

A Welcome Cocktail will be held at Crowne Plaza Belgrade, providing participants with an opportunity to meet fellow delegates, members of the organizing team and representatives of Special Olympics Europe Eurasia and Special Olympics Serbia.

19:30-Welcome Dinner

Following the Welcome Cocktail, participants will attend a Welcome Dinner at Crowne Plaza Belgrade.

4 November 2026 – WORKING SESSIONS & BELGRADE SIGHTSEEING

Conference Working Sessions

- The morning and afternoon programme will consist of the official Leadership Conference working sessions, in accordance with the official conference agenda.
- Participants are kindly requested to follow the official agenda and be present at the designated conference rooms at the indicated times.
- The programme will include working sessions, presentations, discussions and opportunities for exchange and collaboration among participants.

Belgrade Sightseeing Tour

- Following the conference working programme, participants will have the opportunity to join an organized sightseeing tour of Belgrade.
- The tour will provide an introduction to the capital of Serbia, including selected landmarks and areas of cultural and historical importance.
- Detailed information regarding the meeting point, departure time and tour arrangements will be communicated to participants during the conference.

Dinner

The evening will conclude with dinner at Crowne Plaza Belgrade.

5 November 2026 – FULL CONFERENCE WORKING DAY

- Thursday, 5 November will be a full working day of the Leadership Conference, conducted in accordance with the official conference agenda.
- Participants will take part in the scheduled working sessions, presentations, discussions and other official conference activities throughout the day. Please see agenda for full information and for information on how to sign up for the breakout sessions.

VIP Dinner – White Palace

- In the evening, participants will attend a special VIP Dinner at the White Palace (Beli Dvor), located within the Royal Compound in Dedinje, Belgrade.
- The White Palace forms part of the historic Royal Compound and provides a unique setting for an official evening reception and dinner.
- The evening will offer participants an opportunity to continue networking, strengthen relationships and celebrate the Special Olympics community in a distinguished historical setting.

Dress Code

For the VIP Dinner, participants are kindly requested to wear business-elegant attire. Further transportation information will be provided through the official conference communication channels.

6 November 2026 – DEPARTURE DAY

Friday, 6 November 2026, is the official departure day.

- Participants will depart from Belgrade throughout the day according to their individual travel schedules.
- Organized transportation to Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport will be coordinated by the organizing team.

- Detailed departure and transfer information will be available at the Conference Information Desk in the hotel lobby and through the official conference WhatsApp group.
- Participants are kindly requested to check their individual departure and transfer information before leaving the hotel.

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

- The official conference agenda will provide the detailed schedule of all working sessions, presentations, meetings and other official activities.
- Participants are requested to regularly check the official conference communication channels for any programme updates or changes.
- The official conference webpage will remain the central online source for essential conference information.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

- The official working language of the conference will be English.
- Russian interpretation will be provided during the conference to support participants who require interpretation into Russian.
- Participants are encouraged to use English during working sessions and networking activities whenever possible.

COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPANT SUPPORT

The organizing team will provide continuous information and assistance throughout the conference.

Information Desk

A dedicated Special Olympics Conference Information Desk will be available at all times during the conference at the hotel lobby.

The Information Desk will provide assistance with:

- Conference programme and schedule
- Meeting rooms and conference activities
- Airport transfers
- Departure arrangements
- Sightseeing arrangements

- Social events
- General participant questions
- Other organizational matters

Participants are encouraged to contact the Information Desk whenever they require assistance.

WhatsApp Communication Group

An official Conference WhatsApp Group will also be used for important announcements and operational communication during the conference.

Participants are strongly encouraged to join the group before or upon arrival in Belgrade.

Please join the official conference WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code below:



Important updates regarding programme changes, transfers, meeting points and other operational information may be communicated through the WhatsApp group.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Travel Information Registration

- Participants are requested to submit and update their travel and arrival/departure details through the official conference webpage as previously communicated no later than 10th of October 2026. If **you have not entered these details please do so as quickly as possible.**

- This information is essential for the organization of airport transfers and the coordination of arrivals and departures. Please enter the information here: <https://soee2026belgrade.org/travel-details/>
- Any changes to flight or travel arrangements should be communicated to the organizing team as soon as possible.
- Arrival at Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport
- A clearly identified Special Olympics Conference Information Stand will be located at
- Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport.

Members of the organizing team will be available to:

- Welcome arriving participants
- Provide information and assistance
- Confirm transfer arrangements
- Direct participants to the appropriate transportation
- Assist participants with their journey to Crowne Plaza Belgrade

Participants are therefore requested to look for the official Special Olympics Conference

signage upon arrival.

Departure from Belgrade

Departure transfers will be organized according to participants' confirmed travel schedules. All relevant departure information will be available through:

- The Conference Information Desk at Crowne Plaza Belgrade
- The official conference WhatsApp group

Participants should confirm their airport transfer arrangements before departure and allow sufficient time for their journey to the airport and airport procedures.

ACCOMMODATION

The official conference accommodation will be provided at:

Crowne Plaza Belgrade

The hotel will serve as the main conference venue and the central location for participants throughout the event. The Conference fee covers the following:

- Hotel accommodation for 3 nights
- Conference participation
- Catering during conference days

- Dinner on arrival day
- Breakfast on departure day
- Participation in social events

Participants will have convenient access to:

- Conference meeting rooms
- Restaurant and dining facilities
- Conference Information Desk
- Official social activities
- Transportation arrangements

For any accommodation-related questions during the conference, participants should contact the Conference Information Desk. Please note the hotel may require a credit card at check in to cover any potential extra charges to your room.

TRAVEL INSURANCE AND CONFERENCE INSURANCE

- Participants are strongly advised to arrange appropriate travel insurance before travelling to Serbia.
- Travel insurance should provide suitable coverage for the duration of the participant's journey, including travel-related circumstances and any personal medical or other assistance that may be required.
- In addition, standard insurance coverage for the duration of the conference will be arranged for participants in accordance with the applicable legislation of the Republic of Serbia.
- Participants should be aware that this conference-related insurance does not replace individual travel insurance, and participants are therefore advised to obtain their own appropriate travel insurance before departure.

WEATHER IN BELGRADE IN EARLY NOVEMBER

November marks the beginning of late autumn in Belgrade.

At the beginning of November, participants can generally expect cool autumn weather, with daytime temperatures often around the low-to-mid teens Celsius and cooler temperatures in the evening and early morning. Weather conditions can vary, and rain is possible.

Participants are therefore advised to bring:

- A warm jacket or coat
- Sweaters or other warm layers
- Long trousers

- Comfortable walking shoes
- An umbrella or light rain jacket
- A warmer layer for evening activities
- Business or business-elegant clothing for official conference events

As the programme includes an outdoor sightseeing tour of Belgrade, weather-appropriate clothes particularly recommended.

CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS IN SERBIA

- The official currency of the Republic of Serbia is the Serbian dinar (RSD).
- Major hotels, restaurants, shops and other establishments in Belgrade all accept international payment cards. However, participants are advised to carry a small amount of local currency for smaller purchases and situations where card payment may not be available.
- Currency exchange services and ATMs are widely available in Belgrade.
- Participants should note that the euro (EUR) is not the official currency of Serbia, and prices may be displayed in Serbian dinars.

MOBILE PHONE AND ROAMING

- Participants travelling to Serbia should check the roaming conditions of their mobile operator before departure.
- The EU “Roam Like at Home” regime currently covers the 27 EU Member States, but Serbia is not currently included in this regime.
- Therefore, participants travelling from EU countries may be charged additional roaming fees when using mobile data, calls or SMS in Serbia, depending on their individual mobile operator and tariff.

Participants are strongly advised to:

- Check their operator's roaming rates for Serbia before travelling
- Confirm whether their tariff includes roaming in Serbia
- Consider an appropriate roaming package if necessary
- Use hotel and conference Wi-Fi whenever available

ELECTRICITY IN SERBIA

Electricity in Serbia is supplied at 230 V with a frequency of 50 Hz, and the standard European Type C and Type F electrical sockets are used. Participants travelling from countries with different plug or voltage standards are advised to bring an appropriate travel adapter.

ACCESSIBILITY

- Crowne Plaza Belgrade provides accessible facilities for participants with mobility and other accessibility requirements.
- Participants requiring specific accessibility arrangements are encouraged to communicate their requirements to the organizing team in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be confirmed.
- During the conference, the organizing team will be available to assist participants whenever necessary.

DRESS CODE

The recommended dress code for the conference is:

- Conference Working Sessions-Business / business-casual attire Welcome Cocktail and Dinner-casual / business casual
- VIP Dinner at the White Palace-Business-elegant attire.

BELGRADE – A CITY TO DISCOVER

Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, is a historic European city situated at the confluence of the

Sava and Danube rivers.

The city combines a rich historical heritage with a vibrant contemporary cultural and social scene. Participants will have the opportunity to experience some of Belgrade's landmarks, architecture, public spaces and cultural attractions during the organized sightseeing programme.

The city is known for its hospitality, diverse cuisine, historic neighbourhoods, riverside promenades and lively atmosphere.

Participants are encouraged to use their free time to discover Belgrade and experience Serbian culture and hospitality.

IMPORTANT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

All participants are kindly requested to:

- Keep their travel information up to date through the official conference webpage
- Check the official conference agenda regularly
- Join the official conference WhatsApp group
- Check the Conference Information Desk for important announcements

- Follow the instructions of the organizing team regarding airport transfers
- Allow sufficient time for scheduled transfers
- Bring appropriate clothing for November weather
- Arrange individual travel insurance before travelling
- Check mobile roaming conditions with their operator before departure
- Carry appropriate identification and travel documents throughout the journey

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE WEBPAGE

The official conference webpage will provide essential information for participants, including travel information, conference updates, programme information and other important announcements.

Official Conference Website: <https://soee2026belgrade.org/>

Participants are encouraged to check the official webpage regularly before travelling to Belgrade.

CONTACT AND PARTICIPANT SUPPORT

For questions relating to the conference programme, travel arrangements, accommodation, airport transfers and other organizational matters, participants may contact the organizing team.

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During the conference, participants may also contact the organizing team directly through:

Conference Information Desk Crowne Plaza Belgrade – Hotel Lobby and
Official Conference WhatsApp Group

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