



**POLICY &
DEVELOPMENT
HUB**

Policy & Development Hubs

Istanbul, Türkiye
3-5 June 2026

Participant Information Guide



EPYLG
LEGACY INITIATIVE



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WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

Dear All,

The European Paralympic Committee welcomes you all to the Policies & Development Hubs.

The involvement of all EPC associates in this event is of extreme importance, launching a base understanding concerning our movement, the path to development and strengthen relations between all NPCs and sport organizations.

Your engagement in this event is of most importance, not only for a network opportunity and shared knowledge, experiences and good practices, but mainly for the development and alignment of a transnational agreement, with align measures, for the development of Parasport within the framework of social policies for the full participation of citizens with disabilities.

A clear and strength position from our movement towards the EU and CE umbrella organizations, will result in a proper dissemination at the European level.

It is imperative to discuss our regional needs, options, transnational cooperation, standards, international regulation, and public funding mechanisms, from governments to the national Paralympic organizations, based on the premise of equal opportunities across all European territories.

Join us in this Legacy Initiative!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Turkish National Paralympic Committee, we are delighted to welcome you to Istanbul for this important gathering.

Hosting this event in Istanbul is highly meaningful for us, not only as a reflection of Türkiye's growing commitment to the Paralympic Movement, but also as an important contribution to the development of inclusive and sustainable national sports policies. Bringing together key stakeholders here provides a valuable opportunity to strengthen cooperation, exchange knowledge and support the wider integration of Para sport into sport and education systems.

Following the European Para Youth Games hosted in Türkiye in 2025, we remain strongly committed to ensuring that the legacy of the Games continues to create lasting impact. We believe that the work carried out under the EPYG Legacy Initiative will play an important role in expanding opportunities for young people with disabilities and in promoting a more inclusive sporting culture across Türkiye and Europe.

We are proud to host you in Istanbul and look forward to productive discussions and meaningful outcomes.



**Raymon
BLONDEL**

*President of
the European
Paralympic
Committee*



**Murat
AKSU**

*President of
the Turkish
National
Paralympic
Committee*



ABOUT THE EPYG LEGACY INITIATIVE

The **EPYG Legacy Initiative** has been developed by the European Paralympic Committee to ensure that the impact of the European Para Youth Games extends beyond competition and contributes to long-term inclusive Para sport development across Europe.



FOUR PILLARS



ABOUT THE POLICY & DEVELOPMENT HUBS

The **Hubs** bring together National Paralympic Committees, policymakers, education stakeholders, and sport organizations to strengthen governance, inclusion, cooperation, and sustainable development pathways for Para sport across Europe.

EVENT AT A GLANCE

INFORMATION	DETAILS
Venue	Mercure Istanbul Bomonti
Working Language	English
Arrival Day	2 June
Departure Day	6 June
Dress Code	Smart Business Casual

EVENING DRESS CODES

Cocktail Dinner: Elegant casual | **Legacy Dinner :** Formal/elegant attire



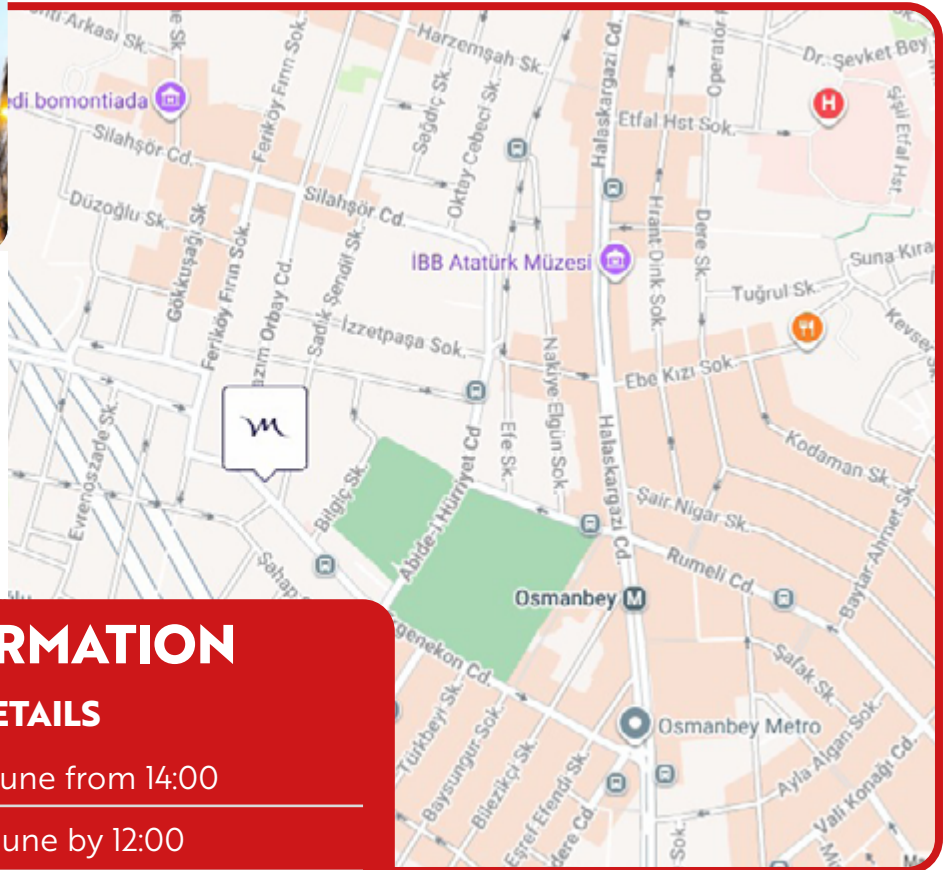
VENUE, TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

VENUE & ACCOMMODATION



Mercure Istanbul Bomonti Hotel

Cumhuriyet Mah. Ergenekon Caddesi No 62 A
Bomonti Sisli,
34377 İstanbul,
Türkiye



HOTEL INFORMATION

INFORMATION	DETAILS
Check-in	2 June from 14:00
Check-out	6 June by 12:00
Breakfast	Included
Wi-Fi	Available throughout hotel
Accessibility	Wheelchair accessible

IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please **check visa and passport requirements** before travel.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

Participants requiring accessibility support should contact the organizers in advance.

TRAVEL TO ISTANBUL

RECOMMENDED AIRPORT

Istanbul Airport (IST)

TRANSPORT OPTIONS

Option	Time
• Taxi	35–60 min
• Metro	60–80 min
• Havaist Shuttle	70–100 min



DETAILED PROGRAMME

2 JUNE

Arrival Day

Participant arrivals and hotel check-in.

3 JUNE

Day 1

Time

Session

09:00–09:30

Accreditation

09:30–10:00

Reception & Welcome

10:00–11:00

Law & Governance Hub – Rights, Duties & Regulations

11:00–12:30

Interactive Workshop Session

12:45–13:45

Lunch

14:00–15:00

Sports & Pedagogy Hub

15:00–16:30

Interactive Workshop Session

19:00 onwards

Cocktail Networking Dinner

4 JUNE

Day 2

Time

Session

10:00–11:00

Inclusion Initiatives & Funding Hub

11:00–12:30

Interactive Workshop Session

12:45–13:45

Lunch

14:30–17:30

Beyond the Meeting Room- Active Talk Session

19:00 onwards

Legacy Dinner

5 JUNE

Final Day

Time

Session

10:00–11:00

Empowerment Hub

11:00–12:30

Interactive Workshop Session

12:45–13:45

Lunch

14:00–15:00

Inclusion Policies in the European Union Hub

15:00–16:30

Interactive Workshop Session

16:30–17:00

Final Remarks & Official Closure

6 JUNE

Departure
Day

Check-out and departures.



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION & PRACTICAL GUIDE

PARTICIPANT PREPARATION

PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:

Review national
Para sport
structures and
policies

Reflect on
governance,
funding and
inclusion
challenges

Share national
good practices
and experiences

Prepare ideas
for future
cooperation
and legacy
development

SUGGESTED READING

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GENERAL ENQUIRIES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION