Pope Francis visits Geneva
21 JUNE 2018

MEDIA KIT FOR PALEXPO MEDIA CENTRE

This media advisory is intended to provide information about media services around the visit of the Pope to Geneva.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Pope will be visiting Geneva, Switzerland on 21 June 2018 as the World Council of Churches is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2018.

- The event will take place at the WCC in Geneva, Château de Bossey, and Palexpo Hall.

- The Mass will take place in Palexpo Hall at 17:30 local time. A Press Center is available to all accredited media as of 10:00 am local time.

- Updates will be posted on the Eurovision website www.eurovision.net. You can also follow updates on twitter @EVspecialevents.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

- Applications for accreditation must be made online: https://www.oikoumene.org/en/papal-visit/media-accreditation
Applications for accreditation must be submitted online before 18h00 (Geneva local time) on 31 May 2018. Questions can be directed to Media@wcc-coe.org

A specific media pass will be delivered to all accredited media. Your usual permanent press pass will NOT authorize access during the visit.

Late applications will be treated on a case by case basis and, due to security constraints, will be limited to a strict minimum. They may be unsuccessful.

Media passes will not be mailed to applicants and will be delivered up in person upon presentation of a valid photo identification and a valid national press card (or accreditation letter from a recognised media organisation).

Media representatives are informed that security personnel will examine and may test equipment and personal effects carried onto the site and are advised to arrive with sufficient lead time to clear security checks.

Organisers reserve the right to deny or withdraw accreditation of media representatives from media organizations who abuse the privileges or put the accreditation to improper use or act in a way not consistent with the principles of the organization.
THE MEDIA PROGRAMME

21 June 2018 – Program (all times local)

08:30  Departure from Rome Fiumicino Airport for Geneva
10:10  Arrival at the Geneva International Airport
       Arrival ceremony
       Private meeting with the president of the Swiss confederation
       (in a room at the airport)
11:15  Ecumenical prayer in the Ecumenical Center WCC – Papal Homily
       Lunch with the WCC leadership in the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey
15:45  Ecumenical meeting in the Ecumenical Center WCC – Papal speech
17:00  HOLY MASS in the Palexpo – Papal Homily
       Official farewell
20:00  Departure from the Geneva International Airport for Ciampino Rome Airport
21:40  Arrival at Ciampino Airport in Rome

• The official programme is expected to start in the morning of 21 June 2018 and end late evening the same day. All media access to the venues will be on presentation of accreditation only.

• A handbook detailing pool positions and timings will be available to accredited media who have booked their space newsoperations@eurovision.net.

• Events will be retransmitted live to the media centre, on satellite and on the web. It is imperative to book your Pool drop on site by stating interest at newsoperations@eurovision.net.

• Delegations are to be contacted directly for programme details.

THE PALEXPO MEDIA CENTRE

• Doors open at 10:00. All media covering the mass should arrive before 16:00.

• The Media Centre will include a filing area for 20 workspaces with pool access, a video studio, a broadcast centre with bookable indoor stand up positions with a view on the crowd & stage and a parking for satellite trucks. newsoperations@eurovision.net
• Connectivity: Wifi will be available to accredited media at the media centre.

• Telecom bookings. Internet and power will be available inside the Palexpo Hall. For booking telephone lines: Frédéric Schneider frederic.schneider@palexpo.ch

• Access by Satellite and SNG Trucks:
  - Duly accredited media representatives can park SNGs on 20 June at 15:00 and not later than 17:00
  - Satellite van accessibility and security procedures need to be completed on June 15. Arrivals need to be announced by contacting the TV/Radio office here: newsoperations@eurovision.net

**TV & RADIO POOL SIGNAL**

• Starting 10:00 am local time, Host Broadcast operations will deliver a high quality HD/SDI signal to the media centre for all media events on 21 June, free of charge. The feed will be available in the media centre without added graphics or text inserts. The live programme signal will also be aired on Closed Circuit TV screens throughout the media centre and via the diocese Website.

• The feed will carry all live events, the delayed replay of any simultaneous event, and WCC feature video content.

• WCC/DIOCESE/DFAE will provide live and delayed transmission via satellite and online streaming of all media events.

• The Eurovision WorldLink platform will be the repository for all available video footage, https://www.eurovision.net/worldlink

• VACTV recorded material which will be distributed as available via Eurovision workspaces and included in pool signal as possible
TELEVISION & RADIO INCLUDING EBU SUPPORT

- The Media Centre includes workspaces for television and for radio. Each workspace is equipped for 2 people with wired internet, wifi.

- Upon booking equipped with primary feed (BNC termination) switched permanently to the programme signal. The format of the programme signal will be as origin, HD1080/50i with embedded audio & translation channels when available.

- EBU/Eurovision is a long-standing partner of the DFAE/Diocese and stands ready to support television and radio operators with high-end broadcast services.

- Eurovision will also provide comprehensive broadcast facilities for its television clients, including live stand-up positions for live programme inserts, tape play out in multiple formats, tailor made production and transmission packages and multi-signal distribution of Host TV video and audio signals.

- Reservation of workspaces on a first-come first serve basis can be done at no here: newsoperations@eurovision.net for video pool or to radio-ops@ebu.ch if you require audio pool. The DIOCESE reserves the right to arbitrate between competing requests on the basis of reach and balance.

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- Clips from the pool coverage will be available on the audio content exchange platform http://euroradionews.ebu.ch. Please email radio-ops@ebu.ch for a login.

- Streaming: the audio version of the Mass will be streamed here http://m2m.ebu.ch/lennon.mp3
STAND-UP POSITIONS, TELEVISION & RADIO STUDIO

- Indoor stand-up positions will be available for television. These positions need to be reserved in advance.

- Broadcasters who expect to require shorter time slots for live pieces to camera can book fully equipped space at defined rates via Eurovision (newsoperations@eurovision.net)

- Broadcasters who need to park SNG vehicles will be given access to the open-sky car park at the media centre. Cables connecting reserved stand-up positions to own accredited satellite vans must be done by the network concerned no later than 8 a.m. on June 15. Satellite vans can have access to electrical power and Pool signal. Prior notification of cabling plans and schedule must be made in writing no later than 15 June. Power, Telephone lines and Cabled pool at the SNG park are subject to a fee.

- For more details contact Eurovision at: newsoperations@eurovision.net

- A fully equipped TV & RADIO studio wired for live transmission is also available. Bookings can be made here for TV studio: newsoperations@eurovision.net and radio studios are bookable via radio-ops@ebu.ch

FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT

You are invited to register your frequencies for the following event by 15.06.2018:
Please click on the link below to register your frequencies:
https://www.pmse-db.ch/EventRegistration/RegisterLink?parentId=526

Please click on the link below if you will not be using radio equipment / are not attending this event:
https://www.pmse-db.ch/EventAdministration/NoFrequenciesNotAttendingLink?eventInvitationId=8747

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