



Jan Oddvar Skisland, Mayor of Kristiansand (Photo credit: Svein Tybakken)

A European Conference

on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the European Convention of Human Rights

Kristiansand, 5th May 2020, at 09:30 CET

The respect for democracy, human rights and fundamental values has come under pressure in many countries. The corona crisis has added to this situation. The European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights are cornerstones of trust and confidence for our citizens in uncertain times. The Council of Europe is committed to defending and upholding the Convention and the Court. In this connection, the Council of Europe has stressed the importance also of local initiatives to support the respect for human rights.

The City of Kristiansand has decided to take on this responsibility. On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the European Convention of Human Rights we will organize an international conference to celebrate and draw attention to the importance of the Convention and the Court. The conference will take place on the European Day, 5th May 2020 in a digital format.

We are very pleased that the President of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, will deliver an Anniversary Address at the opening. Fmr. SG of the Council of Europe and fmr. PM of Norway, Thorbjørn Jagland, fmr. PM of Sweden Carl Bildt, Vice President Ingjerd Schou of the Norwegian Parliament and other leading European and national, as well as local personalities will contribute.

The conference will use Microsoft Teams as a platform for the conference. Kristiansand municipality has published [an article on the occasion of the event](#) in Norwegian. The streaming takes place at Kilden Performing Arts Centre.



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[For the complete programme, please click here.](#)

[For registration link to the conference, please click here.](#) The conference is free of charge.

If you have any questions on how to attend, please don't hesitate to email or call!

Best regards,

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