



MEDIA ADVISORY

8TH EUROPEAN POLITICAL COMMUNITY SUMMIT

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
4 MAY, 2026 YEREVAN

1. EPC SUMMIT VENUE

On 4th May 2026 the Republic of Armenia will host the 8th Summit of the European Political Community under the motto "Building the Future: Unity and Stability in Europe."

The Summit will take place at Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex. It is Armenia's largest multipurpose sports and cultural venue.

The Press centre is located at the premises of the Complex and is open on 4th May.

Armenian Public Television, supported by the European Broadcasting Union, is the official Host broadcaster of the Summit.

This Media Advisory provides information on accredited media access to different moments of the EPC Summit.



2. BADGE COLLECTION

A media badge is required to enter the premises of the Summit on 4th May.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia is the main point for badge collection. All journalists can collect their badges during 1-3 May at the entrance of the Ministry.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is situated at the address: **Government House #2, Vazgen Sargsyan 3, Yerevan 0010, Republic of Armenia.**

Journalists, who arrive late in the Republic of Armenia on 3rd May and do not manage to collect their badge during the opening hours of the Ministry, will have the opportunity to collect their badge on 4th May at 05:00-06:00 a.m.

1-3 May	MFA of Armenia	10:00 – 16:00
4 May	MFA of Armenia	05:00 – 06:00
Summit Venue:	Badges will only be issued to accredited journalists with lost badges and journalists arriving with delegations.	

3. LOST BADGES

- Journalists who lose their badge before the Summit or have identified mistakes in their badges should report it immediately to media.epcyerevan2026@gov.am with the message title “Lost badge for EPC Summit – (First Name, Last Name).”
- In case the badge loss was reported in advance, journalists can collect the new badge at the MFA of Armenia between 05:00 - 06:00 a.m. on 4th May.
- In case badge loss was reported the night before or on the day of the Summit, the accredited journalist will be allowed to board the shuttle buses and collect the new badge at the Summit Venue.

4. PRESS CENTRE

The Press Centre with a capacity of 600 seated workspaces will be available for journalists to work while they cover the event. It will offer open-plan workspaces with table and chairs, access to power and to Wi-Fi. The Centre includes also 10 editing booths. Spaces cannot be reserved and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Press conference halls

There are three press conference halls. Two, with a capacity of 100 seats, will host the main and national press conferences. The third one, with a capacity of 60 seats, can also host interviews.

Prohibited objects at the Press Centre

The Summit Venue is under high security. Upon arrival at the Summit Venue, all accredited journalists will undergo security control. Possession of any sharp objects, glass, liquids, flammable, toxic substances or explosives, weapons or sprays will be prohibited.

Reaching and leaving the Summit Venue on 4th May

Organized transportation to the Summit venue will be provided to all accredited journalists on 4th May. The shuttle busses will leave from the Shahumian Square, near the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, to the Summit venue.

The buses will leave for the Summit Venue at 06:00, 06:30 and 07:00 a.m. The ride is approximately 15 minutes.

To take the shuttle bus, journalists are advised to prepare their EPC Summit media badge and their ID ahead of time.

Journalists are advised to reach the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by taxi or by transportation provided by their respective embassies.

Departure from the Summit venue will also be organized by shuttle buses. Journalists will be informed of the shuttle bus departure times at the Press Centre.

Please note that arrival at the Ministry after 07:00 a.m. will be equal to missing the Summit. For security reasons, no alternative transportation options of reaching the Summit will be available or possible. Please make the necessary travel arrangements to reach the Ministry on time.

5. MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Accredited media will have the following access to the moments of the EPC Summit:

Dinner of 3rd May

The dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Vahagn Khachaturyan, President of the Republic of Armenia, and H.E. Mr. Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, in honor of the Heads of State or Government (HoD; Head of State or Government) participating in the European Political Community Summit will be covered exclusively by host photographers (only welcoming photos). The photographs of HoDs will be shared with each delegation through their respective DLO.

Arrivals

Participating delegations will arrive at Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex between 09:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The HoD will arrive in the motorcade at the main entrance of the Complex.

Media attendance

The arrivals will be covered by the host broadcaster using multiple camera angles. Following their arrival, the HoDs will proceed along the red carpet to the doorstep area, where they will have the opportunity to make press statements.

All accredited media will have access to the arrival and doorstep areas.

Handshakes

H.E. Mr. Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, will welcome HoDs on the red carpet at the entrance hall of the Complex. During that time, in the case of an official photographer being present, they will need to stay out of the host camera view.

After a brief exchange of greetings, both sides will position themselves facing the official photographers.

After the handshake, the HoDs will continue their journey on the red carpet towards the Waiting Room.

Arrivals and handshakes will be covered by the Host Broadcaster, which will provide a live coverage/camera spray of the opening ceremony. All broadcasted moments will also be available on the EBU "NewsDirect" platform (See ANNEX 1).

Media attendance

Only official photographers and cameramen will have access to the handshake moments.

Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony will start at 10:45 a.m. and last until 11:15 a.m.

Media attendance

Given the space, only host photographers will be able to take photos at the beginning of the opening ceremony. The photographs will be made available on the official website and on the Flickr page of the Summit.

The segment will be covered by the Host Broadcaster, which will provide a live coverage/camera spray of the opening ceremony.

Please note that no videographer besides the Host Broadcaster will have access to the opening ceremony.

Family photo

A family photo will follow the opening ceremony.

Media attendance

A family photo will take place in the same hall. Access to this segment will be restricted to official photographers only.

All official photographers are requested to be near the entrance of the opening ceremony hall at approximately 11:00 a.m. to ensure timely access for the family photo, upon instruction from the EPC Yerevan Media Team.

The Host Broadcaster will provide live video coverage of the family photo.

Please note that no videographer besides the Host Broadcaster will have access to the family photo.

Plenary session

Following the family photo, the plenary session will begin. The segment will be covered by the Host Broadcaster. Only official photographers will be able to take photos at the beginning of the plenary session.

Bilateral and multilateral meetings

It is expected that during the buffet lunch and after the roundtables the HoDs will hold bilateral and other-format meetings.

Media attendance

Official photographers and cameramen of the HoDs will have access to these meetings. Access to delegation photographers and videographers accredited as media will be granted on per-request basis. It will be the responsibility of the national delegations hosting the meetings to agree media access.

The Host Broadcaster will not cover bilateral meetings, as the coverage is to the discretion of the participating delegations.

Roundtables

Media attendance

The roundtables will not be covered by media.

Closing Plenary Session

Following bilateral and multilateral meetings, the closing plenary session will take place.

Joint Press Statement

A joint Press Statement will be held by H.E. Mr. Nikol Pashinyan, Prime Minister of Armenia, H.E. Mr. António Costa, President of the European Council, H.E. Mr. Micheál Martin, Taoiseach of Ireland. It is scheduled between 16:30 and 17:00.

Media attendance

All accredited media are welcome to attend and cover the Press Statement. Some spaces will be provided on a pool basis to international outlets. Remaining spaces will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other media will be able to follow the main press conference via a livestream from the Host Broadcaster.

The Host Broadcaster will provide live coverage of the joint press statement. It will be broadcast via satellite and will be available on the EBU “NewsDirect” platform.

Joint cancellation of postage stamp

After the joint press statement, a joint cancellation of postage stamp will follow in the same hall which will be also broadcast via satellite and will be available on the EBU “NewsDirect” platform.

National press conferences

The national press conferences can take place before or after the main press statement.

The first schedule of press conferences will be confirmed in due course.

Media Attendance

Media attendance at the national press conferences will be determined by the national delegation hosting each press conference.

It is the responsibility of the respective national delegation to provide coverage of its press conference.

6. ACCESS TO HOST COVERAGE






Access to Host Coverage Host coverage will be available in 1080i50.

- On-site: Local distribution of the host coverage will be available in the Press Centre.
- Digital distribution: Full events and clips of the Host coverage will be available for download on the EBU's "Newsdirect" platform. Registration is required for security purposes, but free and easy. The footage from the Host Broadcaster is available for free to all media on this platform.
- Satellite: Distribution of the host coverage will be made available via the European Broadcasting Union (EBU). Please contact the EBU for signal distribution.

7. SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF THE SUMMIT

All the information dedicated to the 8th EPC Summit can be found on the official website of the event: <https://epcyerevan2026.am/>.

Additional information can be found on the 8th EPC Summit official social media accounts:

-  EPCArmenia
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Official live announcements will be posted in the lead-up to the Summit date.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact for delegations
Other media inquiries

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9. OTHER INFORMATION

Detailed information regarding press accreditation, badge collection, media workspaces before the Summit, reaching the Summit Venue, and others can be found in [the Media Guide](#) published on the official website of the 8th EPC Summit.

ANNEX 1. How to download broadcasted media

Access & Login

<https://newsdirect.ebu.ch/>

“NewsDirect” Authentication Methods

1. Click on Sign in

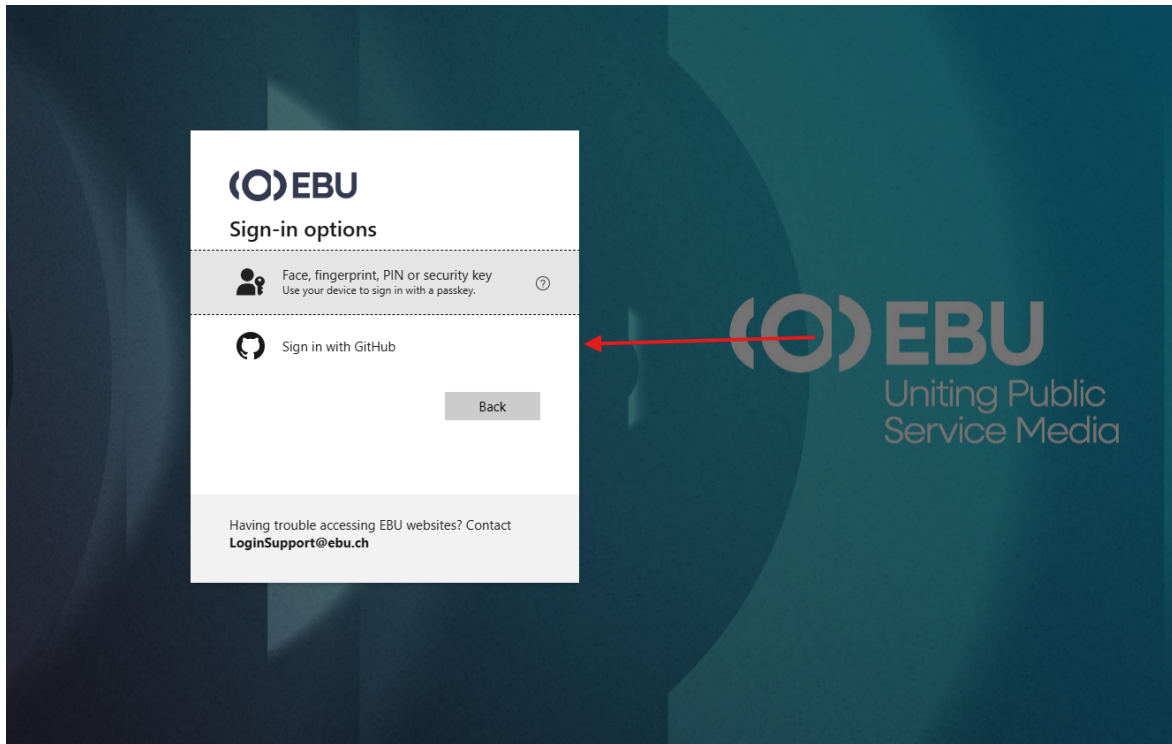
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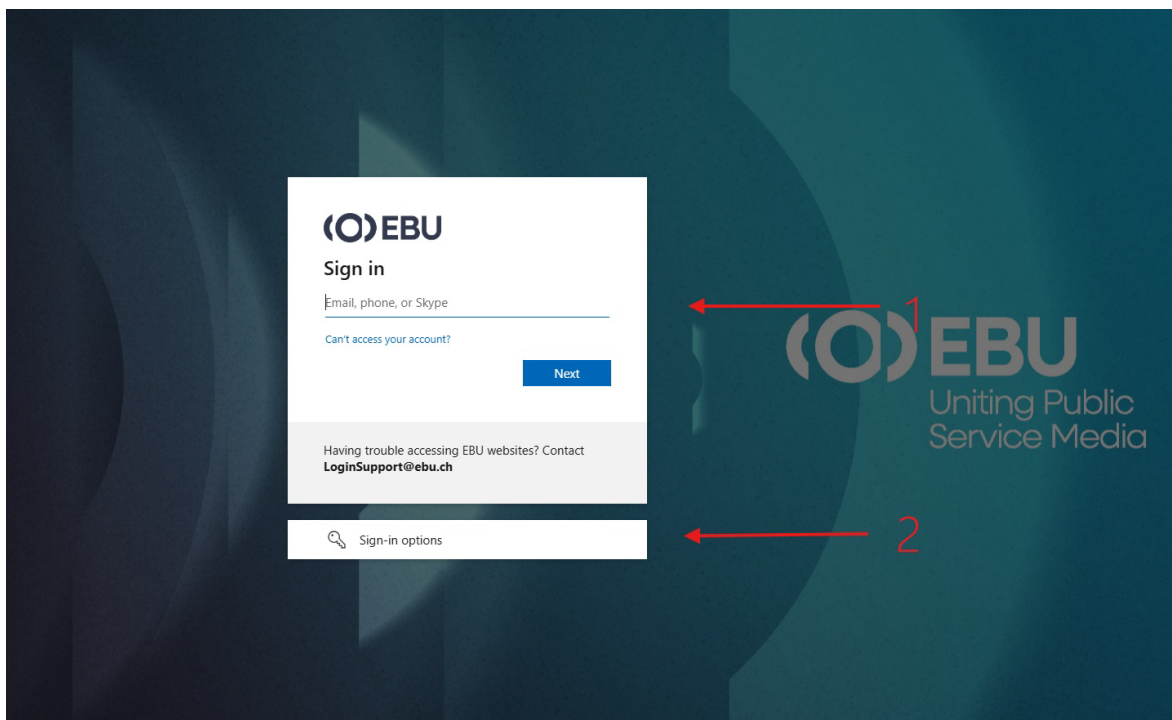
Log in to your Moments Lab account



2. If you have an account, follow step 1. Should you not have an account, follow step 2 and click on Sign-in options.



3. Choose sign in with Github option.



4. Follow step 1 if you want to sign in with Google and Step 2, if you want to sign in with Apple.

The image shows the GitHub sign-in page. At the top, there is a GitHub logo and the text "Sign in to GitHub to continue to Microsoft-Corporation". Below this are two input fields: "Username or email address" and "Password". A "Forgot password?" link is next to the password field. A green "Sign in" button is below the fields. Below the "Sign in" button is the word "or". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Continue with Google" and "Continue with Apple". Red arrows with numbers 1 and 2 point to these buttons respectively.

5. Choose your username, choose your country/region and then click on create account.

The image shows the GitHub sign-up page. At the top right, it says "Already have an account? [Sign in](#)". Below this is the heading "Sign up for GitHub". There are three input fields: "Email", "Username", and "Your Country/Region". The "Email" field has a red arrow with the number 1 pointing to it. The "Username" field has a red arrow with the number 2 pointing to it. The "Your Country/Region" field has a red arrow with the number 3 pointing to it. Below these fields is a checkbox for "Email preferences" with the text "Receive occasional product updates and announcements". At the bottom, there is a black "Create account" button with a red arrow pointing to it. Below the button, there is a small disclaimer: "By creating an account, you agree to the [Terms of Service](#). For more information about GitHub's privacy practices, see the [GitHub Privacy Statement](#). We'll occasionally send you account-related emails."

After creating an account and signing in to "Newsdirect", click on "News Events" and select the event you want. Then choose the content you wish to download. You can download the full content or select specific moments.

It is strongly recommended to create your "NewsDirect" account prior to the day of the Summit.