



Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised draft agenda

This draft agenda, addressed to full members of the Committee and their alternates,
is the convocation to the meeting.

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of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, on:

- ~~Monday 9 October 2023, from 13:00 to 14:00, room 9~~
- Tuesday 10 October 2023, from 9:30 to 10:30, room 8
- Tuesday 10 October 2023, from 10:30 to 12:30, joint meeting with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, room 9
- Wednesday 11 October 2023, from 10:30 to 12:30 room 5
- Thursday 12 October 2023, from 8:30 to 10:30, room 11

Tuesday 10 October 2023, from 9:30 to 10:30, room 8

1. **Debate under urgent procedure: Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe**
Rapporteur: Mr Iulian Bulai, Romania, ALDE
[AS/Pol (2023) 30]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a preliminary draft resolution

2. **Democracy**
[AS/Pol (2023) 31]

Approval of the terms of reference of a general rapporteur on democracy

3. **Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the conference on the Western Balkans**
[Programme, Practical Information, List of members]

Information on the meeting of the ad hoc sub-committee (Skopje, 20 October 2023)

Tuesday 10 October 2023, from 10:30 to 12:30, joint meeting with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, room 9 (open to the public)

Dialogue with the representatives of the Russian democratic forces sharing Council of Europe values, follow-up to Assembly [Resolutions 2433 \(2022\)](#) and [2473 \(2022\)](#)¹

- Statement by Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Hearing with representatives of Russian democratic opposition forces, with the participation of:
 - Ms Natalia Arno, President of the Free Russia Foundation
 - Mr Gennady Gudkov, former member of the Duma, Chairman of "For a Free Russia"
 - Mr Sergei Guriev, Russian Anti-War Committee, True Russia Project
 - Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of jailed Russian opposition leader and 2022 Václav Havel Prize laureate Vladimir Kara-Murza
 - Mr Mikhail Khodorkovsky, Russian Anti-War Committee, Russian Action Committee (online)
 - Ms Ekaterina Shulman, political scientist, academic and commentator

Wednesday 11 October 2023, from 10:30 to 12:30, room 5

4. Call for a national political reform process in Belarus

Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC

- Dialogue with Belarusian democratic forces with the participation of:
 - Ms Tatyana Kovalyonok, Razam Party
 - Ms Volha Aleinik, International Secretary, Belarusian Christian Democracy Organising Committee
 - Mr Ihar Barysau, Chairman, Belarusian Social Democratic Party "Hramada"
- Statement by Ms Tatyana Marynich, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Co-ordination Council
- Setting up an ad hoc sub-committee to participate in the Helsinki Dialogue [Letter, Programme]

5. Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe?

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC

Statement by the rapporteur

¹ In its [Resolution 2433 \(2022\)](#) "Consequences of the Russian Federation's continued aggression against Ukraine: role and response of the Council of Europe", the Assembly resolved "to intensify its engagement with Belarusian and Russian civil society, human rights defenders, independent journalists, academia and democratic forces respecting the values and principles of the Organisation, including the territorial integrity of sovereign member States" (paragraph 18.2). Subsequently, in its [Resolution 2473 \(2022\)](#) "Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture", the Assembly called on Council of Europe member States to "consider new initiatives to support Russian human rights defenders, democratic forces, free media and independent civil society that respect the values and principles of the Council of Europe, including the territorial integrity of sovereign member States" (paragraph 15.7).

6. Work programme
[AS/Pol (2023) WP 07]

6.1. Appointment of rapporteurs for reports and for opinion

- Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement [[Doc. 15758](#)]
- Establishment of an Order of the European solidarities [[Doc. 15770](#)]
- Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine [Bureau decision]
- The role of youth in revitalising democracy (for opinion) [[Doc.15756](#)]
Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE

6.2. Call for candidates for report

- Shaping the Parliamentary Assembly's relations with the United Nations Human Rights Council [[Doc. 15807](#)]
- Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic [[Doc. 15810](#)]
- The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy [[Doc. 15812](#)]
- Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe [[Doc. 15605](#)]

Thursday 12 October 2023, from 8:30 to 10:30, room 11

7. Debate under urgent procedure: Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe

Rapporteur: Rapporteur: Mr Iulian Bulai, Romania, ALDE
[Doc. , Amendments]

Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 11 October 2023, 14:30
Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 12 October 2023

8. The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace

Rapporteur: Ms Lesia Vasylenko, Ukraine, ALDE
[[Doc. 15821](#); [Doc. 15824](#); Amendments]

Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation

Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 11 October 2023, 14:30
Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 12 October 2023

9. Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine

Rapporteur: Mr Lulzim Basha, Albania, EPP/CD
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Consideration of an outline report

10. The situation in Iran

Rapporteur: Mr Max Lucks, Germany, SOC
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Consideration of an outline report

11. Work programme (cont'd)

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11.2. Appointments

- Seminar of the Venice Commission on the stability of electoral law
3 November 2023, Barcelona (Spain)
- 105th Rose-Roth Seminar of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on "Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Western Balkans in a volatile international security environment"
14-16 November 2023, Sarajevo
- Members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on "Money and Democracy: an Uneasy relationship", in co-operation with the Venice Commission [Programme]
7-8 December 2023, Cologne (Germany)
- Members of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on "Democracy=Peace?"
6-8 November 2023, Strasbourg

12. Authorisations by the committee

13. Other business

14. Next meetings

- 20 October 2023, Skopje – ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans
- 12 December 2023, Paris
- 11-12 January 2024, Helsinki – ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Helsinki Dialogue²
- January part-session (22-26 January 2024), Strasbourg
- April part-session (15-19 April 2024), Strasbourg
- June part-session (24-28 June 2024), Strasbourg
- October part-session (30 September to 4 October 2024), Strasbourg

² Subject to the decision by the committee and the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly.