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20 April 2026

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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Meetings to be held in Strasbourg on:

- Monday 20 April 2026, 14:00 – 15:00 (Room 9)
- Tuesday 21 April 2026, 08:30 – 10:00 (Room 9)
- Tuesday 21 April 2026, 14:00 – 15:30 (Room 9)
- Thursday 23 April 2026, 08:30 – 10:00 (Room 9)

Monday 20 April 2026, 14:00 – 15:00

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Monaco on 9-10 March 2026

3. **Baltic Sea security challenges**

Rapporteur: Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC)

[[Doc. 16262](#)]

Hearing with the participation of Mr David O'Sullivan, EU Sanctions Envoy

Tuesday 21 April 2026, 08:30 – 10:00

4. **Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy**

Rapporteur: Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA)

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE)

[[Doc. 16363](#); [Doc. 16382](#); Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 20 April 2026, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 21 April 2026, morning and afternoon sittings

5. Work programme

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5.1. Reply by the Committee of Ministers

[\[Doc. 16288\]](#)

Consideration of the Committee of Ministers reply to Recommendation 2281 (2024) "The need for a renewed rules-based international order"

5.2. Appointment of rapporteurs

- The role of the Council of Europe in the transition to democracy in Venezuela and other Latin American countries ([Doc. 16325](#))
- Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

5.3. Calls for candidates

5.3.1. Rapporteurs for report

- Towards a Euro-Atlantic strategy for the Arctic in support of the rules-based international order ([Doc. 16348](#))
- Peace and security in the emerging global order ([Doc. 16357](#))
- The security of critical infrastructure as a pillar of democratic stability in Europe ([Doc. 16358](#))
- A strong response to the Epstein files: ensuring full transparency and accountability ([Doc. 16381](#))

5.3.2. Rapporteur for opinion

- Journalism in the context of the Israel-Gaza conflict ([Doc. 16204](#))

5.4. Appointment of Committee representatives

- Appointment of a Committee representative to participate in the Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights ([Draft terms of reference](#))
- Appointment of up to three committee representative for the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Black Sea Security Forum (Odessa, Ukraine, 29-31 May 2026), subject to security conditions ([Practical information](#))

Tuesday 21 April 2026, 14:00 – 15:30

6. Situation in the Middle East

Rapporteur: Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)

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Consideration of an outline report

7. Work programme

7.1. Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion

- Journalism in the context of the Israel-Gaza conflict ([Doc. 16204](#))

8. General Rapporteur on Latin America

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Approval of the terms of reference

Thursday 23 April 2026, 08:30 – 10:00

9. Follow-up to Resolution 2637 (2026) Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent

Rapporteur for follow-up: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

[\[Resolution 2637 \(2026\)\]](#)

Statement by the rapporteur for follow-up

10. Reporting back on participation in meetings

Mr Eerik Kross (Estonia, ALDE): Conference "Bridges, Not Borders: Strategies for Engagement with Russian Democrats Amid the War in Ukraine" organised by the Russian Antiwar Committee, Brussels, 2-3 November 2025

Ms Rian Vogels (Netherlands, ALDE): Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe, Venice, 5 March 2026

Ms Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, NR): European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Strasbourg, 17-19 March 2026

11. Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans

[\[Letter\]](#)

Invitation to hold a meeting in Zagreb, in Autumn 2026 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau)

12. Authorisation by the Committee

Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) in his capacity as General Rapporteur on Democracy, to participate in the 17th edition of the EuroPCom – European Public Communication Conference, in Brussels, on 9-10 June 2026 (at no cost to the Assembly)

13. Other business

14. Next meetings

- Wednesday 20 May 2026, Paris
- Third part-session 2026 (22-26 June), Strasbourg
- Tuesday 8 September 2026, Paris
- Fourth part-session 2026 (28 September-2 October), Strasbourg
- Friday 11 December 2026, Paris