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For the attention of the members of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 29 and 30 September and on 1 and 2 October 2025

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 and 30 September and on 1 and 2 October 2025, with first Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson, then with Mr Mehmet Akalin (Turkiye, ALDE), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the chair,

- **Monday 29 September 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Council of Europe Museum Prize**: appointed Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC) as representative of the Committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests; appointed, at no cost to the Assembly, Ms Luz Martínez Seijo to participate in the Jury meeting to be held online in Portimão, Portugal, on 21 November 2025;
 - **Committee work programme**:
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed:
 - Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC) rapporteur on “Upholding our diverse culture, freedom of expression and information by effective enforcement of copyright” ([Doc. 16165](#)),
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC) rapporteur on “Partnerships between culture and education sectors for young people to engage in a democratic society” ([Doc. 16187](#)),
 - Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD) rapporteur on “A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media” ([Doc. 16188](#)),
 - Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) rapporteur on “The erosion of press freedom through violence against journalists in the Middle East” ([Doc. 16204](#)),
 - and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interests;
 - **Other business**: approved the proposal of Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, ECPA), rapporteur for follow-up to PACE Resolution 2550 (2025) and Recommendation 2278 (2025) “[Quality education for children with special education needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalization](#)”, to hold an exchange of views with UNICEF at the next meeting of the Committee to be held in Paris on 1-2 December 2025;
- **Tuesday 30 September 2025 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Other business**: heard a message addressed by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC), on behalf of the Committee, to Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson, on the occasion of her departure from the Assembly;
 - **Journalists matter: the need to step up efforts to liberate Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by the Russian Federation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE; Rapporteur for opinion (Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights): Ms Nadejda Iordanova, Bulgaria, NR*): took position on two amendments to the draft resolution;

- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Motion for a resolution:* decided to table a motion for a resolution, on behalf of the Committee, on “Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative AI”, presented by Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE);
 - *References to the Committee for consultation:* considered the following references:
 - Balancing innovation and regulation: ensuring new technologies serve democracy and human rights (Doc. 16111), and agreed to discuss this topic in the context of its future priorities at its next meeting in Paris;
 - Regulating social networks: a democratic imperative (Doc. 16127), and agreed that no specific follow-up be given to this motion;
 - Advancing a shared European vision through arts and leadership education (Doc. 16132), and agreed that no specific follow-up be given to this motion;
 - The urgent need to ensure the survival of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty (Doc. 16159), and agreed that no specific follow-up be given to this motion;
 - *Appointment of representatives:* appointed, at no cost to the Assembly, Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), in his capacity as substitute of the representative of the Committee to the EUROPA NOSTRA - Pan-European Federation for Heritage, to participate in the European Cultural Heritage Summit 2025, to be held in Brussels, Belgium, from 12 to 15 October 2025;
- **Socialising at schools: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Wednesday 1 October 2025 at 14:45**, as regards:
- **Youth movements for democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): took position on two amendments to the draft resolution and took note that there were no amendments to the draft recommendation;
- **Communication from the Chairperson of the Committee:** was informed about the meeting of the *ad hoc* Committee for the New Democratic Pact to be held on Thursday 2 October from 3 to 4 pm in Room 11, and appointed Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values; Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future; and Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, to attend it;
- **Thursday 2 October 2025 at 8:30**, as regards:
- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Appointment of representatives:* appointed, subject to the availability of funds, Ms Zeynep Yildiz (Türkiye, NR), in her capacity as representative of the Committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), to participate in the ECRI 2025 Annual Seminar, to be held in Strasbourg, on 23 and 24 October 2025;
- **Draft Council of Europe Convention on the Co-production of Audiovisual Works in the form of Series** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): took note that there were no amendments to the draft opinion of the Assembly on the draft convention;
- **Other business:** heard a message addressed by the 1st Vice-Chairperson, on behalf of the Committee, to Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), on the occasion of his departure from the Assembly;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meeting as follows:
 - Paris, 1-2 December 2025;
- **Thursday 2 October 2025 at 14:15**, as regards:
- **Eliminating gender stereotypes in the media** (*Rapporteur (Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination): Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE; Rapporteur for opinion (Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media): Mr Benjamin Dalle, Belgium, EPP/CD*): held a hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, with the participation of Mr Gilles Fontaine, Head of the Department for Market Information, and Ms Agnes Schneeberger, TV and VOD Markets Analyst, Department for Market Information, European Audiovisual Observatory, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe; and Ms Anne Richardson, Senior Project Manager for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, European Broadcasting Union (EBU) (online).

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