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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 Paris on 1 and 2 December 2025

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Paris on 1 and 2 December 2025, with first Mr Kim Valentin (Danmark, ALDE), Chairperson of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, then with Mr Mehmet Akalin (Türkiye, ALDE), First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, in the chair,

- **Monday 1 December 2025 at 9:00**, as regards:
 - **Communication from the Chairperson of the Committee:** was informed that, as from January 2026, Ms Tatiana Termacic will take on the role of Head of the Committee Secretariat;
 - **Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE; Rapporteur for opinion, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Ms Gala Veldhoen, Netherlands, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;
 - **Committee work programme:**
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE) rapporteur on “Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence” ([Doc. 16275](#)), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - *Reporting back:* heard Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, on her participation as panellist in the MFRR Summit 2025 (European Centre for Press and Media Freedom), held in Brussels, Belgium, on 13 October 2025;
 - **Media freedom in sport** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;
 - **Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport:** held a meeting of the Parliamentary Alliance (see the synopsis hereafter);
 - **Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace** (*Rapporteur for follow-up: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): in the framework of the follow-up to the Assembly [Resolution 2558 \(2024\)](#) and [Recommendation 2280 \(2024\)](#), held an exchange of views with Ms Tetyana Berezchna, Deputy Prime Minister for Humanitarian policy of Ukraine, Minister of Culture (online); Ms Chiara Dezzi Bardeschi, Head of the UNESCO Office in Ukraine; and Ms Kristin Hausler, Chairperson of the Committee on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Armed Conflict, International Law Association (ILA), London;
 - **Socialising at schools: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): agreed to change the title of the report to “Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values”; considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
 - **Upholding our diverse culture, freedom of expression and information by effective enforcement of copyright** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): considered an information

memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Karen Rønne, CEO, Danish Press Publications' CMO (DPCMO) (online);

– **Committee work programme:**

- *Call for candidates for rapporteurs for opinion:* made a call for rapporteurs for opinion, to be appointed at the next meeting, on:
 - Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan ([Doc. 15521](#)), to replace Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC): noted Mr Andries Gryffroy's (Belgium, ALDE), interest;
 - Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies ([Doc. 16062](#)), to replace Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC): noted Baroness Ruth Hunt's (United Kingdom, SOC) interest;
- *Extension of references:* decided to ask the Bureau for the extension until 31 December 2026 of the reference "Preserving European rural culture and heritage" ([Doc. 15974](#)) (Rapporteur: Ms Zeynep Yildiz, Türkiye, NR);
- *Reporting back:* heard:
 - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), substitute of the representative of the Committee to the EUROPA NOSTRA - Pan-European Federation for Heritage, on his participation in the European Cultural Heritage Summit 2025, held in Brussels, Belgium, from 12 to 15 October 2025;
 - Ms Zeynep Yildiz (Türkiye, NR), representative of the Committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), on her participation in the ECRI 2025 Annual Seminar, held in Strasbourg on 23 and 24 October 2025;
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), rapporteur for follow-up on "Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship", on her participation as panellist in the plenary session of the World Forum for Democracy, held in Strasbourg on 7 November 2025;
- *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 99th Plenary meeting, to be held in Strasbourg from 3 to 5 December 2025;
 - at no cost to the Assembly: Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), rapporteur for follow-up on "The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue", to participate online in the meeting of the reflection group on "Thematic representativeness of cultural routes of the Council of Europe", to be held in Paris on 15 and 16 December 2025;

• **Tuesday 2 December at 9:00**, as regards:

- **Quality education for children with special education needs: challenges of the pandemic, war and digitalisation** (*Rapporteur for follow-up: Mr Pavlo Sushko, Ukraine, ECPA*): in the framework of the follow-up to the Assembly [Resolution 2550 \(2024\)](#) and [Recommendation 2278 \(2024\)](#), held an exchange of views with Mr Munir Mammadzade, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) representative to Ukraine; Ms Iryna Volokhai, parent of a child with special education needs; and Mr Serhii Pozniakov, Graduate of the Kharkiv Special School, connected online from Ukraine;
- **The role of youth in revitalising democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE; Rapporteur for opinion, Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Elisabetta Gardini, Italy, ECPA*): in the absence of the rapporteur, heard a request presented on her behalf by Mr Armen Rustamyan (Armenia, SOC) and agreed to change the title of the report to "Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility"; held an exchange of views with Mr Bram Dewolfs, President of Urban Foxes – Peacemakers and Urban Pedagogy, Brussels; considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize** (*Representative of the Committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Mathieu Viau-Courville, member of the Jury for the Museum Prize, Luxembourg, and decided to award the 2026 Museum Prize to Young Victoria & Albert Museum, United Kingdom;

- **Communication from the Chairperson of the Committee:** heard a message addressed by the 1st Vice-Chairperson, on behalf of the Committee, to Ms Louise Barton, Director of the Human Dignity and Sustainable Development Directorate Committees, and Acting Head of the Secretariat of the Committee in 2025;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 26 – 30 January 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 12 March 2026,
 - Strasbourg, 20 – 24 April 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - 1 – 2 June 2026 (place and dates tbc),
 - Strasbourg, 22 – 26 June 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 11 September 2026 (tbc),
 - Strasbourg, 28 September – 2 October 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 2 December 2026.

Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, meeting in Paris, on 1 December 2025, with Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Advertising in sport: safeguarding ethics and public health:** held an exchange of views with Mr Christian Kalb, Director of CK Consulting, expert in sports betting and sports governance issues, France; Mr Bram Constandt, Professor of Sport Management, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, and Ms Steffi De Jans, Senior postdoctoral researcher, Department of Communication Sciences, Ghent University, Belgium;
- **UEFA WOMEN's EURO 2025: advancing human rights and gender equality in sport:** in the framework of the follow-up to the Assembly [Resolution 2607 \(2025\)](#) and [Recommendation 2297 \(2025\)](#) on "Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities", held an exchange of views with Mr Filippo Veglio, Head of Social & Environmental Sustainability, Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), Belgium; Ms Elizabeth Pike, [Institute of Sport](#), School of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, University of Hertfordshire, UK - Head of the [Sport and Social Inclusion Research Group \(SSIRG\) - International Working Group on Women and Sport \(IWG\)](#) and [2024 IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions Award](#); Ms Maritchu Rall, Chair of the Committee "Sport and Human Rights" and representative of the European Social Action Network (ESAN), and Mr Christian Saint-Lezer, expert and representative of the European Association for Education (AEDE) - France, Conference of INGOs, Council of Europe - Recommendation on "[Access to sport for all as a recognised fundamental right](#)";
- **Other business:** held an exchange of views on the priorities of the Parliamentary Alliance for 2026 and took note of the members' proposals for its work programme;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - March 2026 (tbc),
 - June 2026 (tbc),
 - December 2026.

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