October plenary session 2023 (9 – 13 October)
Committee and Network hearings and other events open to the public

Monday 9 October 2023	
Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons **Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration** **13:30 – 14:00** **Room 11**	**Exchange of views** on “Diasporas and access to media and means of social communication”, with the participation of : - Mr António Raúl Reis, Head of Unit at the Publications Office of the EU, European Commission; CEO of Bom Dia Luxembourg – online information to the Portuguese speaking communities; President of Plataforma, Platform for Portuguese Media Organizations Abroad
Tuesday 10 October 2023	
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media **08:30 – 10:30** **Room 11**	**Exchange of views** on “Cultural heritage and climate” in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), with the online participation of: - Mr Tero Mustonen, Professor of human geography, Finland, and lead author of the 6th assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy **and** **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** **and** **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons,** **10:30 – 12:30** **Room 9**	**Dialogue** with the representatives of the Russian democratic forces sharing the Council of Europe values, follow-up to Assembly Resolutions 2433 (2022) and 2473 (2022) - 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 - Mr Sergei Guriev - Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza - M. Mikhail Khodorkovsky - Ms Ekaterina Shulman

	- Media representative (name tbc)
Women@PACE **and** **Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment** **12:45 – 13:45** **Room 11**	**Exchange of views** on “Breast cancer and the right to a healthy environment”, with the participation of: - Prof. Carole Mathelin, University Professor – Hospital Practitioner, Obstetrician-Gynaecologist, Head of the Surgery Department, ICANS (Cancer Institute of Strasbourg Europe), Vice-Chairperson of the Senologic International Society, in charge of Europe, Member of the National Academy of Surgery in charge of the feminisation of surgical professions, Head of the Senology Commission of the National College of French Gynaecologists and Obstetricians
Wednesday 11 October 2023	
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy **10:30 – 12:30** **Room 5**	**Dialogue** with representatives of the Belarusian democratic forces (further to the decision taken by the Committee at the January 2023 part-session) in the framework of the report “Call for a national political reform process in Belarus” by Rapporteur Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, (Finland, SOC), with the participation of: - Mr Vadzim Saranchukou, Acting Chair, Belarusian Popular Front Party - Ms Volha Aleynik, International Secretary, Belarusian Christian Democracy Organising Committee - Mr Ihar Barysau, Chair, Belarusian Social Democratic Party "Hramada"
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights **11:30 – 12:30** **Room 10**	**Hearing** on “Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress” in the framework of a report prepared by Rapporteur: Lord Richard Keen (United Kingdom,EC/DA), with the participation of: - Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Council of Europe - Mr Pablo De Greiff, Director, Transitional Justice Program, Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University School of Law; Commissioner, UN Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine; former UN Special Rapporteur for the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence (2012-2018)

Thursday 12 October 2023	
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights **and** **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** **and** **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** **8:30 – 10:00** **Room 9**	**Joint hearing** on “"Human rights and humanitarian situation of Karabakh Armenians and international obligations of Azerbaijan", with the participation of: - Mr Thomas de Waal, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe, London, United Kingdom (online) - Prof. Dr. Björn Schiffbauer, Professor of Public Law, European and International Law, University of Rostock, Germany
Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment **9:30 – 10:30** **Room 8**	**Hearing** on **“**Follow-up to the Reykjavík Summit: prospects for the “Reykjavík process”, with the participation of: - Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe - Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination **and** **Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe** **10:30 – 11:30** **Room 6**	**Joint hearing** on “Banning ‘conversion practices’ for LGBTI persons: a human rights imperative”, with the participation of: - Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights; - a representative of the Francophone Collective “Rien à guérir”
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights **11:45 – 12:30** **Room 10**	**Exchange of views** on the “Situation of human rights defenders in Europe” in the framework of a report prepared by Rapporteur General: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania,EPP/CD) with the participation of: - Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media **11:30 – 12:30** **Room 7**	**Exchange of views** on “Risks and opportunities of the Metaverse**”** in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Andi-Lucian Cristea (Romania, SOC), with the participation of: - Ambassador Aloisia Wörgetter, Thematic Co-ordinator on Information Policy (TC-INF)