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

Synopsis

The meeting held in Paris on 12 March 2025

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and the Media, meeting in Paris on Wednesday 12 March 2025, with Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland (Norway, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

- **The role of youth in revitalising democracy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE*): considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Youth Department, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe; Mr Xesc Mainzer, member of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) and Vice-President of the Young European Federalists (JEF Europe); Ms Miriam Allam, Head of Unit, Global Partnerships, Inclusion and Justice Division, Public Governance Directorate, and Ms Veerle Miranda, Principal Economist, Youth and Diversity Policies, Social Policy Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris;
- **Preserving European rural culture and heritage** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yildiz Zeynep, Türkiye, NR*): held an exchange of views with Mr Francesc Pla, Head of the Culture and Cultural Heritage Unit, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe; Mr Matías Rubio, member of the Advisory Council on Youth (rural youth portfolio) and the Programming Committee on Youth, Spain; and Ms Sara Álvarez Gómez, Cultural Manager and President of the Network of Rural Youth Associations (EPA), Spain;
- **Draft Convention on the Co-production of Audiovisual Works in the form of Series**: held a hearing with the participation of Ms Susan Newman-Baudais, Partial Agreement Eurimages, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe; Ms Mathilde Fiquet, Secretary General, European Audiovisual Production (CEPI), Brussels; Mr James Hickey, General Counsel, European Producer's Club (EPC), Dublin; Mr Richard Burnley, Legal and Policy Director, European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Geneva; Mr Erard Gilles, Senior Director, Association of Commercial Television in Europe (ACT), Brussels; and Mr Chris Marcich, President, European Federation of Film Agency Directors (EFAD), Brussels;
- **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:**
 - took note of an introductory memorandum on "Increasing members' active participation in and contribution to the work of the Parliamentary Assembly and its committees", prepared by the Secretariat of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
 - has been informed of the call for nominations for the [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2025](#);
 - has been informed of the call for nominations for the [Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment 2025](#);
 - has been informed of the committee meeting to be held in Trondheim, Norway, on 3 and 4 June 2025;
 - has been informed of the call for appointment of representatives of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport;

- has been informed of the organisation of the parliamentary conference on “[Envisioning effective public policy to prevent and address cases of missing migrants](#)” to be held in Strasbourg on 23 and 24 April 2025;
- **Committee work programme :**
 - *Reporting back:* heard :
 - **Ms Valentina Grippo** (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, on her participation in the:
 - OECD Global Parliamentary Network meeting in Paris from 5 to 7 February 2025;
 - high-level round table on the challenges faced by Russian journalists in exile and within the Russian Federation, in Berlin, Germany, on 25 February 2025;
 - **Mr Yunus Emre** (Türkiye, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson of the committee, on his participation in the conference on "The role of national parliaments in protecting the right to a healthy environment", organised by the Parliamentary Network for a Healthy Environment in Luxembourg on 14 February 2025;
 - **Ms Fiona O'Loughlin** (Ireland, ALDE), 1st Vice-Chairperson of the committee, on her participation in the opening ceremony of the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy, on 8 March 2025;
 - *Appointment of representatives:* approved, subject to the availability of funds, the participation of **Ms Valentina Grippo** (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, in the:
 - 3rd meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Implications of Generative Artificial Intelligence for Freedom of Expression (MSI-AI), in Paris on 25 and 26 March 2025;
 - the workshop on online harassment against journalists, organised by the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) in Belgrade, Serbia, on 31 March and 1 April 2025;
 - Annual Thematic Conference “Effective Prosecution of crimes against journalists - Building the paradigm against impunity”, followed by the 3rd National Focal Points meeting, in Luxembourg on 29 and 30 April 2025;
 - World Press Freedom Day 2025, in Brussels from 5 to 7 May 2025;
 - *Motion for a resolution and a recommendation:* took note of a motion for a recommendation on "A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media", presented by Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD);
- **The monument of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, Türkiye:** held an exchange of views on the Hagia Sophia monument in Istanbul (Türkiye), registered on the UNESCO World Heritage list, with: Mr Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director of the World Heritage Centre, UNESCO; Ms Asnu Bilban Yalçın, expert in Byzantine art, Istanbul University, and Ms Şengül Koncagül, Director General of the Art & Construction Works Department at the Directorate General of Foundations, Türkiye;
- **Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Kim Valentin, Denmark, ALDE*): considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Andreas Graf, Social Responsibility Advisor, former Head of Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination, and Ms Annaliza Tsakona, Senior Public Affairs Manager, FIFA; discussed the preparation of the visit of a delegation of the committee to the FIFA Headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland;
- **Socialising at school: for an inclusive education fostering democratic values** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Carlos Mas Ruiz, expert in school coexistence and conflict resolution, University of Alcalá de Henares, Spain;
- **Sub-committees:** approved the following changes:
 - *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values:* Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE) becomes the alternate for Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC);
 - *Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future:* Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) becomes a full member;

- **Replies by the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the reply from the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16101](#)) to Assembly [Recommendation 2277 \(2024\)](#) "Cultural heritage and climate change", and asked the rapporteur, Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR), to prepare an analysis with proposals for follow-up if necessary, and to present it to the committee;
- **Committee work programme :**
 - *Declarations of absence of conflict of interests:* heard the declaration of absence of conflict of interests from **Mr Constantinos Efstathiou** (Cyprus, SOC), representative to the Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART);
- **Committee representation:** appointed, for approval by the Bureau of the Assembly:
 - **Ms Luz Martínez Seijo** (Spain, SOC) and **Mr José María Sánchez García** (Spain, ECPA), as representatives (with **Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC), already appointed on 28 January 2028), to the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the conference "Envisioning effective public policy to prevent & address cases of missing migrants", organised as a follow-up to [Resolution 2569 \(2024\)](#) on "Missing migrants, refugees and asylum seekers - A call to clarify their fate", to be held in Strasbourg on 23-24 April 2025 (at no cost to the Assembly);
 - **Mrs Mia Karamehić-Abazović** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, NR), General Rapporteur on science and technology impact assessment, as representative to the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau's to participate in the meeting between parliamentarians from the Nordic Council and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), to be held in Kristiansand, Norway, on 4 and 5 May 2025;
- **Other business:** heard an intervention by Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL) concerning the atrocities committed in Syria against the Catholic and Jewish communities;
- **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 7-11 April 2025 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Trondheim, Norway, 3-4 June 2025,
 - Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2025 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Strasbourg, 29 September - 3 October 2025 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 1-2 December 2025.

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