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Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Revised draft agenda 2

This draft agenda, addressed to full members of the Committee and their alternates,

is the convocation to the meeting

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All items will be taken in the order in which they appear on the agenda, with the exception of those for which a precise time is indicated or where the Chairperson decides otherwise.

of the meeting to be held in Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, on:

Tuesday 29 September, 14:00 – 14:45 (Room 8)
Wednesday 30 September, 14:00 – 15:30 (Room 8)
Thursday 1 October, 8:30 – 10:00 (Room 10)
Thursday 1 October, 14:00 – 15:30 (Room 8) - Joint meeting with the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

Tuesday 29 September, 14:00 – 14:45 (Room 8)

1. Agenda
[AS/Cult (2026) OJ 06rev2]

Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes
[AS/Cult (2026) PV 04; AS/Cult (2026) PV 05]

Approval of the minutes of the meetings held in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 2 June 2026 and in Strasbourg on 22, 24 and 25 June 2026

3. Communication from the Chairperson of the committee

4. Invitation to hold a meeting in Montenegro on 16 and 17 March 2027
[Letter]

Consideration of the invitation

5. Growing threats to media pluralism and to the independence of the media
Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE)
Rapporteur for opinion, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC)
[Doc. 16468; Doc. 16474]

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 29 September 2026, 10:30
Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 30 September 2026, 10:00

Consideration of amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation

6. Statement on the crisis in leadership, governance and integrity in international football
[AS/Cult (2026) 19]

Consideration and adoption of a draft statement

7. Committee work programme
[AS/Cult (2026) 01; AS/Cult/Inf (2026) 01; AS/Cult (2026) 02]

7.1. Call for candidates for rapporteurs for report

- Protecting the right to education in Gaza (Doc. 16445)
- Protecting Europe's cultural diversity and cultural sovereignty by promoting access to European cinematographic and audiovisual works (Doc. 16466)[1]

Wednesday 30 September, 14:00 – 15:30 (Room 8)

8. A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media
Rapporteur: Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD)
[AS/Cult (2026) 18]

Consideration of an information memorandum

9. Committee work programme
[AS/Cult (2026) 01; AS/Cult/Inf (2026) 01; AS/Cult (2026) 02]

9.1. Appointment of rapporteurs for report

- Empowering youth in the digital age: towards creative, democratic and competence-based approaches to online participation (Doc. 16384)
- The Venice Biennale and a framework for Russia's participation in international cultural events (Doc. 16392)

9.2. Appointment of rapporteurs for opinion

- Mainstreaming remembrance: preserving the historical memory of Roma and Travellers to counter Antigypsyism (Doc. 16300)
- Brain drain and demographic challenges in the Western Balkans (Doc. 16393)

9.3. Reporting back

- Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), rapporteur on "Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence", on her participation in the Parliamentary Round Table on "Youth and artificial intelligence: education, autonomy and democratic safeguards", held in Monaco on 22 May 2026
- Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General rapporteur on General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, on her participation in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) expert meeting entitled "Towards a Community of Practice: Responding to Intimidation of Public Officials", held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 26 June 2026
- Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR), representative of the Committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), on her participation in the ECRI 101st Plenary meeting, held in Strasbourg on 2 July 2026
- Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), former rapporteur on "The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue", on his participation in the 15th Advisory Forum on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe on "Routes through Time and Culture: Education for Sustainable Heritage", held in Yerevan, Armenia, from 23 to 25 September 2026

[1] Subject to a decision by the Bureau to seize the committee.

9.4. Fact-finding visits

subject to the availability of funds:

Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD), in his capacity as rapporteur on “A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media”, to undertake a fact-finding visit to Belgium, in October or November 2026 (dates to be confirmed)

9.5. Appointment of representatives

subject to the availability of funds:

- Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen (Norway, EPP/CD), in her capacity as rapporteur for follow-up on Media freedom in sport, to participate in the European Parliament - News Media Coalition seminar on “Primary Source Journalism: the pursuit of truth and upholding trust in tomorrow’s democratic societies”, to be held in Brussels, Belgium, on 14 October 2026

at no cost to the Assembly:

- Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), in her capacity as General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists, to participate in the:
    - 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, working sessions on the safety of parliamentarians and journalists, freedom of information and anti-SLAPP action, to be held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, on 8 and 9 October 2026
    - Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Global Parliamentary Conference on Human Rights, session "Freedom of expression on- and offline: the role of parliaments", to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 12 November 2026
    - Women for a Sustainable Future (WSF) Network Meeting, organised by Forward Thinking and the SHAF Centre, to be held in Cairo, Egypt, from 25 to 27 November 2026
- Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), to represent the Assembly in the high-level event dedicated to “Inclusive Societies, Stronger Democracies: Building a shared future where everyone can contribute, belong and thrive”, to be held in Madrid, Spain, on 15 October 2026
- Ms Zeynep Yildiz (Türkiye, NR), in her capacity as representative of the Committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), to participate online in the ECRI annual seminar, to be held in Strasbourg on 15 and 16 October 2026

10. Representation to the *ad hoc* committees of the Bureau of the Assembly

[WFD concept note]

Call for candidates and appointment of committee representatives to the a*d hoc* committees of the Bureau to participate (at no cost to the Assembly) in the:

- Anticipation Summit - GESDA Global, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 14 and 15 October 2026
- 2026 World Forum for Democracy, to be held in Strasbourg on 2 and 3 November 2026

11. Replies by the Committee of Ministers

Consideration of the reply by the Committee of Ministers (Doc. 16460) to Assembly Recommendation 2302 (2026) “Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility” (rapporteur for follow-up: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE)

12. Letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Immunities regarding the confidentiality of Assembly documents

[Letter Chair AS/Rul]

Consideration of a letter

Thursday 1 October, 8:30 – 10:00 (Room 10)

13. Victory for Viktoria (*with video recording*)

- Annual commemoration of journalists who risk their lives to tell the truth, with the participation of:
  - Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
  - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), rapporteur for follow-up to the Assembly Resolution 2618 (2025) "Journalists matter: the need to step up efforts to liberate Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by the Russian Federation"
- Exchange of views with:
  - Ms Ariane Chemin, Journalist, feature reporter and author, Paris
  - Ms Nataliya Gumenyuk, Journalist, author and documentary filmmaker; co-founder and CEO of the Public Interest Journalism Lab, Ukraine

14. Addressing culture as a foundation for the democratisation of Belarus
Rapporteur: Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD)
[AS/Cult (2026) 17]

- Report by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Poland, from 9 to 11 September 2026
- Consideration of an outline report

15. Committee work programme

15.1. Appointment of rapporteurs for report

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16. Sub-committees
[AS/Cult (2026) 02]

Approval of modifications in the composition of the sub-committees

17. Other business

18. Next meetings

- Paris, 13 October 2026
- Paris, 2 December 2026

Thursday 1 October, 14:00 – 15:30 (Room 8)

19. Joint meeting with the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

Hearing on **Media Freedom** moderated by Ms Alina Tatarenko, Head of the Division for Cooperation on Freedom of Expression, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe, with the participation of:

- Ms Aneta Gonța, Chair of the Audiovisual Council of the Republic of Moldova
- Mr Mark D. Cole, Professor of Media and Telecommunication Law at the University of Luxembourg
- Mr Andrei Richter, Professor-Researcher at Comenius University in Bratislava, Visiting Professor of Russian Studies at Charles University, Prague, Czechia

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