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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 27 and 28 January 2026

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 and 28 January 2026, with first Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), oldest member present, then with Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Chairperson, and Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, ECPA), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the chair,

- **Tuesday 27 January 2026 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Opening of the meeting by the oldest member present:**
 - welcomed representatives of the delegation of Belarusian democratic forces, as approved by the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - decided to open its 2026 meetings to elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot Community¹;
 - **Election of the Bureau of the committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), Chairperson,
 - Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, ECPA), 1st Vice-Chairperson,
 - Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD), 2nd Vice-Chairperson,
 - Baroness Ruth Hunt (United Kingdom, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Invitation to hold a meeting in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 2 and 3 June 2026:** welcomed the invitation by the Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to hold a meeting of the committee in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 2 and 3 June 2026, and decided to ask the Bureau for the authorisation;
 - **Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sona Ghazaryan, Armenia, ALDE; Rapporteur for opinion, Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Elisabetta Gardini, Italy, ECPA*): took position on five amendments to the draft resolution and took note that there were no amendments to the draft recommendation;
 - **Upholding our diverse culture, freedom of expression and information by effective enforcement of copyright** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Eleonora Rosati, Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Stockholm University, Sweden (online);
 - **Reconstitution and composition of the sub-committees:** reconstituted its three sub-committees as follows:
 - Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values,
 - Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future,
 - Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society,and approved their composition (see appendix);

¹ In accordance with Resolution 1376 (2004).

- **Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 14:00**, as regards:
- **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:**
 - welcomed Ms Tatiana Termacic, the new Head of the committee Secretariat;
 - was informed that Ukraine's Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe relayed a formal appeal to the Assembly from the *Verkhovna Rada* urging the ban of Russian and Belarusian athletes from international sports competitions, particularly the Paralympics, due to ongoing armed aggression against Ukraine;
- **Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): took position on six amendments to the draft resolution and took note that there were no amendments to the draft recommendation;
- **Benefits and challenges to freedom of expression in immersive realities:** in the framework of the follow-up to the Assembly [Resolution 2578 \(2024\)](#) on “Risks and opportunities of the metaverse”, held an exchange of views with Ms Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca, Head of Division, Secretary to the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI), Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity;
- **Institutional representation of the Assembly:** appointed, for their approval by the Bureau of the Assembly, the following representatives to the:
 - European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI):
 - Ms Zeynep Yildiz (Türkiye, NR), representative,
 - Baroness Ruth Hunt (United Kingdom, SOC), substitute,and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART):
 - Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), representative, subject to his declaration of absence of conflict of interests,
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), representative, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Europa Nostra - Pan-European Federation for Heritage: Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), representative, and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Committee of the Parties of the Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), representative, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Committee representation:** appointed, for their approval by the Bureau of the Assembly:
 - as representative to the Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment: Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - as representatives to the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine: Mr Michael Payne (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, ECPA) and Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen (Norway, EPP/CD), and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interests;
 - as Youth Rapporteur, ([Resolution 2553 \(2024\)](#) “Strengthening the youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly”): Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Appointment of representatives for the *ad hoc* committees of the Bureau of the Assembly:** appointed, for their approval by the Bureau of the Assembly, the following representatives (participation at no cost to the Assembly) to the:
 - *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly established to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, to be held in Paris on 11-13 March 2026: Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE);
 - *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the High-Level Conference (HLC) on the European Social Charter, to be held in Chişinău, Moldova, on 18-19 March 2026: Mr Yunus Emre (Türkiye, SOC);

- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs for opinion:* appointed:
 - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), rapporteur for opinion on “Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan” ([Doc. 15521](#)), and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Baroness Ruth Hunt (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur for opinion on “Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies” ([Doc. 16062](#)), and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - *Extension of references:* decided to ask the Bureau for the extension until 31 December 2026 of the reference “Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence” ([Doc. 15916](#)), rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE);
 - *Reporting back:* heard Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), rapporteur for follow-up on “The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue”, on his participation online in the meeting of the reflection group on “Thematic representativeness of cultural routes of the Council of Europe”, held in Paris on 15 and 16 December 2025;
 - *Appointment of representatives:* appointed, subject to the availability of funds, Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), in his capacity as Chairperson of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, to participate in the 50th Ordinary UEFA Congress, to be held in Brussels, Belgium, on 11 and 12 February 2026;
- **Sub-Committees:** approved the changes in the composition of the sub-committees (see appendix);
- **Other business:** heard Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values, about the Round Table on “Cross-border cooperation between towns of Gorizia and Nova Gorica: 2025 European Capital of Culture” that took place on Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 1pm (side event he moderated);
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 12 March 2026,
 - Strasbourg, 20 – 24 April 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - 2 – 3 June 2026, Istanbul, Türkiye (subject to authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly),
 - Strasbourg, 22 – 26 June 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 13 October 2026,
 - Strasbourg, 28 September – 2 October 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 2 December 2026.

Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2026, with first Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), oldest member present, then with Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the sub-committee:** elected:
 - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), Chairperson, by secret ballot,
 - Ms Kristina Ikić Baniček (Croatia, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** decided to leave it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

Sub-Committee on Youth and the Society of the Future (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2026, with first Mr Mehmet Akalin (Türkiye, ALDE), oldest member present, then with Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the sub-committee:** elected:
 - Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE), Chairperson, by secret ballot,
 - Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** decided to leave it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media), meeting in Strasbourg on 27 January 2026, with first Mr Theo Bovens (Netherlands, EPP/CD), oldest member present, then with Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the sub-committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), Chairperson,
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** decided to leave it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

Tatiana Termacic, Dana Karanjac, Silvia Arzilli, Francisco Cabrera

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Appendix

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