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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 Istanbul, Türkiye, on 2 and 3 June 2026

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 2 June 2026, with Mr Mogens Jensen (Danmark, SOC), Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

- **Opening of the meeting**: heard statements by Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul Türkeş, Chairperson of the Turkish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; and Mr Mogens Jensen, Chairperson of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media;
- **Keynote addresses**: heard addresses by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and Ms Asnu Bilban Yalçın, expert on Byzantine art, Istanbul University, Türkiye, and held an exchange of views;
- **Media freedom in sport** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen, Norway, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- **Eliminating gender stereotypes in the media** (*Rapporteur Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE; Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Benjamin Dalle, Belgium, EPP/CD*): unanimously approved an opinion to the report with amendments to be tabled on behalf of the committee;
- **Journalists matter: the need to step up efforts to liberate Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by the Russian Federation** (*Rapporteur for follow-up: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): in the framework of the follow-up to the Assembly [Resolution 2618 \(2025\)](#), heard a presentation by the rapporteur for follow-up and held an exchange of views with Ambassador Nariman Dzhelyal, Ambassador of Ukraine to Türkiye;
- **Mainstreaming remembrance: preserving the historical memory of Roma and Travellers to counter Antigypsyism** (*Rapporteur Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: Mr Georgios Stamatis, Greece, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with the rapporteur on the involvement of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and the Media in the preparation of the report and decided to ask the Bureau to be seized for opinion on the report;
- **Preserving European rural culture and heritage** (*Rapporteur: Zeynep Yıldız, Türkiye, NR*): considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Lucian Cuibus, European Route of Historic Pharmacies and Medicinal Gardens, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; and Mr Kerim Akbaygil, member of the Iznık Foundation's Board of Directors, European Route of Ceramics, Istanbul, Türkiye;
- **Partnerships between culture and education sectors for young people to engage in a democratic society** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): at the request of the rapporteur, agreed to change the title of the report to "Partnerships between education, cultural, social and civil society actors for young people to engage in a democratic society"; considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Alba Barnusell Ortuño, Mayor of Granollers, Spain;

- **Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace** (*Former rapporteur: 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 Elmira Ablyalimova Chyihoz, Project manager at the Crimean Institute for Strategic Studies (CISS), Ukraine;
- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD) rapporteur on “Addressing culture as a foundation for the democratisation of Belarus” ([Doc. 16364](#)), subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline;
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs for opinion*: took note of the candidatures of Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE) and Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, ECPA), and postponed to its next meeting the election of the rapporteur for opinion on “Protecting lakes as natural and cultural heritage and as a strategic resource for people in the face of the triple planetary crisis” ([Doc. 16342](#));
 - *Reporting back*: heard:
 - Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR), representative of the Committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), on her participation in the ECRI 100th Plenary meeting, held in Strasbourg on 18 and 19 March 2026;
 - Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values, on his participation in the Assembly of European Heritage Days National Coordinators, held in Bern, Switzerland, on 19 and 20 May 2026;
 - *Appointment of representatives*: appointed,
 - at no cost to the Assembly: Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), in his capacity as former rapporteur on “[The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue](#)”, to participate in the Reflection Group “Thematic representativeness of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe: Towards a better programme”, to be held in Strasbourg on 25 and 26 June 2026;
 - subject to the availability of funds: Ms Zeynep Yıldız (Türkiye, NR), in her capacity as representative of the Committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), to participate in the ECRI 101st Plenary meeting, to be held in Strasbourg on 2 July 2026;
 - *Committee representation*: appointed, for their approval by the Bureau of the Assembly, the following representatives as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau established to participate in the 9th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, to be held in Paris from 30 June to 2 July 2026 (participation at no cost to the Assembly): Ms Seda Gören (Türkiye, NR) and Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC);
- **Next meetings**: took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 22 – 26 June 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Strasbourg, 28 September – 2 October 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 13 October 2026,
 - Paris, 2 December 2026.

Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, meeting in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 3 June 2026, with Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

- **Opening of the meeting**: heard statements by Dr Osman Aşkın Bak, Minister of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Türkiye; and the Chairperson of the Alliance;
- **Call for candidates for the Bureau of the Alliance**: called for candidates for Chairperson, and took note of the interest of Ms Agnes Sirkka Prammer (Austria, SOC);
- **Round table - Trust in sport: implementing good governance benchmarks and promoting a holistic integrity policy**:
 - *Part 1 - From standards to implementation, making governance benchmarks work*: held an exchange of views with Mr Stanislas Frossard, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), Council of Europe; Mr Giuseppe Deleonardis, Chief Ethics &

Compliance Officer, International Olympic Committee (IOC) (online); Ms Satu Heikkinen, Senior Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland, and Finnish representative on the EPAS Governing Board; Mr Francisco Lima, Director Governance, International Equestrian Federation (FEI), Member of the Steering Committee of the International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS); Mr Uğur Erdener, IOC Honorary Member, World Archery Honorary President ; and Ms Neslihan Demir, Former Turkish National Volleyball Player;

- *Part 2 - Autonomy of sport and public responsibility: redefining roles and responsibilities:* held an exchange of views with Mr Arnout Geeraert, Professor of Sport Governance, Utrecht University, Netherlands; and Mr Jens Sejer Andersen, Founder and Adviser, Play the Game, Denmark;
- **Closing of the meeting:** heard statements by Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul Türkeş, Chairperson of the Turkish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; and the Chairperson of the Alliance;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meeting as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 22 – 26 June 2026 (during the Assembly part-session).

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