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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 Paris on 13 October 2026

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Paris on 13 October 2026, with first Baroness Ruth Hunt (United Kingdom, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson, then with Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD), 2nd Vice-Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

– **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:**

  - expressed satisfaction with the committee's successful fourth part-session, which included the debate and adoption of the report "Growing Threats to Media Pluralism and Media Independence," the annual "Victory for Viktoria" commemoration, and the joint hearing with the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact on "Media freedom";

  - reminded members of the upcoming meetings of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, which will be held in Monaco on 3 November 2026, during the 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Sport, and in Paris on 1 December 2026 with representatives from FIFA, football associations and confederations, players, supporters, civil society and academia;

– **Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Ms Isabelle Degeorges, Director of *Gaumont Télévision* France, Paris; and Ms Mazarine M. Pingeot, Writer and lecturer in philosophy at Sciences Po Bordeaux, France (online);

– **A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media** (*Rapporteur: Mr Benjamin Dalle, Belgium, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mr Richard Burnley, Legal & Policy Director, European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Geneva, Switzerland; and Ms Natacha Picoito Do Carmo, Junior EU Policy Officer, ACT, Brussels, Belgium;

– **Committee work programme:**

  - *Fact-finding visits*: approved the request by Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD), rapporteur on "Protecting the right to education in Gaza", to carry out a fact-finding visit to Gaza and Israel at the beginning of 2027 (dates to be confirmed), in the framework of the preparation of his report, subject to the availability of funds, authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly and security conditions;

– **Partnerships between education, cultural, social and civil society actors for young people to engage in a democratic society** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): heard a report by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Belgium on 5 and 6 October 2026; considered an information memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Monika Waldis, Lecturer, Head of the Center for Citizenship Education and History Didactics, University of Teacher Education FHNW, representing Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI; and Ms Emma van Straten, member for international affairs of the Dutch National Youth Council's board, Netherlands;

– **Addressing culture as a foundation for the democratisation of Belarus** (*Rapporteur: Ms Agnieszka Pomaska, Poland, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Ms Alena Makouskaya, member of the Council of Europe Contact Group on Belarus, Director of the International Union of Belarusian Writers and coordinator of Budzma Media;

- **Preserving European rural culture and heritage** (*Rapporteur: Ms Zeynep Yıldız, Türkiye, NR*): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with Ms Eke Folkerts, Regional Minister of the Province Fryslan, Netherlands, and rapporteur of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe; and Mr Csaba Borboly, Vice-president of the Harghita County Council, Romania, and 2nd Vice-Chair of SEDEC, European Committee of the Regions, European Union;

- **Protecting Europe's cultural diversity and cultural sovereignty by promoting access to European cinematographic and audiovisual works** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with Ms Sevara Irgacheva, Secretary General of the European Film Agency Directors (EFAD), Brussels, Belgium;

- **Committee work programme:**

  - *Call for candidates for rapporteurs for report*: made calls for rapporteurs, to be appointed during the next meeting, on:

    - The cultural situation of the Kurds (Doc. 16459), and took note that no member had expressed an interest;

    - Combating school segregation and the intergenerational transmission of poverty (Doc. 16485), and took note of the interest of Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC);

  - *Call for candidates for rapporteurs for opinion*: made a call for rapporteur for opinion, to be appointed during the next meeting, on:

    Quantum technologies and artificial intelligence: the need for a European anticipation and governance strategy (Doc. 16455) and Regulatory sandboxes for quantum technologies: enabling innovation in line with Council of Europe values (Doc. 16457) for a single report on "Quantum technologies and artificial intelligence: the need for a European anticipation and governance strategy", and took note of the interest of Ms Marijana Puljak (Croatia, ALDE);

  - *Reporting back*: heard Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), former rapporteur on "Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship", on her participation in the 6th Annual Conference of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe (OHTE) on "Manipulating history, undermining democracy", held in Strasbourg on 8 and 9 October 2026;

- **Sub-committees**: approved the following change in the *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values:* Ms Ulle Schauws (Germany, NR) becomes the alternate of Ms Patricia Lips (Germany, EPP/CD) (instead of being a full member);

- **Next meetings**: took note of its next meetings as follows:

  - Paris, 1-2 December 2026.

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