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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 20 and 23 April 2026

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg on 20 and 23 April 2026, with first Mr Mogens Jensen (Danmark, SOC), Chairperson, then with Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, ECPA), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the chair,

- **Monday 20 April 2026 at 14:00**, as regards:
- **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:**
 - reminded members that participants must register on time via the Pace-Apps platform for the committee meeting to be held in Istanbul on 2 and 3 June 2026 and respond to all questions regarding interpretation, as well as cultural and social events;
 - expressed concern regarding the recent shootings at a secondary school and a vocational high school in Türkiye and called for a political commitment in Europe to foster safe, inclusive, and supportive school environments, where dialogue, prevention, and solidarity take precedence over exclusion, violence and fear, in line with [Assembly Resolution 2640 \(2026\)](#) on “Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values”;
 - condemned the decision of the Supreme Court of Belarus designating the European Humanities University as an “extremist organisation” as a blatant and unjustified attack on academic freedom, freedom of expression, and the fundamental right to education which is part of the regime’s systematic effort to silence critical thinking, intimidate young people, and further dismantle civic space inside and outside Belarus;
 - thanked Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) for her statement as former rapporteur on “[Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace](#)” where she expressed her deep concern at the prospect of Russian Federation reopening its pavilion at the Venice Biennale while its war of aggression against Ukraine continues;
 - informed the members about the International Olympic Committee’s new policy entitled “Policy on the Protection of the Female (Women’s) Category in Olympic Sport and Guiding Considerations for International Federations and Sports Governing Bodies”; this policy reflects a shift towards prioritising biological criteria in defining eligibility for women’s sport, within a broader effort to harmonise rules across the Olympic Movement;
 - informed the members that the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) of the Council of Europe has approved a draft Feasibility Study on a possible Council of Europe legal instrument on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference, including disinformation (FIMI); this feasibility study will be considered at the Ministerial Meeting on 14 and 15 May 2026 in Chişinău, Republic of Moldova;
- **Council of Europe Museum Prize** (*Representative of the committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): held a hearing with Ms Amina Krvavac, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the European Museum Forum (EMF); and Ms Helen Charman, Director of Young V&A, winner of the 2026 Council of Europe Museum Prize;

- **Partnerships between culture and education sectors for young people to engage in a democratic society** (*Rapporteur: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Sarah Keating, Head of Formal and Non-Formal Education Division, Education Department, DG II: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe; and Mr Rolf Gollob, Professor Emeritus at Zurich University of Teacher Education, Switzerland, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Education Policy Advisors Network (EPAN) and member of the Swiss UNESCO-Commission;
- **Thursday 23 April 2026 at 8:30**, as regards:
 - **Copyright enforcement in the artificial intelligence environment** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mogens Jensen, Denmark, SOC*): took note that there were no amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Journalism in the context of the Israel-Gaza conflict** (*Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efsthathiou, Cyprus, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Replies by the Committee of Ministers**: considered the reply by the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16360](#)) to Assembly [Recommendation 2299 \(2025\)](#) “Youth movements for democracy” (rapporteur for follow-up: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE), and agreed with the rapporteur’s proposals for follow-up ;
 - **Other business**: was informed by:
 - the Chairperson of his letter to the leadership of the Venice Biennale condemning the decision to reopen the Russian pavilion at the 2026 Venice Biennale and asking it to reverse its decision and of the written declaration signed by PACE members on the same subject;
 - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) of the drone attack of the 17th century Bernardine Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the historic city centre of Lviv, Ukraine;
 - **Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Mr Villano Qiriazzi, Head of the Education Department, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe;
 - **Committee work programme**:
 - *Call for candidates for rapporteur*: made a call for rapporteur, to be appointed at the next meeting, on “Addressing culture as a foundation for the democratisation of Belarus” ([Doc. 16364](#)), and noted the interest of Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Pollogne, PPE/DC);
 - *Gender equality in the functioning of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2025*: was informed about the memorandum on Gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly, which has been published as an addendum to the Progress Report of the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - **Sub-Committees**: approved the following change in the composition of the *Sub-Committee on Culture, Education and Democratic Values*: Mr Nikolla Camaj (Montenegro, ALDE) becomes full member;
- **Thursday 23 April 2026 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE; Rapporteur for opinion, Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Ms Gala Veldhoen, Netherlands, SOC*) : held an exchange of views with Ms Elena Rivas Pérez, EU Legal & Policy Officer, Association of Commercial Television and Video on Demand Services in Europe (ACT), Brussels, Belgium;
 - **Committee work programme**:
 - *Call for candidates for rapporteur for opinion*: made a call for rapporteur for opinion, to be appointed at the next meeting, 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](#))”, and noted the interest of Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, ECPA) ;
 - *Reporting back*: heard:
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), member of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly established to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, on her participation in the event, held in Paris on 11-13 March 2026;
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), rapporteur on “Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence”, on her participation in the Inter-Parliamentary Union 152nd Assembly, held in Istanbul, Türkiye, from 15 to 19 April 2026;

- **Committee representation:** made a call for candidates to appoint three committee representatives (participation at no cost to the Assembly) as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau established to participate in the Black Sea Security Forum 2026, to be held in Odessa, Ukraine, from 29 to 31 May 2026, and took note that no member had expressed an interest;
- **Other business:** heard a message addressed by the Chairperson, on behalf of the committee, to Mr Kim Valentin (Danmark, ALDE), on the occasion of his departure from the Assembly;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - 2 – 3 June 2026, Istanbul, Türkiye,
 - 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.

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