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Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Draft agenda

This draft agenda, addressed to full members of the committee and their alternates, is the convocation to the meeting

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Meetings to be held in Strasbourg (Palais de l'Europe) on:

- ~~– Monday 20 April 2026 at 14:00-15:00 (Room 11)¹~~
- ~~– Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 8:30-9:45 (Room 8)~~
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[Joint meeting with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)]
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1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

2. **Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights**

[\[AS/Jur \(2026\) 4 rev\]](#)

Presentation of the Network and exchange of views with:

- Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Mr Gianluca Esposito, Director General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe
- Judge María Elósegui, European Court of Human Rights
- Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the “Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”

¹ Meeting open to members appointed to the Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 8:30-9:45 (Room 8)

3. Minutes

[\[AS/Jur \(2025\) PV 02\]](#)

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 16 March 2026

4. Debate under urgent procedure: Statutory opinion on the draft additional protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism

Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC)

[\[Doc. 16352\]](#)

[CM\(2026\)2-add1](#)

[AS/Jur \(2026\) 09\]](#)

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft opinion

5. Towards the universal abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances

Rapporteur: Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC)

[\[Doc. 16375\]](#)

[AS/Jur \(2026\) 08\]](#)

Consideration and approval of amendments proposed by the rapporteur to the draft resolution, with a view to tabling them as committee amendments (Rule 34.1)

6. European Convention on Human Rights: 75 years and beyond

Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC)

[\[AS/Jur \(2026\) 03\]](#)

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

7. Chişinău political declaration on the European Convention on Human Rights

[\[AS/Jur/Inf \(2026\) 10\]](#)

[CDDH\(2026\)R3_Extra_Addendum\]](#)

Consideration and adoption of a declaration by the committee

8. Fighting back against transnational repression

Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC)

Oral report by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Lyon (France) on 13 March 2026

9. Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Black Sea Security Forum, Odesa, Ukraine, 29-31 May 2026

[\[Practical information note\]](#)

Appointment of three members to participate in the *ad hoc* committee (subject to security conditions)

Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 14:00-14:45 (Room 11)

10. **Updating the Venice Commission's Rule of Law Checklist: a contribution by the Assembly Rapporteur: Ms Arusyak Julhakyan (Armenia, EPP/CD)**
[\[AS/Jur \(2026\) 06\]](#)

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

11. **Work programme**
[\[AS/Jur/Inf \(2026\) 01 rev2\]](#)
[AS/Jur/Inf \(2026\) 09\]](#)

11.1 Call for candidatures for report

- The need to modernise International Humanitarian Law ([Doc. 16122](#))

11.2 Reference to be taken into account

- Safeguarding international justice from transnational repression ([Doc. 16338](#)) to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on "Fighting back against transnational repression"

12. **Gender equality in the functioning of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2025**
[\[Doc. 16377 Add. 1\]](#)

Consideration of the activity report

Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 14:45-15:30 (Room 11) – in camera

13. **Joint meeting with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)**

Hearing on allegations about human rights violations during the 2024/2025 demonstrations in Georgia and the lack of effective investigations into such allegations, with the participation of:

- Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- Mr Alan Mitchell, President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) (online)
- Mr Borys Wódz, Head of Division, Secretariat of the CPT

Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 14:00-15:30 (Room 11)

14. Towards the universal abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances

Rapporteur: Ms Gala Veldhoen (Netherlands, SOC)

[\[Doc. 16375\]](#) + [amendments](#)

Consideration of amendments tabled to the draft resolution adopted by the committee

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 21 April 2026, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 22 April 2026, afternoon sitting

15. Tracking the proceeds of the crime denounced by Sergei Magnitsky and holding its perpetrators accountable

Rapporteur: Ms Lesia Vasylenko (Ukraine, ALDE)

[\[Doc. 16362\]](#) + [amendments](#)

Consideration of amendments tabled to the draft resolution adopted by the committee

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 21 April 2026, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 22 April 2026, afternoon sitting

16. Corruption as a threat to democracy and the rule of law in Europe: the emergency of the situation in Spain

Mr Tekke Panman (Netherlands, EPP/CD)

[\[AS/Jur \(2026\) 07\]](#)

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

17. Threats to the International Criminal Court

Rapporteur: Mr Tekke Panman (Netherlands, EPP/CD)

[\[AS/Jur/Inf \(2026\) 08\]](#)

[\[AS/Jur/Inf \(2026\) 11\]](#)

- Oral report by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visits to The Hague, 27-28 November 2025 and 25 March 2026
- Consideration and adoption of a declaration by the committee

Thursday 23 April 2026 from 9:00-10:00 (Room 11)

- ~~18. Debate under urgent procedure: Statutory opinion on the draft additional protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism~~**
Rapporteur: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC)
~~[Doc. 16385 + amendments]~~

~~Consideration of amendments tabled to the draft opinion adopted by the committee~~

~~Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 22 April 2026, 16:00~~

~~Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 23 April 2026, afternoon sitting~~

19. Reporting back on participation in meetings

Reports by the following representatives:

- 145th plenary Session of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (“Venice Commission”), Venice (Italy), 12-13 December 2025: Mr Antonio Gutiérrez Limones (Spain, SOC);
- 102nd plenary meeting of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Strasbourg 23-27 March 2026: Ms Oana Murariu (Romania, ALDE)

20. Ensuring better protection of whistle-blowers in Europe [at 9:20]

Rapporteur: Ms Anna-Kristiina Mikkonen (Finland, SOC)

General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Amar Benmohamed, whistleblower

21. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2026

[\[Václav Havel Human Rights Prize website\]](#)

Call for nominations for the 2026 edition of the Prize

22. Meeting of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights in Tallinn, 26-27 May 2026

[\[AS/Jur/Inf \(2026\) 06 rev](#)

[AS/Jur/Inf \(2026\) 07 rev\]](#)

Consideration of the draft programme and the practical information note

23. Other business

24. Next meetings

- 26-27 May 2026, Tallinn
- during the Assembly’s third part-session of 2026 (22-26 June 2026)
- 9 September 2026, Paris Office (tbc)
- during the Assembly’s fourth part-session of 2026 (28 September – 2 October 2026)
- 9 December 2026, Paris Office (tbc)