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To the members of the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation

Synopsis
of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 28, 29 September and 1 October 2026

The Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation, meeting in Strasbourg on 28, 29 September and 1 October, with Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC), chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Monday 28 September 2026**, from 14:00 to 15:00, as regards:
  - **The role of the OECD in evaluating the impact of artificial intelligence on the future of work** *(rapporteur for opinion: Ms Larysa Bilozir, Ukraine, ALDE)*: considered and approved an opinion including 4 amendments to the draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;
  - **Composition of the sub-committees:** approved the following change:

    Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings

    Ms Christiana Erotokritou (Cyprus, SOC) to become a full member;
  - **Appointment of a rapporteur for report:** appointed by acclamation, subject to the completion of the obligation to update their respective declarations of interests to include the rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline:
    - Ms Albana Vokshi (Albania, EPP/CD) as rapporteur on "Brain drain and demographic challenges in the Western Balkans";
    - Mr Fabian Molina (Switzerland, SOC) as rapporteur on "Migration and Europe's colonial past: towards historical justice and democratic resilience";
    - Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE) as rapporteur on "Solidarity with Ceuta, a test case for Europe";
  - **Authorisations by the committee:** authorised:
    - Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), rapporteur on "Solidarity with Ceuta, a test case for Europe", to carry out a fact-finding visit to Spain (Madrid and Ceuta) and Morocco, between October and November 2026 (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau for the visit to Morocco and to the availability of funds);
  - **General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies:** heard a statement by Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), General Rapporteur; and noted the General Rapporteur's intention to reach out to the LIBE committee of the European Parliament regarding the recent hearing by the LIBE committee on the Chişinău Declaration and the importance of involving the Council of Europe in this discussion;
- **on Tuesday 29 September 2026,** from 08:30 to 10:00, as regards:
  - **The role of diasporas and migrants in developing social cohesion and democratic engagement** *(rapporteur: Lord Leslie Griffiths, United Kingdom, SOC)*: took position on 3 amendments to the draft resolution;

- **Authorisations by the committee:** authorised:
  - Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies, to visit Frontex, Poland, on 13-14 October 2026 (*at no cost to the Assembly);*
  - Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings, to participate in the meeting of the Committee of Experts on combatting the smuggling of migrants (PC-TM), to be held in Strasbourg, on 9-10 November 2026;
- **Facilitating economic recovery and resilience of Ukraine: from voluntary returns to enhanced co-operation and investment** *(rapporteur: Mr Denis Begic, Sweden, SOC)*: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ambassador Tobias Privitelli, Director, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) (online);
- **Any other business:** held a discussion on access to committee meetings and noted the chairperson's intention to raise the matter with the President of the Assembly;
- **General Rapporteur on European migration and asylum policies:** heard an update on overnight developments by Lord Michael German (United Kingdom, ALDE), General Rapporteur, and discussed these developments;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
  - Istanbul, Türkiye, 16-17 November 2026
  - Paris, 14 December 2026, 9:30-13:00 (office of the Council of Europe);

- **on Thursday 1 October 2026**, from 09:00 to 10:00, as regards:
  - **The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: a need for global response** *(rapporteur for report in the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination: Ms Maria Syrengela, Greece, EPP/CD; rapporteur for opinion: Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat, Türkiye, ALDE)*: held a joint public hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, with the participation of:
    - Mr Ahmad Reshad Jalali, Senior Policy Officer at European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE),
    - Ms Lailuma Sadid, Former Afghan Diplomat, Journalist and President of the Network of Afghanistan Diaspora Organisations in Europe (NADOE), and
    - Mr Thomas Bombois, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union.

Tanja Kleinsorge, Angela Garabagiu, Marie Martin, Marc Montany Daufi, Manuela De Koster

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