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26 January 2026

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised 2 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 on:

- ~~Monday 26 January 2026, 14:00 – 15:30 (Room 9)~~
- Tuesday 27 January 2026, 08:30 – 10:00 (Room 9)
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- Wednesday 28 January 2026, 14:00 – 15:00 (Room 9)
- Thursday 29 January 2026, 08:30 – 10:00 (Room 9)

Please also note meetings of the Sub-Committees (separate draft agendas)¹

- Wednesday 28 January 2026, 15:00 – 15:10: Sub-Committee on External Relations
- Wednesday 28 January 2026, 15:10 – 15:20: Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World
- Wednesday 28 January 2026, 15:20 – 15:30: Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans

Monday 26 January 2026, 14:00 – 15:30

1. Opening of the meeting by the eldest member present

2. Election of the Bureau of the Committee

[List of the members of the Committee]

- Election of the Chairperson
- Election of the Vice-Chairpersons

3. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

4. Minutes

[\[AS/Pol \(2025\) PV 09\]](#)

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 10 December 2025

5. Constitution of Sub-Committees

- Sub-Committee on External Relations
- Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World
- Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans

¹ Subject to their constitution by the Committee

6. Urgent debate on Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland

Appointment of a rapporteur

7. Urgent debate on Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups

Appointment of a rapporteur

8. Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

[[AS/Pol \(2026\) 01](#); [Doc. 16311](#)]

Consideration and approval of a draft addendum to the report

9. Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility

Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Ms Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia, ALDE)

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA)

[[AS/Pol \(2026\) 02](#); [Doc. 16308](#); Amendments]

Consideration and adoption of a draft opinion

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 27 January 2026, 10:40

Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 28 January 2026, morning sitting

10. Situation in the Middle East

Rapporteur: Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)

Hearing with the participation of Mr Christophe Bigot, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process

Tuesday 27 January 2026, 08:30 – 10:00

11. Urgent debate on Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland

Rapporteur : Mr Bertrand Bouyx (France, ALDE)

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Adoption of a draft resolution

12. Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

[[Doc. 16311](#); Doc. 16311 Add.; Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 26 January 2026, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 27 January 2026, afternoon sitting

13. Elections in times of crisis

Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE)

[[Doc. 16297](#); Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 26 January 2026, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 27 January 2026, afternoon sitting

14. Resolution 2621 (2025) “Russian Democratic Forces”

General Rapporteur and rapporteur for follow-up: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE)
[[Resolution 2621 \(2025\)](#); AS/Bur (2026) 04]

Statement by the General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces

15. Call for candidates for the institutional representation of the Committee

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe (CDE)
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

16. Call for candidates

- Ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the High-Level Conference (HLC) on the European Social Charter (Chişinău, 18-19 March 2026)
- Ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 11-13 March 2026) (subject to a decision of the Assembly)
- Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment
- Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine

Tuesday 27 January 2026, 14:00 – 15:30

17. Urgent debate on Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups

Rapporteur : Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)
[AS/Pol (2026) 05]

Adoption of a draft resolution

18. Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence

Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD)
[[AS/Pol \(2026\) 03](#)]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

Wednesday 28 January 2026, 14:00 – 15:00

19. Situation in Belarus

Rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

Statement by the rapporteur

20. Work programme

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20.1. Appointment of rapporteurs for report

- Need to protect election observers ([Doc. 16241](#))
- Baltic Sea security challenges ([Doc. 16262](#) and [Doc. 16282](#))
- Democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Iran ([Doc. 16328](#))

20.2. Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion

- Protecting the freedom of expression of members of parliaments ([Doc. 16290](#))

20.3. Request for an extension of reference

- Strengthening early warning mechanisms for democratic backsliding (*rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD*)

21. Composition of Sub-Committees

[Lists of candidates]

Approval of the composition of Sub-Committees

22. Appointment of the institutional representatives of the Committee

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe (CDE)
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

23. Appointment of members

- Ad hoc committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the High-Level Conference (HLC) on the European Social Charter (Chişinău, 18-19 March 2026)
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24. Reporting back on participation in meetings

- Visit to the European Youth Centre, Budapest, 27-29 July 2025: Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC)
- Conference "Bridges, Not Borders: Strategies for Engagement with Russian Democrats Amid the War in Ukraine" organised by the Russian Antiwar Committee, Brussels, 2-3 November 2025: Mr Eerik Kross (Estonia, ALDE)
- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE), Venice, 8 October 2025: Ms Rian Vogels (Netherlands, ALDE)
- World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 5-7 November 2025; EU Parliamentary Democracy Forum, European Parliament, Brussels, 19 November 2025; and launch of the Guidelines for citizen participation of the Network for Citizen Participation and Deliberation, Federation for Innovation in Democracy – Europe (online) 12 December 2025: Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC)

25. Meeting of the Committee in Monaco, on 9-10 March 2026

[[AS/Pol/Inf \(2026\) 01](#); [AS/Pol/Inf \(2026\) 02](#)]

Consideration of the programme and the practical information

Thursday 29 January 2026, 08:30 – 10:00

26. Urgent debate on Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland

Rapporteur : Mr Bertrand Bouyx (France, ALDE)

[Doc.; Amendments]

Consideration of possible amendments tabled to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 28 January 2026, 12:00

Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 27 January 2026, morning sitting

27. Urgent debate on Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups

Rapporteur : Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

[Doc.; Amendments]

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28. Authorisations by the Committee

29. Other business

Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2026: [call for nominations](#)

30. Next meetings

- Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 March 2026, Monaco
- Second part-session 2026 (20-24 April), Strasbourg
- Wednesday 20 May 2026, Paris
- Third part-session 2026 (22-26 June), Strasbourg
- Tuesday 8 September 2026, Paris
- Fourth part-session 2026 (28 September-2 October), Strasbourg
- Monday 7 December 2026, Paris