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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised 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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Meeting to be held in Paris on Tuesday, 8 September 2026, from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 18:00

Venue: Paris, Office of the Council of Europe, 55, avenue Kléber, Paris 16th, Tel.: + 33 1 44 05 33 60
(Metro: Boissière)

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

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Approval of the minutes of the meetings held in Strasbourg during the third part-session 2026

3. Digital transformation: the role of the OECD in evaluating the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of work

Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC)

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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

4. Strengthening early warning mechanisms for democracy backsliding

Rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution and of a draft recommendation

5. Letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics, and Immunities regarding the confidentiality of Assembly documents

[Letter]

Consideration of a letter

6. Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

[\[Resolution 2637 \(2026\)\]](#)

Statement by the rapporteur

7. Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies [at 11:30]

Rapporteur: Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL)

[\[Doc. 16062\]](#)

Hearing with the online participation of:

- Ms Silkie Carlo, Director, Big Brother Watch, United Kingdom
- Mr Aris Constantinides, member of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

8. The convergence of extremist, autocratic and oligarchic threats to democracy in Europe [at 14:30]

Rapporteur: Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC)

[\[Doc. 16331\]](#)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr David C. Lingelbach, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Merrick School of Business, The University of Baltimore, and the Founder and Executive Chair of The Center for the Study of Oligarch
- Ms Ingrid Robeyns, Chair Ethics of Institutions, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University
- Ms Valentina Rodríguez Guerra, Founder and Executive Director of The Center for the Study of Oligarchs (online)

9. Democratic security in the Western Balkans [at 15:30]

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

[\[Doc. 16376\]](#)

Hearing with the online participation of Mr Thomas Hagleitner, Head of Unit/Deputy to the Director, Directorate-General for Enlargement and Eastern Neighbourhood (DG ENEST), European Commission

10. Open discussion on current political issues: developments in the Middle East

Hearing with the participation of Mr Gilles Kepel, Professor, political scientist, specialised in the contemporary Middle East

11. Work programme

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11.1. Reply by the Committee of Ministers

[\[Doc. 16460\]](#)

Consideration of the Committee of Ministers reply to Recommendation 2302 (2026) “Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility”

11.2. General rapporteur on Russian democratic forces: re-appointment

11.3. Appointment of a rapporteur for report

- Europe, democratic Russian civil society in exile and a democratic future for post-Putin Russia ([Doc. 16427](#))

11.4. Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion

- Democratising the economy: a new frontier for democratic governance ([Doc. 16333](#))

11.5. Appointment of Committee representatives

- *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the Anticipation Summit 2026 (Geneva, Switzerland, 14-15 October)
- *Ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the 2026 World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 2–3 November)

12. Changes in the composition of the sub-committees

13. Reporting back on participation in meetings

Ms Sena Nur Çelik Kanat (Türkiye, ALDE): ECRI's 101st plenary meeting, Strasbourg, 30 June-2 July 2026

Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC): conference "Breaking the Oligarchs' Grip: The Athens Dialogues", in Athens, 1-3 July 2026

14. Authorisations by the Committee

Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), in his capacity of General Rapporteur on Democracy, to participate, at no cost to the Assembly:

- in the OECD Global Forum on Building Trust and Reinforcing Democracy, in Paris on 12–13 October 2026
- in the "Anticipation Summit" organised by the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA), in Geneva, Switzerland, on 14-15 October 2026

15. Other business

16. Next meetings

- Fourth part-session 2026 (28 September-2 October), Strasbourg
- 9-11 November 2026, New York, Sub-Committee on External Relations
- Friday 11 December 2026, Paris