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13 June 2025

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

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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of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg on:

- Monday 23 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 (room 9)
- Tuesday 24 June 2025, 08:30 – 10:00 (room 9)
- Tuesday 24 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:30 (room 9) *Public hearing on Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence*
- Wednesday 25 June 2025, 14:00 – 16:00 (room 9)
- Thursday 26 June 2025, 15:00 – 16:00 (room 9)

Please also take note of the following meetings:

- Sub-committee on External Relations, Monday 23 June 2025, 14:10 – 14:15 (room 9)
- Sub-committee on the Western Balkans, Monday 23 June 2025, 14:15 – 15:00 (room 9)

Monday 23 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:00

1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Chania, Greece, on 26-27 May 2025

3. Possible debate under urgent procedure

(tbc, subject to a decision by the Assembly)

Appointment of a rapporteur

14:10 – 14:15: meeting of the sub-committee on External Relations¹

14:15 – 15:00: meeting of the sub-committee on the Western Balkans¹

¹ See separate agenda.

Tuesday 24 June 2025, 08:30 – 10:00

4. Support for political negotiations to enforce exchange and release of prisoners of war

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

[[Doc. 16197](#); Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 23 June 2025, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 24 June 2025, morning sitting

5. Possible debate under urgent procedure

(tbc, subject to a decision by the Assembly)

Rapporteur to be appointed

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Possible adoption of a draft resolution

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

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

Statement by the rapporteur

7. Elections in times of crisis

Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE)

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Statement by the rapporteur

8. Political parties and democracy

Rapporteur: Ms Ingjerd Schie Schou (Norway, EPP/CD)

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Statement by the rapporteur

9. Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy

Rapporteur: Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA)

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

10. Work programme

10.1. Call for candidates for the Institutional representation of the Committee

- Substitute Member, Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE)

10.2. Call for candidates for rapporteurs

- The promotion of democratic security in Europe through soft power ([Doc. 16178](#))
- Strengthening freedom of expression: an imperative for the consolidation and development of democratic societies ([Doc. 16062](#))

10.3. Call for candidates

- Members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti (Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2025)

- Members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on “[Democracy at risk : how can we revive it?](#)” (Strasbourg, 5-7 November 2025)

Tuesday 24 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:30

11. Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence

Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD)

Public hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Courtney Bowman, Global Director of Privacy & Civil Liberties Engineering, Palantir
- Ms Audrey Herblin-Stoop, Vice-President and Head of Global Public Affairs and Communication, Mistral AI (online)
- Ms Julie Lavet, Head of Policy and Partnerships for Europe, OpenAI
- Mr Ben Nimmo, Principal Threat Investigator, OpenAI (online)

Wednesday 25 June 2025, 14:00 – 16:00

12. Possible debate under urgent procedure

(tbc, subject to a decision by the Assembly)

Rapporteur to be appointed

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Consideration of possible amendments tabled to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 24 June 2025, 18:00

Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 25 June 2025, afternoon sitting

13. Call for Varosha’s return to its lawful inhabitants

Rapporteur for follow-up: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC

[\[Resolution 2563 \(2024\)\]](#)

Statement by the rapporteur for follow-up

Thursday 26 June 2025, 15:00 – 16:00

14. The Parliamentary Assembly should support Kazakhstan to continue its democratic reforms

Rapporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, ECPA)

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Statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Kazakhstan on 3-6 May 2025

Exchange of views with the participation of a delegation from Kazakhstan

Consideration of introductory memorandum

15. Russian democratic forces

Rapporteur: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE)

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Consideration of a draft report

16. Work programme

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17. Sub-committees

17.1. Composition

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Approval of possible changes

18. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2025: extension of the call for nominations

[[Prize website](#)]

19. Reporting back by committee representatives to external events

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE), online, 6 June 2025
- “Democracy’s Firewall Hackathon” of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 20 June 2025

20. Authorisations by the committee

21. Other business

22. Next meetings

- Wednesday 10 September 2025, Paris
- October part-session (29 September-3 October 2025), Strasbourg
- Thursday 11 December 2025, Paris.