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22 June 2026

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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Meetings to be held in Strasbourg on:

- Monday 22 June 2026, 14:00 – 15:30 (room 9)
- Tuesday 23 June 2026, 08:30 – 10:00 (room 9)
- Tuesday 23 June 2026, 14:00 – 15:30 (room 9)
- Wednesday 24 June 2026, 14:00 – 14:30 (room 9)
- Wednesday 24 June 2026, 14:30 – 15:30 (room 9) Sub-committee on the Western Balkans (open to all members of the Committee)¹

Monday 22 June 2026, 14:00 – 15:30

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 Paris on 20 May 2026

3. **Baltic Sea security challenges**

Rapporteur: Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC)

[Doc. 16262]

Hearing with the online participation of Ms Marija Golubeva, Hertie School Berlin, Former Minister of the Interior of Latvia, Member of the Latvian Parliament, and Chairperson on the European Affairs Committee

4. **The security of critical infrastructure as a pillar of democratic stability in Europe**

Rapporteur: Ms Lesia Zaburanna (Ukraine, ALDE)

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Consideration of an outline report

¹ separate draft agenda.

5. Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

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

Statement by the rapporteur

Tuesday 23 June 2026, 08:30 – 10:00

6. Democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Iran

Rapporteur: Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC)

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD)

[\[Doc. 16413\]](#); Doc. ...; Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 22 June 2026, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 23 June 2026, afternoon sitting

7. Suspension of Israel's observer status

Rapporteur: Mr Ricardo Carvalho (Portugal, EPP/CD)

[\[Doc. 16199\]](#)

Exchange of views with the Israeli observer delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly (online)

8. Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic

Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC)

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Statement by the rapporteur following her fact-finding visit to Kyrgyzstan on 4-6 June 2026, and consideration of an outline report

Tuesday 23 June 2026, 14:00 – 15:30

9. Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence

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

[\[Doc. 16417\]](#); Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 23 June 2026, 10:30

Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 24 June 2026, morning and afternoon sittings

10. Situation in Belarus

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

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Consideration of an outline report

11. A strong response to the Epstein files: ensuring full transparency and accountability

Rapporteur: Mr Gustaf Gothberg (Sweden, EPP/CD)

[\[Doc. 16381\]](#)

Statement by the rapporteur

12. Sub-Committee on External Relations

[\[List of members\]](#)

Statement by Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL), Chairperson, and consideration of the proposal to hold a meeting at the UN Headquarters, New York, in Autumn 2026 (in accordance with Assembly Order 500 (1994) and subject to the authorisation by the Bureau)

13. Work programme

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13.1. Appointment of a rapporteur for report

- Out-of-country voting ([Doc. 16378](#))

13.2. Appointment of the General rapporteur for a Democratic Belarus

13.3. Appointment of the General Rapporteur on Latin America

13.4. Appointment of Committee representatives

- *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the [2026 World Forum for Democracy](#) (Strasbourg, 2–3 November)
- *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 2026)

13.5. Request for the extension of a reference

- Shaping the Parliamentary Assembly's relations with the United Nations Human Rights Council (rapporteur: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL)

14. Authorisations by the Committee

Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) in his capacity as rapporteur on Democratic security in the Western Balkans, to carry-out a fact-finding visit to Brussels, 30 June-1 July 2026

Wednesday 24 June 2026, 14:00 – 14:30

15. Need to protect election observers

Rapporteur: Ms Rian Vogels (Netherlands, ALDE)

[\[Doc. 16241\]](#)

Statement by the rapporteur

16. Reporting back on participation in meetings

- Ms Rian Vogels (Netherlands, ALDE): Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE), Venice, 11 June 2026
- Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC): 17th edition of the EuroPCOM – European Public Communication Conference, in Brussels, on 9-10 June 2026
- Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC): 1st meeting of the OECD Parliamentary Group on AI, Paris, 11-12 June 2026

17. Other business

18. Next meetings

- Tuesday 8 September 2026, Paris
 - Fourth part-session 2026 (28 September-2 October), Strasbourg
 - Friday 11 December 2026, Paris
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Wednesday 24 June 2026, 14:30 – 15:30

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans (open to all members of the Committee)

Hearing with the online participation of Ms Valentina Superti, Director Western Balkans, Directorate-General for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood, European Commission
