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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised draft agenda

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Meeting to be held in Paris on Wednesday, 20 May 2026, from 10:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00

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 second part-session 2026

3. Protecting democracy from disruptions caused by artificial intelligence

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

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Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

4. Journalism in the context of the Israel-Gaza conflict

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Lise Selnes (Norway, SOC)

Rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, (Cyprus, SOC)

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Consideration and adoption of a draft opinion

5. 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 an introductory memorandum

6. The promotion of democratic security in Europe through soft power [at 11:30]

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

[[Doc. 16178](#)]

Hearing with the participation of Mr Philippe Bischof, Strategic consultant in cultural policy and change management, Metrum GmbH

7. Work programme

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7.1. Appointment of rapporteurs for report

- The convergence of extremist, autocratic and oligarchic threats to democracy in Europe ([Doc. 16331](#))
- Towards a Euro-Atlantic strategy for the Arctic in support of the rules-based international order ([Doc. 16348](#))
- Peace and security in the emerging global order ([Doc. 16357](#))
- The security of critical infrastructure as a pillar of democratic stability in Europe ([Doc. 16358](#))
- A strong response to the Epstein files: ensuring full transparency and accountability ([Doc. 16381](#))
- Democratic security in the Western Balkans ([Doc. 16376](#))
- Out-of-country voting ([Doc. 16378](#))

8. Meeting of the Committee in Rome, in March 2027 (date *tbc*)

9. Situation in Belarus [at 15:00]

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

Statement by the rapporteur

10. 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

11. Democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Iran [after 16:00]

Rapporteur: Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC)

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12. Call for candidates for a General rapporteur for a Democratic Belarus

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13. Work programme (continued)

13.1. Appointment of Committee representatives

- Appointment of up to three Committee representatives to participate in the ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the 9th World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Paris, on 30 June-2 July 2026 ([Agenda](#); [Practical information](#))

14. Reporting back on participation in meetings

Mr Eerik Kross (Estonia, ALDE): 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

15. Authorisations/appointments by the Committee

16. Other business

17. Next meetings

- Third part-session 2026 (22-26 June), Strasbourg
- Tuesday 8 September 2026, Paris
- Fourth part-session 2026 (28 September-2 October), Strasbourg
- Friday 11 December 2026, Paris