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30 September 2025

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Revised 3 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 29 September 2025, 14:00 – 14:30 (room 9)~~
- ~~— Tuesday 30 September 2025, 08:30 – 10:00 (room 9)~~
- Wednesday 1 October 2025, 14:00 – 15:30 (room 9)
- Thursday 2 October 2025, 08:30 – 10:00 (room 9)

- ~~— Sub-Committee on External Relations: Monday 29 September 2025; 14:30 – 15:00 (room 9) open to all members of the committee~~

Monday 29 September 2025, 14:00 – 14:30

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 10 September 2025
3. **Urgent debate: Russia: new threats to European democracies**

Appointment of a rapporteur
4. **Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention**
Rapporteur: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD)
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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

14:30 – 15:00: Sub-committee on External Relations¹ (open to all members of the committee)

Exchange of views with the Observer delegation of Canada

¹ See separate agenda.

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

Rapporteur: Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, ECPA)

[[Doc. 16245](#); [Amendments](#)]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 29 September 2025, 16:00

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6. Urgent debate: Russia: new threats to European democracies

Rapporteur : Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE)

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Adoption of a draft resolution

7. Elections in times of crisis

Rapporteur: Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE)

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

8. Situation in the Middle East

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

Statements by the rapporteur and by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World

Wednesday 1 October 2025, 14:00 – 15:30

9. Russian democratic forces

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

[[Doc. 16247](#); [Amendments](#)]

Consideration of possible amendments tabled to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 30 September 2025, 16:00

Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 1 October 2025, afternoon sitting

10. Work programme

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10.1. Requests for extensions of references

- Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy
Rapporteur: Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA)

- Situation in the Middle East
Rapporteur: Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD)

- Situation in Belarus
Rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

10.2. Reference for information

- Regular working relationships with Taiwan ([Doc. 16213](#))

11. World Forum for Democracy (5-7 November 2025)

[\[Concept note\]](#)

Appointment of members

12. Changes in the composition of the sub-committees

13. Reporting back on participation in meetings

Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE), online, 6 June 2025: Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC)

Visit to the European Youth Centre, Budapest, 27-29 July 2025: Mr Max Lucks (Germany, SOC)

14. Authorisations by the Committee

Mr George Papandreu (Greece, SOC), in his capacity of General Rapporteur on Democracy, to participate in the Annual Conference of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe, Strasbourg, 16-17 October 2025 (at no cost for the Assembly)

Thursday 2 October 2025, 08:30 – 10:00

15. Urgent debate: Russia: new threats to European democracies

Rapporteur to be appointed

[Doc.; Amendments]

Consideration of possible amendments tabled to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 1 October 2025, 10:30

Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 2 October 2025, morning sitting

16. Political parties and democracy

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

[\[Doc. 16248\]](#); Amendments]

Consideration of possible amendments tabled to the draft resolution

Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 1 October 2025, 16:30

Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 2 October 2025, afternoon sitting

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

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)

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Statement by the rapporteur

18. Work programme (continued)

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18.1. Appointment of a rapporteur for report

- Suspension of Israel's observer status ([Doc. 16199](#))

19. Other business

20. Next meeting

- Wednesday 10 December 2025, Paris