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27 January 2026

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Revised draft agenda

**This revised draft agenda, addressed to full members of the Committee and their alternates,
is the convocation to the meeting**

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of the meeting to be held in Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, on:

- **Tuesday, 27 January 2026 from 2 pm to 3 pm (room 11)**
- **Wednesday, 28 January 2026 from 2 pm to 3.10 pm (room 10)**
- **Thursday, 29 January 2026 from 8.30 am to 10 am (room 11)**

[Please also take note of the following meetings:

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

Wednesday 28 January 2026, from 3.10 pm to 3.20 pm (room 10)

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter

Wednesday 28 January 2026, from 3.20 pm to 3.30 pm (room 10)

Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine

Thursday 29 January 2026, from 1 pm to 2 pm (room 6)]

Tuesday 27 January 2026, from 2 pm to 3 pm:

1. Opening of the meeting by the eldest member present

2. Election of the Bureau of the Committee

- **Chairperson**
- **Vice-Chairpersons**

3. Revised agenda

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Adoption of the revised draft agenda

4. Draft minutes

[AS/Soc (2025) PV 08, AS/Soc (2025) PV 08add]

- Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 4 December 2025
- Approval and declassification of the draft minutes of the hearing on "The situation of Ukrainian soldiers who became disabled as a result of hostilities" held in Paris on 4 December 2025

5. Reconstitution of Sub-Committees

[List of the Sub-Committees]

- Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
- Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize
- Approval of the composition of the sub-committees

6. Debate under urgent procedure: “65th anniversary of the European Social Charter”

Rapporteur : Mr Paul Galles, Luxembourg, EPP/CD

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Consideration and adoption of a draft resolution and draft recommendation

Wednesday 28 January 2026, from 2 pm to 3.10 pm:

7. Draft Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment within mental healthcare services

Rapporteur: Ms Carmen Leyte, Spain, EPP/CD

[[Doc. 16309](#), amendments]

Consideration of possible amendments

Deadline for amendments: Tuesday 27 January, 4.10 pm

Debate in the Assembly: Wednesday 28 January, afternoon sitting

8. Guaranteeing the right to access to drinking water

Rapporteur: Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland, SOC

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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

9. Follow-up to the report “The absolute and urgent need to end the humanitarian crisis for women, children and the hostages in Gaza”

Rapporteur: Ms Saskia Kluit, Netherlands, SOC

[[Doc. 16093](#), AS/Soc (2025) 29rev]

- Update from the rapporteur on the latest developments
- Exchange of views with the participation of Ms Francesca Albanese, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 (online)

10. Appointment of General Rapporteur

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General Rapporteur on the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories

Thursday 29 January 2026, from 8.30 am to 10 am:

11. Urgent procedure debate: “65th anniversary of the European Social Charter”

Rapporteur : Mr Paul Galles, Luxembourg, EPP/CD
[AS/Soc (2026) 04]

Consideration of possible amendments

Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 28 January, 5.00 pm

Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 29 January, afternoon sitting

12. Ensuring sustainable food security in times of crisis: strengthening resilience and access to food

Rapporteur: Ms Larysa Bilozir, Ukraine, ALDE
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Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Michael Fakhri, Special Rapporteur on the right to food, United Nations (online)
- Mr Jean-Martin Bauer, Director, Food Security and Nutrition Analysis, World Food Programme

13. Committee's work programme

[AS/Soc (2026) 01, AS/Soc (2026) 02, AS/Soc (2026) Inf 01]

13.1. Committee's 2026 work programme

13.2. Institutional representation of PACE in 2026 – nomination of Committee representatives

- The European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – Council of Europe North-South Centre

13.3. Terms of reference for General Rapporteurs

[AS/Soc (2025) 34, AS/Soc/Enf (2022) 05rev2, AS/Soc (2025) 29 rev2]

Consideration of the revised terms of reference for the Committee's General Rapporteurs:

- General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities
- General Rapporteur on Child Participation
- General Rapporteur on the situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories (subject to ratification by the Assembly)

13.4. Appointment of Rapporteur for report - Call for candidates

[Doc. 16281, Doc.16280]

- “Climate action as a human and democratic responsibility”
- “Towards a coherent European policy on veterans”

13.5. Appointment of Committee representatives to Networks

- Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment
- Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe
- Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport

13.6. Appointment of Committee representatives to external events (subject to the availability of funds):

- International Conference on Patients' Rights, 26–27 February 2026, Yerevan
- Ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, 11-13 March 2026, Paris (subject to the bureau decision)
- 47th plenary meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 24-26 March 2026, Strasbourg
- 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV), 24-25 March 2026, Strasbourg
- 50th session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 31 March-2 April 2026, Strasbourg

13.7. Reports from Committee representatives to external events:

- 15th meeting of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights, 3 October 2025, Edinburgh: Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD)
- *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate to the Council of Europe Conference on the Protection of Health, 15 October 2025, Strasbourg: Mr Michael Farrugia (Malta, SOC)
- 46th plenary meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Lanzarote Committee), 18-21 November 2025, Chisinau (Moldova): Mr Rónán Mullen (Ireland, EPP/CD)
- *Ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in World Forum for Democracy 2025, 4-7 November 2025, Strasbourg: Mr Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia, ECPA), Mr Vinzenz Glaser (Germany, UEL) and Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC)
- 5th meeting of the *Ad hoc* Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment (GME), 2-4 December 2025, Strasbourg, Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC)
- Ceremony for the official presentation of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment and the opening for signature of the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law, 3 December 2025, Strasbourg: Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE)
- *Ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the Conference on Inclusive Care for Older Persons, organised by the Council of Europe and the Council of Europe Development Bank, 9 December 2025, Strasbourg: Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD)
- 10th Plenary Meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the MEDICRIME Convention, 9-10 December 2025, Strasbourg: Mr Dan Aldridge (United Kingdom, SOC)
- *Ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 15-16 December 2025, London: Ms Lesia Zaburanna (Ukraine, ALDE), Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD), Mr Dan Aldridge (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), Ms Maria-Nefeli Chatziioannidou (Greece, EPP/CD)
- 3rd meeting of the Drafting Committee on human rights and the environment, 13-15 January 2026, Strasbourg: Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC)

14. Other business

[AS/Ega/Inf (2026) 02]

- National developments
- Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2026: call for nominations
- Gender equality in the functioning of the Assembly

15. Date and place of next meetings

Plenary committee

- 13 March 2026, Paris office
- Second part session of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2026, Strasbourg
- 4-5 June 2026, Paris office OR elsewhere (to be confirmed)
- Third part session of the Assembly, 22-26 June 2026, Strasbourg
- 10 September 2026, Paris office
- Fourth part session of the Assembly, 28 September-2 October 2026, Strasbourg
- 3-4 December 2026, Paris office

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

Second part session of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2026, Strasbourg (to be confirmed)

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter

Second part session of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2026, Strasbourg (to be confirmed)

Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment

Second part session of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2026, Strasbourg (to be confirmed)

Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine

Second part session of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2026, Strasbourg (to be confirmed)