AS/Soc (2026) OJ 06rev2
8 September 2026

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

This revised draft agenda, addressed to full members of the Committee and their alternates,

is the convocation to the meeting

Copy to secretaries of delegations and political groups

Meeting documents will be published on PACE APPS (restricted access)

All items will be taken in the order in which they appear on the agenda, with the exception of those for which a precise time is indicated or where the Chairperson decides otherwise.

Revised draft agenda

of the meeting to be held in Paris on Thursday, 10 September 2026 from 9 am to 5 pm

Venue: Council of Europe Office, 55 Avenue Kléber, Paris 16ème (metro Boissière)
Tel: +33 (0)1 44 05 33 60

1. Agenda
[AS/Soc (2026) OJ 06rev2]

Adoption of the revised draft agenda

2. Draft minutes
[AS/Soc (2026) PV 05, AS/Soc (2026) PV 05add]

- Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg during the 2026 third part-session
- Approval and declassification of the draft minutes of the joint hearing with the Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination (of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination) on "Veterans with disabilities" held in Strasbourg on 23 June 2026

3. Towards a family-friendly Europe: policy recommendations for demographic renewal
Rapporteur: Mr Georgios Stamatis, Greece, EPP/CD
[AS/Soc (2026) 16]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

4. Towards a coherent European policy on veterans
Rapporteur: Ms Lesia Zaburanna, Ukraine, ALDE
[AS/Soc (2026) 15]

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

5. Climate action as a human and democratic responsibility
Rapporteur : Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova, Ukraine, ALDE
[AS/Soc (2026) 17]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum and exchange of views with the participation of Ms Emilie Tamo Kamguia, Member of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth

6. Health literacy
[Guide]

Presentation of the "guide to health literacy - Contributing to trust building and equitable access to healthcare" of the Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO) with the participation of Mr Lee Hibbard, Administrator in the Council of Europe Health Division (online)

7. Democratising the economy: a new frontier for democratic governance
Rapporteur: Ms Saskia Kluit, Netherlands, SOC

Exchange of views with the participation of Ms Isabelle Ferreras, Associate Research Director at the Universities of Louvain, Oxford and Harvard and Chair of the International High-level Expert Committee on Democracy at Work

8. Climate and gender equality – strengthening the protection of women's rights in the face of climate disruption
Rapporteur: Ms Aurora Floridia, Italy, SOC

Hearing with the participation of:
- Ms Melanie Hyde, Technical Officer, Gender Equality, Health Equity and Human Rights, WHO/Europe
- Ms Joyce Browne, Associate Professor Global Health / Epidemiology, University Medical Center Utrecht
- Ms Chiara Cadeddu, Theme Chair of Planetary Health and Associate Professor, Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam

9. Recognition of the right to a healthy environment

Exchange of views with the participation of Mr Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention

10. European Social Charter

Presentation of a guide and of a leaflet for parliamentarians on the European Social Charter

11. Committee's work programme
[AS/Soc (2026) 01, AS/Soc (2026) 02rev5, AS/Soc (2026) Inf 01rev5]

11.1. Appointment of Rapporteur
[Doc. 16433, Doc. 16366]

- *For report* on "End Israel's unlawful detention of Palestinian children"
- *For opinion* on "Preventing and combating vicarious violence as a form of gender-based violence against women"
- *For report on* "Europe, the fastest-warming continent: accelerating climate action with young people"

11.2. Call for candidate of Rapporteur for report
[Doc. 16416, Doc. 16438]

- "Taking action against sexually transmitted infections"
- "Territorial cohesion: a strategic imperative for a sustainable Europe"

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

- 16th meeting of the COE-FRA-ENNHRI-EQUINET Collaborative Platform on Social and Economic Rights, 7 October 2026, Vienna, Austria
- *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the 2026 Anticipation Summit, 14-15 October 2026, Geneva, Switzerland
- *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy, 2-3 November 2026, Strasbourg
- EPTA Annual Conference 2026 on Sustainable Urban Mobility, 2-3 November 2026, Athens, Greece
- United Nations Climate Change conference – COP31, including the Parliamentary Meeting organised by the IPU, 9-20 November 2026 (limited number of days), Antalya, Türkiye
- High-Level Conference on Health Literacy and Human Rights, 4 December 2026, Rome, Italy

12. Reports from Committee representatives to external events:

- *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the High-Level Conference on Social Rights - the European Social Charter, 18-19 March 2026, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova, Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC)
- 50th session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, 31 March-2 April 2026, Strasbourg, France, Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE)
- 27th International Workshop on Implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, 12-13 May 2026, Ribeira Sacra, Spain, Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC)
- *Ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the 9th World Congress Against the Death Penalty, 30 June-2 July 2026, Paris: Mr Joe O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD), Mr Berdan Öztürk (Türkiye, UEL) and Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD)
- Study visit of the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine to Maramureș, Romania, 12-14 August 2026: Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, ECPA)

13. Changes in sub-committees
[List of the Sub-Committees]

Approval of modifications in the composition of the Sub-Committees

14. Other business
[Doc. 16377 Add.1]

- National developments (measures taken in response to PACE resolutions on "65th anniversary of the European Social Charter: Social rights, the foundation of resilient democracies" and "social justice and Analysis and guidelines for guaranteeing the right to housing")
- Gender equality in the functioning of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2025
- Meeting of the Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine to Kyiv, Ukraine, 12-13 October 2026 and Vienna, Austria on 3 November 2026
- Request to be seized for opinion on the reports "Strengthening the affective and emotional dimension of comprehensive sexuality education to prevent and combat discrimination, hate crime and gender-based violence" and "Protecting the right to education in Gaza"
- Letter from the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities regarding the respect for the confidentiality of Assembly documents

15. Date and place of next meetings

Plenary committee
- Fourth part-session of the Assembly, 28 September-2 October 2026, Strasbourg
- 3 December 2026, Paris office

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize
- 2026 Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Reggio Emilia (Italy), 12-13 November 2026

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
- 14 October 2026, Bern, Switzerland

Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment
- 4 December 2026, Paris office

Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine
- 16 September 2026, Paris office
- Fourth part-session of the Assembly, 28 September-2 October 2026, Strasbourg
- 3 November 2026, Vienna, Austria
- 4 December 2026, Paris office