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To the members of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Synopsis
of the meeting held in Strasbourg during the fourth part session 2026

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg, on:

- **Monday, 28 September 2026, at 2 pm**, with Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***General policy debate: Europe, the fastest-warming continent: accelerating climate action with young people*** *(Rapporteur: Ms Aurora Floridia, Italy, SOC):* considered and approved a draft report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation as amended;

– ***The role of the OECD in evaluating the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the future of work*** *(Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Maria-Gabriela Horga, Romania, EPP/CD):* considered and approved an opinion including 4 amendments to the draft resolution to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;

– ***The situation of women and children in the Palestinian territories:*** considered and adopted a declaration;

– ***End Israel's unlawful detention of Palestinian children (****Rapporteur: Ms Saskia Kluit, Netherlands, SOC):* held a hearing with Ms Juliette Verhoeven, Senior Humanitarian and Advocacy Advisor, and Ms Tessa Terpstra, Director for Advocacy and Communications, Save the Children; decided to request authorisation from the Bureau to undertake a fact-finding visit to Israel *(subject to the availability of funds)*;

- **Tuesday, 29 June 2026, at 8.30 am**, with Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***Towards coherent policies on veterans in Europe*** *(Rapporteur: Ms Lesia Zaburanna, Ukraine, ALDE):* took position on one amendment tabled to the draft resolution;

– ***The need for systemic support to Ukrainian soldiers who became disabled as a result of hostilities*** *(Rapporteur: Mr Jan Filip Libicki, Poland, EPP/CD):* took position on thirteen amendments tabled to the draft resolution and on one amendment tabled to the draft recommendation, decided to submit one oral amendment for conciliation, and asked its Chairperson to propose that the amendments unanimously approved be declared adopted by the Assembly under the Rule 34.11 of the Assembly's Rules of procedure;

– ***Day for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse:*** held an exchange of view with Ms Mireya García de Murcia, Legal Advisor, Council of Europe Children's Rights Division - Secretariat of the Lanzarote Committee;

- **Thursday, 1 October 2026, at 8.30 am**, with Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

– ***General policy debate: Europe, the fastest-warming continent: accelerating climate action with young people*** *(Rapporteur: Ms Aurora Floridia, Italy, SOC):* took note that no amendments had been tabled;

– ***Towards a family-friendly Europe: policy recommendations for demographic renewal*** *(Rapporteur: Mr Georgios Stamatis, Greece, EPP/CD)*: took position on twenty amendments tabled to the draft resolution;

– ***Committee's work programme and priorities:***

  – ***appointment of rapporteur***:

    ✓ appointed, by acclamation, Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) as rapporteur *for report* on: "Taking action against sexually transmitted infections", subject to her completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests to include her rapporteur role, within the relevant deadline,

    ✓ decided to come back on the appointment of rapporteur on "Territorial cohesion: a strategic imperative for a sustainable Europe" at its next meeting;

  – ***call for candidates of rapporteur for report:*** issued a call for candidates for a rapporteur to be appointed at a subsequent meeting on "Europe's energy sovereignty: a strategic path toward security and sustainability";

  – ***appointment Committee representatives to external events:*** appointed its representatives as follows *(subject to the availability of funds)*:

    ✓ Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in the 13th Conference on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, on 1-2 December 2026, in Strasbourg,

    ✓ Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) to participate in the High-Level Conference on Health Literacy and Human Rights, on 4 December 2026, in Rome, Italy;

– ***Reports from Committee representatives to external events:*** decided to come back on this point at its next meeting;

– ***Changes in Sub-Committees:*** approved the following changes:

  Sub-committee on the Europe Prize: Mr Mileta Radovanić (Montenegro, NR) became a full member;

  Sub-Committee on European Social Charter: Mr Demetris Demetriou (Cyprus, EPP/CD) became an alternate;

- **Thursday, 1 October 2026, at 1 pm**, with Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson, and Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA), member of the Bureau of the Women@PACE group, in the co-Chair, as regards:

– ***Joint meeting with Women@PACE: "Ending discrimination against survivors":*** held a hearing with:

  ✓ Ms Rian Vogels (Netherlands, ALDE),

  ✓ Ms Elena Bonetti (Italy, ALDE) online,

  ✓ Dr Françoise Meunier, Founder of the European Initiative on Ending Discrimination against Cancer Survivors,

  ✓ Ms Grazia Scocca, Legal expert, Institute of European Studies;

- **Thursday, 1 October 2026, at 1 pm**, with Ms Aurora Floridia (Italy, SOC), Chairperson of the Network, and Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, in the co-Chair, as regards:

– ***Joint meeting with the Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment:*** held a hearing with:

  ✓ Dr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe,

  ✓ Ms Elisabeth Stern and Ms Pia Hollenstein, representatives of the KlimaSeniorinnen, and Ms Louise Fournier from Greenpeace International;

– ***Dates and places of next meetings:*** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:

Plenary committee

- 3 December 2026, Paris office

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

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
- 14 October 2026, Bern, Switzerland (to be confirmed)

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

Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine
- 3 November 2026, Vienna, Austria
- 12-13 November 2026, Study visit in Reggio Emilia (Italy), on the occasion of the 2026 Europe Prize presentation ceremony
- 4 December 2026, Paris office

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The Parliamentary Network on the situation of the children of Ukraine, meeting in Strasbourg **on Tuesday 29 September 2026, at 1 pm**, with Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, ECPA), Chairperson of the Network, in the Chair:

- ***Election of a Vice-Chair of the network:*** elected Ms Carla Moonen (Netherlands, ALDE) as a Vice-Chairperson;
- ***Presentation of the Factsheet N 1 Parliamentary action in support of Ukrainian children:*** heard a presentation;
- ***Visit of the delegation of Ukrainian children from Kharkiv region to Strasbourg and the Council of Europe:*** welcomed the delegation and held an exchange of views;
- ***Dates and places of nexts meetings:*** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
  - 3 November 2026, Vienna, Austria
  - 12-13 November 2026, Study visit in Reggio Emilia (Italy), on the occasion of the 2026 Europe Prize presentation ceremony
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