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Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Revised draft agenda

of the meeting to be held *in camera* in RIGA (LATVIA) on:

- Thursday, 15 May 2025, from 10.45 to 17.30

Venue: Riga City Council (Rātslaukums 1)

- Friday, 16 May 2025, from 10.00 to 16.00

Venue: Saeima (Jēkaba iela 11)

This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Committee, is the convocation to the meeting.

It also constitutes the invitations foreseen in Resolution 1115 (1997), paragraph 10 ("When a monitoring procedure is initiated, two members of the parliamentary delegation of the member State concerned (to represent the governing majority and the opposition) shall be invited to take part, without the right to vote, in the relevant debates of the Committee unless one or both are already represented on the Committee. By analogy with Rule 6, paragraph 8, no member of the parliamentary delegation of the member State concerned shall participate in a vote on any question concerning this State.").

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Meeting documents will be published on PACE Apps (restricted access).

Thursday, 15 May 2025, from 10.45 to 13.30 (Riga City Council - Rātslaukums 1)

1. Exchange of views with Latvian Authorities

- ✓ Welcoming address by Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Deputy Speaker of the Saeima, Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee
- ✓ Opening words by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

Statements by:

- ✓ Ms Irēna Kucina, President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia
- ✓ Ms Lauma Paegļkalna, Vice-Minister of Justice of Latvia

2. Public Seminar on “Resilience and preparedness of civil society in the face of crises”

Moderator: Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Deputy Speaker of the Saeima, Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee

- ✓ Opening words by Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

Statements by:

- ✓ Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the European Committee for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
- ✓ Ms Inese Vaivare, Director of the National Platform for Development Cooperation, Latvia
- ✓ Ms Olena Suslova, Founder and Senior Analyst of the Women's Information Consultative Center, Ukraine
- ✓ Mr Iulian Groza, Executive Director of the Institute for European Policies and Reforms (IPRE), Republic of Moldova

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3. Draft agenda

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Adoption of the revised draft agenda

4. Draft minutes

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Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 7, 8, 9 and 10 April 2025

5. Election of a third Vice-Chairperson of the Committee

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6. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia

Co-rapporteurs: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Ćudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE

Exchange of views on “The human rights situation and challenges to civil society and media in Georgia”, with the participation of:

- ✓ Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the European Committee for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
- ✓ Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

7. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary

Co-rapporteurs: Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE, and Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC

Exchange of views on “Challenges to civil society and independent media in Hungary” with the participation of:

- ✓ Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the European Committee for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
- ✓ Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

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8. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Türkiye

Co-rapporteurs: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC, and Lord David Blencathra, United Kingdom, ECPA

Exchange of views on recent developments in the country

9. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Sweden

(periodic monitoring report)

Co-rapporteurs: Ms Yelizaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD, and Ms Anne Stambach-Terrenoir, France, UEL

[Programme of the visit]

Oral report by the co-rapporteurs of their fact-finding visit to Stockholm (22-24 April 2025)

10. The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova

Co-rapporteurs: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez, Switzerland, SOC and Ms Zanda Kalniņa-Lukaševica, Latvia, EPP/CD

Update on the situation in the country

Friday, 16 May 2025, from 14.00 to 16.00 (Red room, Saeima, Jēkaba iela, 11 – in camera)

11. Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention

Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for report: Ms Yelizaveta Yasko, Ukraine, EPP/CD

Rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee for opinion: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE

Exchange of views

12. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia

Co-rapporteurs: Mr Axel Schäfer, Germany, SOC, and Ms Victoria Tiblom, Sweden, ECPA

Exchange of views on recent developments in the country

13. The honouring of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina

Co-rapporteurs: Mr Zsolt Németh, Hungary, ECPA, and Mr Pablo Hispán, Spain, EPP/CD

Exchange of views on recent developments in the country

14. Post-monitoring dialogue with Albania

Co-rapporteurs: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD and...

Appointment of a second co-rapporteur

Update following the parliamentary elections (11 May 2025) and exchange of views

15. Call for candidates

16. Authorisation of fact-finding visits

17. Other business

Monitoring Committee: Work overview

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18. Next meetings

- Strasbourg, 23-27 June 2025 [during the Assembly part-session]
- Paris, 9 September 2025
- Strasbourg, 29 September-3 October 2025 [during the Assembly part-session]
- Paris, 9 December 2025