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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1549th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (4 February 2026)

¹ This document covers the activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 26 January 2026 and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 2 March 2026.

I. First part of the Ordinary Session of 2026 (26 - 30 January 2026)

A. Assembly's response to the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine

In adopting [Resolution 2637\(2026\)](#) on “Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent”, the Assembly denounced Russia's lack of genuine willingness to end its war of aggression against Ukraine and strongly condemned the intensification of violence and suffering to which it is subjecting the country. PACE members urged an immediate and complete ceasefire and genuine negotiations, noting that Ukraine must not be forced to negotiate under bombardment. There should be no territorial concessions contrary to the principles of international law, nor any recognition of temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine as Russian, which would legitimise a change of borders by force. A comprehensive, just and lasting, dignified and stable peace is essential to the security and stability of Ukraine and the entire European continent, the Assembly said, pointing out that the outcome of the war would have a significant impact on the future of European and global security. Council of Europe member states and their allies, notably the United States, should join forces in the face of Russia's threat to European and global security, it added. They should also support Ukraine's accession to the EU, recognising that this process provides a strong incentive to pursue relevant reforms and a guarantee of security.

In [Resolution 2363\(2026\)](#) “Elections in times of crisis”, the Assembly recognised that some crises were not temporary disruptions, but prolonged states of emergency with profound implications for democratic governance. It reaffirmed that, under international democratic standards, elections cannot be held under martial law and recalled that the Russian Federation has repeatedly compelled Ukrainian civilians in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine to participate in so-called electoral processes, including local elections in 2023, and presidential “election” in 2024. Such practices violate fundamental principles of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, and further undermine any claim to the legitimacy of these elections. Finally, the Assembly called for continued support to member States affected by conflict or prolonged emergencies, with particular attention to Ukraine, to enable secure, inclusive and credible elections to be conducted in line with European and international standards as soon as conditions permit.

B. Ceremony marking the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (See separate programme)

On 27 January, the Assembly held a moving ceremony to remember the victims of the Holocaust, during which many speakers reflected on the lessons it holds for the present day. Lord Alf Dubs, who escaped the Holocaust on a Kindertransport train from occupied Europe in June 1939 at the age of six, recalled that journey. He also spoke of the importance of passing on the history of the Holocaust to young people: 'We must ensure that the next generation understands it, because people like me will no longer be around, and it is crucial that this message continues to be passed on.' He paid tribute to British stockbroker Nicholas Winton, who organised the Kindertransport evacuations together with others, saving the lives of 669 mainly Jewish children. 'He was a remarkable man. He looked at the situation and said, 'This is a problem.' But then he said, 'I must do something about it' – and that's what made him different. I am very moved to be talking about him, because he helped to save my life.' PACE President Petra Bayr said: 'We often hear calls to finally close this chapter of history, but history cannot be closed. We have a shared obligation to translate the lessons of the Holocaust into concrete political action today. 'Never again' is not just a symbolic phrase; it is a political commitment to defend human dignity, protect minorities and resist the erosion of democratic norms wherever it occurs.' The President of the Republic of Moldova, Maia Sandu, stressed: 'Today, we must ask ourselves honestly: are we so certain that such a tragedy could never happen again? The world is on a slippery slope. 'Never again' is not a promise that sustains itself. It is a responsibility that we must renew through our institutions, our choices, and our courage. Let us have the courage to act before remembrance turns into regret.' Other participants in the ceremony included Meyer Stambler, the Chief Rabbi of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Ukraine, who delivered a video address to the Assembly from the Jewish Museum of Ukraine in Dnipro; Anina Ciuciu, a representative of the Roma and Travellers community; Krystian Kamiński, a representative of Poland's LGBTI community; and Nicolas Laugel, a French historian and regional delegate for eastern France of the French Committee for Yad Vashem. In a separate part of the ceremony, under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, participants laid wreaths in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and observed a minute's silence. In this context, Council of Europe Secretary General Alain Berset also delivered a statement: 'The Council of Europe is less than an hour from the Natzweiler-Struthof camp. Yet it stands for everything the Holocaust sought to destroy. The Council of Europe is a peace project built on a solemn pledge: never again. It is a peace built on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.'

C. Election of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Two candidatures for the post of President of the Assembly were received, respectively, Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) and Ms Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA). On 26 January 2026, as a result of a secret ballot, Ms Petra Bayr was [elected](#) President of the Assembly for the 2026 Ordinary Session. She shall remain in office until the opening of the next Ordinary Session and may be re-elected once for a further term. She is the Assembly's 36th President and the third Austrian to hold this office.

D. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected 18 Vice-Presidents (Appendix 2).

E. Election of the bureaux of the Committees of the Assembly

The Assembly Committees elected their Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons (Appendix 3).

F. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

On 27 January 2026, the Assembly elected Corinna Wissels as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the [Netherlands](#) and Nicholas Emiliou in respect of [Cyprus](#).

G. Personalities

The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

- Ms Stefanie HUBIG, German Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection
- Ms Maia SANDU, President of the Republic of Moldova
- Mr Alain BERSET, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Ararat MIRZOYAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia
- Mr Mihai POPȘOI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, President of the Committee of Ministers
- Ms Helena DALLI, former European Commissioner for Equality, former Minister for European Affairs and Equality of Malta

Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <https://pace.coe.int>.

H. Current affairs debates and debates under urgent procedure

The Assembly held three debates under urgent procedure on "Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland", (Rapporteur: Mr Bertrand Bouyx (France, ALDE)), on "Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups", (Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC)) and on "The 65th anniversary of the European Social Charter: social rights as the foundation of resilient democracies and social justice, (Rapporteur: Mr Paul Galles (Luxembourg, EPP/CD)).

The Assembly also held a current affairs debate on "Safeguarding the system of international justice" and a current affairs debate on "Ensuring accountability, humanitarian protection and respect for international law in Gaza and the West Bank after the ceasefire".

I. Media coverage

Media coverage of the Assembly's winter session was considerable, close to the highest in the last three years, with some 532 articles identified so far and around 40 journalists present in Strasbourg.

According to a preliminary review of items on the agenda, the top two subjects were the address of the President of the Republic of Moldova Maia Sandu and the election of Petra Bayr as President of the Assembly. The address

by the Foreign Minister of Armenia Ararat Mirzoyan also saw a significant number of articles. Greatest coverage was in the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Armenia. However, it was the appointment of the Participants of the Assembly's Platform for dialogue with Russian democratic forces – as well as its first meeting on the margins of the session – which drew the greatest attention, with some 104 articles and considerable TV coverage.

It was a similar pattern on the Assembly's social media channels. The top posts concerned the Platform, as well as the election of a new President for PACE. There were around 60,000 impressions on X, around 16,000 on LinkedIn and around 30,000 views on YouTube. The MediaBox team recorded some 55 interviews with parliamentarians.

J. Adopted texts

Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

Opinion

Opinion 310 (2026)	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 (Doc. 16309)
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Recommendations

Recommendation 2301 (2026)	Elections in times of crisis (Doc. 16297)
Recommendation 2302 (2026)	Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility (Doc. 16308)
Recommendation 2303 (2026)	Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values (Doc. 16314)
Recommendation 2304 (2026)	The 65th anniversary of the European Social Charter: social rights as the foundation of resilient democracies and social justice (Doc. 16335)

Resolutions

Resolution 2635 (2026)	Progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2025) (Doc. 16316)
Resolution 2636 (2026)	Elections in times of crisis (Doc. 16297)
Resolution 2637 (2026)	Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent (Doc. 16311)
Resolution 2638 (2026)	The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Doc. 16310)
Resolution 2639 (2026)	Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility (Doc. 16308)
Resolution 2640 (2026)	Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values (Doc. 16314)
Resolution 2641 (2026)	Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland (Doc. 16334)
Resolution 2642 (2026)	Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups (Doc. 16336)
Resolution 2643 (2026)	For a ban on conversion practices (Doc. 16315)

Resolution 2644 (2026)	The 65th anniversary of the European Social Charter: social rights as the foundation of resilient democracies and social justice (Doc. 16335)
Resolution 2645 (2026)	Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia (Doc. 16317)

These texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <https://pace.coe.int>.

II. Hearings and exchanges of views organised during the part-session

Monday 26 January 2026	
<p>2 pm – 3.30 pm</p> <p>Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>Hearing on the <i>Situation in the Middle East</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Christophe Bigot, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process.
Tuesday 27 January 2026	
<p>8.30 am – 10 am</p> <p>Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>Exchange of views related to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 70) (New York, United States, 11-13 March 2026) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Yolanda Iriarte, UN Women Strategic Partnerships, Intergovernmental and Normative Engagement Specialist (online); - Ms Agustela Nini-Pauli, UN Women Human Rights Expert (online); - Ms Elena Ratoi, UN Women, Intergovernmental and Normative Engagement team (online).
<p>9.15 am</p> <p>Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the <i>draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism</i>, with de participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Cornel Virgiliu Calinescu, President of the Committee of Experts on Criminal Asset Recovery (PC-RAC).
<p>2 pm – 3 pm</p> <p>Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Upholding our diverse culture, freedom of expression and information by effective enforcement of copyright</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Eleonora Rosati, Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Stockholm University (Sweden) (online).
Wednesday 28 January 2026	
<p>1 pm – 2 pm</p> <p>Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALD), on the contribution of the Alliance to the follow-up of Resolution 2636 (2026) on “Elections in times of crisis”; - Mr Rast'o Kužel, Executive Director, MEMO 98 and Council of Europe Election and Media expert “the Impact of political

	polarisation on election observation: challenges, adaptation, and the road ahead”.
<p>1 pm – 2 pm</p> <p>Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe</p>	<p>Exchange of views on <i>Protecting the rights of intersex persons in practice: a new framework for inclusion</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aaron Giardina, Chair, Committee of Experts on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics (ADI-SOGIESC); - Dan Christian Ghattas, Executive Director, Organisation Intersex International Europe (OII Europe) (online); - Cianán Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe; - Irene Simeonidou, Mother of an intersex child, Secretary, Intersex Greece (online).
<p>2 pm – 3 pm</p> <p>Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchange of views in the framework of the follow-up to the report “<i>The absolute and urgent need to end the humanitarian crisis for women, children and the hostages in Gaza</i>”, prepared by Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Francesca Albanese, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 (online).
<p>2 pm</p> <p>Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Proceeds of the crime denounced by Sergei Magnitsky found in Switzerland must not be returned to the presumed perpetrators</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Lesia Vasylenko (Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sir William Browder, CEO Hermitage Capital Management, Head of the Global Magnitsky Justice Campaign.
<p>2 pm – 3.30 pm</p> <p>Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on <i>Benefits and challenges to freedom of expression in immersive realities</i>, in the framework of the follow-up to the Assembly Resolution 2578 (2024) on “Risks and opportunities of the metaverse”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca, Head of Division, Secretary to the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI), Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity.
Thursday 29 January 2026	
<p>8:30 am – 10 am</p> <p>Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Hearing on <i>Ensuring sustainable food security in times of crisis: strengthening resilience and access to food</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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.
<p>2 pm</p> <p>Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views with the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.</p>

III. Decisions taken by the Bureau (26 and 30 January 2026)

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Monday, 26 January 2026, in Strasbourg, with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communications:** took note of the communication by the President; and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **First part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January):**
 - *Requests for debates under urgent procedure:* took note of requests to hold debates on:
 - *65th anniversary of the European Social Charter*, tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: decided to recommend to the Assembly to *hold this debate and to refer the matter to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*;
 - *Ensuring accountability, humanitarian protection and respect for international law in Gaza and the West Bank after the ceasefire*, tabled by the group of the Unified European Left: decided to transform this request into a current affairs debate, recommended to the Assembly to hold this debate and appointed Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC) as the first speaker;
 - *Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland*, tabled by the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe: decided to recommend to the Assembly to *hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on political Affairs and Democracy for report*;
 - *Bringing Democracy back to our Assembly: an urgent call to reform the election procedure of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly*, tabled by Victoria Tiblom (Sweden, ECPA) and 32 members of the Assembly: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
 - *Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups*, tabled by the leaders of political groups, decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on political Affairs and Democracy for report.
 - *Request for a current affairs debate:* took note of a request to hold a debate on:
 - *Safeguarding the system of international justice*, tabled by the leaders of the five political groups: decided to recommend to the Assembly to *hold this debate and appointed Mr Tekke Panman (Netherlands, EPP/CD) as the first speaker*.
 - *Draft agenda:* updated the draft agenda of the part-session;
 - *Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:* took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges for the post of judges in respect of Cyprus and the Netherlands, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report ([Doc. 16323 Add. 2](#)).
 - *Joint Committee (Strasbourg, 29 January 2026):* prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee.
- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (3 October 2025 – 25 January 2026)** (Rapporteur: Mr Iulian BULAI, Romania, ALDE): approved the Progress report ([Doc. 16323](#)).
- **References and transmissions to committees:** considered and approved the following references, subject to ratification by the Assembly:
 - *Comprehensive protection of children in rainbow families across Europe*, [Doc. 16299](#), Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
 - *Mainstreaming remembrance: preserving the historical memory of Roma and Travellers to counter Antigypsyism*, [Doc. 16300](#), Motion for a resolution : reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
 - *Towards the universal abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances*, [Doc. 16301](#), Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
 - *Democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Iran*, [Doc. 16328](#), Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*.

- **Election observation:**
 - *Kyrgyzstan: early parliamentary elections (30 November 2025)*: approved the observation report of the early parliamentary elections ([Doc. 16319](#));
 - *Assembly of Kosovo*: elections (28 December 2025)*: took note of the press release of the observation mission of 28 December 2025;
 - *Hungary: Parliamentary elections (12 April 2026)*: decided to observe this election and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 30 members (SOC-9; EPP/CD-8; EC/PA-6; ALDE-5; UEL-2), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission; and decided to launch a feasibility test to observe out-of-country voting (subject to receiving an invitation);
 - *Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections: approved the list of members of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections*: approved the list of members of the Alliance and the appointment of Lord Blencathra (United-Kingdom, ECPA), as its Chairperson;
 - *Joint hearing co-organised by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional authorities and the Venice Commission on “Securing the rights of observers for trusted and inclusive electoral processes (Paris, 28-29 April 2026), as a contribution to the New Democratic Pact”*: decided to set up an ad hoc committee to participate in the hearing with the following composition: the President of the Parliamentary Assembly ; the members of the Presidential committee ; the members of the Bureau of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections and 5 other members of the Alliance; PACE members and substitutes of the Council for Democratic Elections ; PACE General rapporteur on Democracy ; PACE Rapporteur on *Elections in times of crisis* and PACE rapporteur on *The need to protect election observers*;
 - *Election observation activities of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2025*: took note of the Election observation activities report ([Doc. 16323 Add. 3](#)).
- **Vice-Presidents of the Assembly for 2026**: took note of the list of candidates for Vice-Presidents of the Assembly.
- **Modalities for the implementation of Assembly Resolution 2621 (2025) on Russian democratic forces**: approved the Memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly together with the General Rapporteur on the Russian democratic forces and approved the list of members of the Platform for Dialogue between the Assembly and Russian democratic forces, subject to ratification by the Assembly (Appendix 4).
- **Special Committee on New Democratic Pact**: took note of the Memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, decided to set up a special Committee on the New Democratic Pact and approved its terms of reference (Appendix 5).
- **Launch of the 2026 edition of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**: took note of the press release of the launch of the 2026 edition of the Prize.
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**: on the basis of proposals by the political groups, nominated members of these three committees and decided to submit them to the Assembly for ratification (Commissions (2026) 01 Addendum 1).
- **Resolution 1376 (2004) relating to Cyprus**: took note of the letters from the two Turkish Cypriot political parties informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the “elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community” entitled to sit in the Assembly in 2026, namely Mr Armağan Candan and Mr Hasan Taçoy, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report.
- **Resolution 2530 (2024) on a democratic future for Belarus**: took note of the letter by the Speaker of the Coordination Council of Belarus informing the President of the Assembly of the names of the members of the representative delegation of Belarusian democratic forces for the 2026 ordinary session and approved the list of the delegation, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report:

Members:

- Mr Pavel Latushka, Latushka Team and Movement for Freedom’ faction

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- Ms Alexandra Mamaeva, 'European Choice' faction
 - Ms Marharyta Vorykhava, 'Youth Act' faction
- Substitutes:*
- Mr Valery Matskevich, 'European Choice' faction
 - Mr Pavel Tereshkovich, 'Nasha Sprava//Belarusian Christian Democrats' faction
 - Ms Rita Gatchiová, "Latushka Team and Movement for Freedom" faction

- **Date and place of next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
Friday, 30 January 2026, 8.30 am, Strasbourg.

The Bureau of the Assembly, meeting on Friday, 30 January 2026, in Strasbourg, with Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up to the first part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January):** approved the follow-up proposals, as set out in Appendix 6.
- **References and transmissions to committees:** approved the references as set out in Appendix 7, subject to ratification by the Assembly through the Progress report.
- **Election observation:**
 - o Hungary: *Parliamentary elections (12 April 2026)*: approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee to observe the elections and appointed Pablo Hispan (Spain, EPP/CD) as its Chairperson and Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA) as its Vice-Chairperson (Appendix 8);
 - o Joint hearing co-organised by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional authorities and the Venice Commission on "Securing the rights of observers for trust and inclusive electoral processes (Paris, 28-29 April 2026), as a contribution to the New Democratic Pact": approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee (Appendix 9);
 - o Armenia: *Parliamentary elections (June 2026 – date tbc)*: decided, subject to receiving an invitation, to observe these elections and to set up an *ad hoc* committee composed of 20 members (SOC-7; EPP/CD-5; ECPA-4; ALDE-3; UEL-1), as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the monitoring committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission;
 - o *Parliamentary Network for free and fair elections*: approved the updated list of members of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections (Appendix 10).
- **OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 11-13 March 2026):** following its decision of 26 January, taken by written consultation, to set up an *ad hoc* committee to participate in this meeting, approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee and appointed its chairperson (Appendix 11).
- **High-level conference on the European Social Charter (Chişinău, 18-19 March 2026):** following its decision of 26 January, taken by written consultation, to set up an *ad hoc* committee to participate in this conference, approved the list of members of the *ad hoc* committee (Appendix 12).
- **Black Sea Security Forum, Odesa, Ukraine, 29-31 May 2026:** decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in this event, subject to security conditions.
- **Composition of committees:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*: ▪ on the basis of a proposal by the UEL Group, nominated Mr Dionysios-Charalampos KALAMATIANOS (Greece) as member.
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2026:** approved the proposals as set out in Appendix 13.
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) - List of candidates in respect of Hungary:** approved the list of candidates in respect of this country to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers.
- **Meetings elsewhere than Strasbourg and Paris:** authorised:
 - o the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to meet in Tallinn on 26-27 May or June 2026;

- the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) to meet in Sarajevo on 28-29 May 2026;
- the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media to meet in Istanbul on 2-3 June 2026.
- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Monday 2 March 2026, 11am, Paris;
 - Monday 20 April 2026, 8 h, Strasbourg (part-session);
 - Friday 24 April 2026, 8 h 30, Strasbourg (part session).

IV. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ ***Strengthening early warning mechanisms for democracy backsliding***

Ms Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels during the first semester of **2026**.

➤ ***The promotion of democratic security in Europe through soft power***

Ms Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Brussels during the first semester of **2026**.

V. Other activities of members of the Assembly

Mr Kim Valentin (Denmark, ALDE), Chairperson of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, will participate in the 50th Ordinary UEFA Congress, on 11 and 12 February 2026, in Brussels.

Mr Chris Said (Malta, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025), will participate in the post-electoral review conference on „Parliamentary Election in the Republic of Moldova, 28 September 2025: Electoral Integrity and Perspectives for Democratic Consolidation” (Chisinau, 19–20 February 2026), hosted by the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova and the Council of Europe, and co-organised in partnership with UNDP Moldova, International IDEA, and IFES.

Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) will participate in the National Forum “Decent Home, Secure Future: Housing Conditions as a Key Determinant of Child Rights” on 24 February 2026 in Sofia.

Mr Georgios Stamatis (Greece, EPP/CD) and Ms **Ogerta Manastirliu** (Albania, SOC) will participate in the International Conference on Patients’ Rights, on 26–27 February 2026 in Yerevan.

VI. PACE parliamentary and electoral cooperation activities

The *PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division*, through the Project “Strengthening Elections Integrity in Albania”:

➤ **March 2026 (date tbc), Tirana:** will organise a Roundtable on the Establishment of the Central Election Commission Training and Education Centre (tentative activity).

➤ **March 2026 (date tbc), Tirana:** will hold a BRIDGE (Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections) Training of Trainers (tentative activity).

The *PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division*, through the JP Action “Support to the Electoral Cycle in Albania”:

➤ **4 - 5 March 2026 (date tbc), Tirana:** will hold the signing of the joint Declaration/ Memorandum of Understanding between the CEC and the CSOs and media organisations. The activity will mark the launch of cooperation between the Central Election Commission (CEC), civil society, and media organisations through the signing of a joint Declaration/MoU. The initiative will establish a framework for structured consultation and collaboration, leading to the development of the e-consultation platform to be integrated into the CEC portal.

The *PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division*, through the Project “Supporting transparency, inclusiveness and integrity of electoral practices and processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina”:

➤ **13 – 15 February 2026, Sarajevo:** will organise the 3rd Module of the Academy for Women Candidates Training on public appearance.

➤ **March 2026 (date tbc), Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina:** will organise a training on combatting hate speech for the employees of the Central Election Commission of BiH.

The *PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division*, through the Project “Improving electoral practices in the Republic of Moldova (IEPRM), 2025-2028”:

➤ **30 January 2026, Chisinau:** will hold an explanatory session on the methodology regarding the execution of missions based on agreed-upon procedures applied to political parties (which reported revenue and expenditure during the year > 1 million MDL). The event will be co-organised with the Central Electoral Commission and aim to explain the newly adopted rules and the electoral authority’s expectations based on the new methodology to interested stakeholders (auditors and political parties).

➤ **19 – 20 February 2026, Chisinau:** will hold the post-election analysis conference following the Moldovan 2025 Parliamentary Elections. The conference will be hosted by the Council of Europe and the Central Electoral Commission with contribution of other international organisations and will aim to provide an institutionalised, inclusive and transparent platform for a comprehensive assessment of the electoral process, through the lens of international standards on electoral democracy and the commitments undertaken by the Republic of Moldova in the European integration process.

The *PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division*, through the Project “Supporting democratic post-war elections in Ukraine – Phase II”:

➤ **January – March 2026, Kyiv:** will organise and facilitate meetings with representatives of the CEC and other national authorities concerned to present and discuss the draft list of criteria with quantity and quality indicators and methodology of collection and assessment of respective data/information to assess pre-conditions necessary for the conduct of democratic post-war elections in Ukraine and to define the possibility/impossibility of calling, organisation and conduct of post-war elections, elaborated by the Group of Experts engaged by the Project. Upon the results of these meetings and discussions, a respective draft document will be further elaborated and finalised.

➤ **January – February 2026, Kyiv:** will provide ongoing expert/consultancy support within the framework of the Working group established under the Parliament of Ukraine on the development of comprehensive legislative proposals related to the specifics of the organisation and conduct of elections under the conditions of a special period and/or post-war elections in Ukraine (upon request of the First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ukraine).

➤ **January – March 2026, Kyiv:** will provide technical support and maintenance, as well as an update of the "CEC: prosvita" online platform necessary to ensure the due functioning of the platform and training courses and materials placed thereon.

VII. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- . **2 March 2026, Paris: *Presidential Committee***
- . **2 March 2026, Paris: *Bureau meeting***
- . **2 March 2026, Paris: *Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities***

Appendix 1 – Agenda of the 2026 first part-session



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First part of the 2026 Ordinary Session (26-30 January 2026)

Agenda¹

1. Adopted by the Assembly on 26 January 2026.

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Abbreviations

Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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

Rul: Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

ECPA: European Conservatives, Patriots and Affiliates

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Members not belonging to a political group

Symbols

-  Presentation, statement
-  Deadline for tabling documents
-  Lists (speakers, questions)
-  Votes

Meetings outside the Chamber

Joint Committee

Thursday: 15:00-16:30

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:30

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:00

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:00

Monday: 17:30-19:45

Wednesday: 08:15-10:00

Monday 26 January 2026

Sitting No. 1 (11:00-13:15)

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Examination of the credentials

- List of delegations:
 - o (Doc. 16330)

1.2. Farewell ceremony for the outgoing President of the Assembly

1.3. Election of the President of the Assembly (AS/Inf (2026) 03)

1.4. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly (AS/Inf (2026) 01)

1.5. Appointment of members of committees (Commissions (2026) 01 and Add. 1)

1.6. Requests for debate:

1.6.1. Current affairs debate: "Safeguarding the system of international justice"

1.6.2. Debate under urgent procedure: "65th anniversary of the European Social Charter"

1.6.3. Debate under urgent procedure: "Ensuring accountability, humanitarian protection and respect for international law in Gaza and the West Bank after the ceasefire"

1.6.4. Debate under urgent procedure: "Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland"

1.6.5. Debate under urgent procedure: "Bringing Democracy back to our Assembly: an urgent call to reform the election procedure of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly"

1.6.6. Debate under urgent procedure: "Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups"

1.7. Adoption of the agenda

1.8. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Republic of Moldova, 21 November 2025) (AS/Per (2025) PV 02)

Sitting No. 2 (15:40-17:30)

2. Current affairs debate

2.1. Safeguarding the system of international justice

Statement by:

- o Ms Stefanie HUBIG, German Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 09:00)

3. Joint debate

3.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

Presentation by:

- o Mr Iulian BULAI (Romania, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16323, Doc. 16323 Add. 1, Doc. 16323 Add. 2, Doc. 16323 Add. 3)

3.2. Observation of the early parliamentary elections in the Kyrgyz Republic (30 November 2025)

Presentation by:

- o Mr Georgios STAMATIS (Greece, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16319)

3.3. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2025)

Presentation by:

- o Ms Zanda KALNIŅA-LUKAŠEVICA (Latvia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16316)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 09:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 11:00)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16316)

Tuesday 27 January 2026

Sitting No. 3 (10:00-13:00)

4. Elections (10:00-12:45)

4.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- List of candidates:
 - o Cyprus (Doc. 16323 Add. 2, Doc. 16312)
 - o Netherlands (Doc. 16323 Add. 2, Doc. 16302 rev)

5. Address (10:00-11:00)

5.1. Ms Maia SANDU, President of the Republic of Moldova

- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

6. Address (11:00-12:00)

6.1. Communication from the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 26 January, 16:00)

7. Ceremony marking the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust² (12:00-12:45)

Sitting No. 4 (15:40-20:00)

8. Debate

8.1. Elections in times of crisis

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16297)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16297)

9. Debate

9.1. Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16311, Doc. 16311 Add.)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16311)

2. See separate programme, AS/Inf(2026)05.

10. Debate

10.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Presentation by:
 - Mr Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, ECPA), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16310)
 - Mr Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 16310)
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 09:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 26 January, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16310)

Sitting No. 5 (10:10-13:00)

11. Debate

11.1. Strengthening democracies with young people: from participation to shared responsibility

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Sona GHAZARYAN (Armenia, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 16308)
 - o Ms Elisabetta GARDINI (Italy, ECPA), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pol (Doc. 16332)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 10:40)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16308)

12. Address (12:00-13:00)

12.1. Mr Ararat MIRZOYAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia

- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 27 January, 16:00)

Sitting No. 6 (15:40-20:00)

13. Address (15:40-16:40)

13.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Mihai POPȘOI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, President of the Committee of Ministers
- Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)

14. Current affairs debate

14.1. Ensuring accountability, humanitarian protection and respect for international law in Gaza and the West Bank after the ceasefire

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)

15. Debate

15.1. 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

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 16309)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 16:10)
- Vote on a draft opinion (Doc. 16309)

16. Debate

16.1. Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Luz MARTINEZ SEJO (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 16314)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 27 January, 16:10)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16314)

Sitting No. 7 (10:10-13:00)

17. Debate under urgent procedure

17.1. Threats against the international order: the case of Greenland

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Bertrand BOUYX (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16334)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 12:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16334)

18. Debate under urgent procedure

18.1. Political crisis in the broader Middle East: need to protect human rights and the rights of all minority groups

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Piero FASSINO (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16336)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 28 January, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 12:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16336)

Sitting No. 8 (16:30-20:00)

19. Debate

19.1. For a ban on conversion practices

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Kate OSBORNE (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16315)
- Statement by:
 - o Ms Helena DALLI, former European Commissioner for Equality, former Minister for European Affairs and Equality of Malta
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 17:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16315)

20. Debate under urgent procedure

20.1. The 65th anniversary of the European Social Charter: social rights as the foundation of resilient democracies and social justice

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Paul GALLES (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 16335)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 17:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16335)

21. Debate

21.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Sibel ARSLAN (Switzerland, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 16317](#))
 - Mr Joseph O'REILLY (Ireland, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon ([Doc. 16317](#))
- 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 09:00)
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 28 January, 17:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on a draft resolution ([Doc. 16317](#))

Friday 30 January 2026

Sitting No. 9 (10:10-13:00)

22. Free debate

- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 29 January, 16:00)

23. Progress report (continued)

23.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

- Addendum:
 - o (Doc. 16323 Add. 4)

24. Constitution of the Standing Committee

- 24.1. Appointment of the members of the Standing Committee (Commissions (2026) 03)**

25. Closure of the part-session

Appendix 2 - Vice-Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly

In order of precedence / par ordre de préséance

Ms Miroslava NĚMCOVÁ Czechia / Tchéquie

Ms Dora BAKOYANNIS Greece / Grèce

Mr Yıldırım Tuğrul TÜRKEŞ Türkiye

Ms Elisabetta GARDINI Italy / Italie

Mr Antonio GUITÉRREZ LIMONES Spain / Espagne

Mr Mogens JENSEN Denmark / Danemark

Mr Nicos TORNARITIS Cyprus / Chypre

Mr Knut ABRAHAM Germany / Allemagne

Mr Ion GROZA Republic of Moldova / République de Moldova

Lord Carwyn JONES United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Mr Bertrand BOUYX France

Ms Miapetra KUMPULA-NATRI Finland / Finlande

Ms Kadri TALI Estonia / Estonie

Mr Sigurður Helgi PÁLMASSON Iceland / Islande

Ms Mónika BARTOS Hungary / Hongrie

Mr Marko PAVIĆ Croatia / Croatie

Ms Mariia MEZENTSEVA-FEDORENKO Ukraine

Mr Ruben RUBINYAN Armenia / Arménie

Vacant seat / siège vacant Georgia / Géorgie

Appendix 3 - Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the committees of the Assembly

Committees / Commissions	Chairpersons / Président-es		Vice-Chairpersons / Vice-président-es
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / <i>Commission des questions politiques et de la démocratie</i> 78 seats / sièges	Ms Elisabetta GARDINI (Italy, ECPA)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Ms Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC) Ms Deborah BERGAMINI (Italy, EPP/CD) Ms Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE)
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / <i>Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme</i> 78 seats / sièges	Mr Eerik-Niiles KROSS (Estonia, ALDE)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Mr Gustaf GÖTHBERG (Sweden, EPP/CD) Mr Tony VAUGHAN (United Kingdom, SOC) Mr Daniel MILEWSKI (Poland, ECPA)
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / <i>Commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durable</i> 78 seats / sièges	Ms Saskia KLUIT (Netherlands, SOC)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Ms Carmen LEYTE (Spain, EPP/CD) Ms Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA (Ukraine, ALDE) Ms Sophia CHIKIROU (France, UEL)
Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation / <i>Commission des migrations, de la protection internationale et de la coopération économique</i> 78 seats / sièges	Ms Sandra ZAMPA (Italy, SOC)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Ms Zdravka BUŠIĆ (Croatia, EPP/CD) Mr Marco SCURRIA (Italy, ECPA) Mr Georgios PSYCHOGIOS (Greece, UEL)
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / <i>Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias</i> 78 seats / sièges	Mr Mogens JENSEN (Denmark, SOC)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Ms Alexandra SCHOOS (Luxembourg, ECPA) Ms Agnieszka POMASKA (Poland, EPP/CD) Ms Ruth HUNT (United Kingdom, SOC)
Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / <i>Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination</i> 78 seats / sièges	Ms Béatrice FRESKO ROLFO (Monaco, ALDE)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Ms Luz SEJO MARTINEZ (Spain, SOC) Ms Maria SYRENGELA (Greece, EPP/CD) Ms Sevilay ÇELENK (Türkiye, UEL)
Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) / <i>Commission pour le respect des obligations et engagements des États membres du Conseil de l'Europe (Commission de suivi)</i> 85 seats / sièges	Ms Elvira KOVÁCS (Serbia, EPP/CD)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Ms Sabina ČUDIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE) Mr Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI (San Marino, SOC) Mr Paweł JABŁONSKI (Poland, ECPA)
Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities / <i>Commission du Règlement, de l'éthique et des immunités</i> 32 seats / sièges	Mr Vladimir VARDANYAN (Armenia, EPP/CD)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Mr Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC) ZZ ... Mr Christophe BRICO (Monaco, EPP/CD)
Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights / <i>Commission sur l'élection des juges à la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme</i> 20 seats / sièges	Mr Sergiy VLASENKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Ms Sylvie JOSSERAND (France, ECPA) Ms Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER (Austria, SOC) Ms Rian VOGELS (Netherlands, ALDE)
Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact / <i>Commission spéciale sur le nouveau pacte démocratique</i> 78 seats / sièges	Mr Christopher CHOPE (United Kingdom, ECPA)	1 st /1 ^{er} 2 nd /2 ^e 3 rd /3 ^e	Mr Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE) Mr George PAPANDREOU (Greece, SOC) Ms Yelyzaveta YASKO (Ukraine, EPP/CD)

Appendix 4 - List of members of the Platform for Dialogue between the Assembly and Russian democratic forces

1. Pursuant to [Resolution 2621 \(2025\)](#), the following composition is proposed to the Bureau for approval, subject to ratification by the Assembly:

Chair: President of the Assembly

Assembly members

- Chairpersons of the political groups (or their representatives):
 - Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC)
 - Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD)
 - Mr Zsolt Németh (Hungary, ECPA)
 - Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE)
 - Ms Laura Castel (Spain, UEL) / Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL)
- Chair of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
- General rapporteurs:
 - Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross (Estonia, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces;
 - Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), General Rapporteur on Democracy;
 - Mr Francesco Verducci (Italy, SOC), General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance;
 - Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists;
 - Ms Azadeh Rojhan (Sweden, SOC), General Rapporteur for Political Prisoners;
 - Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), General Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders and Whistleblowers.

Participants of the Russian democratic forces

- Ms Natalia Arno
- Mr Dmitri Gudkov
- Mr Mark Feygin
- Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza
- Mr Garry Kasparov
- Mr Mikhail Khodorkovsky
- Mr Oleg Orlov
- Ms Liubov Sobol
- Ms Nadya Tolokonnikova
- Mr Andrey Volna

Seats reserved for representatives of Indigenous peoples and national minorities:

- Mr Ruslan Kutayev
- Ms Ekaterina Kuznetsova
- Mr Vasilii (Batlay) Matenov
- Ms Lana Pylayeva
- Mr Pavel Sulyandziga

Appendix 5 – Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

2. Draft terms of reference of the special committee on the New Democratic Pact (AS/Pact)

(81 seats + 5)

1. Title: Special committee on the New Democratic Pact (AS/Pact).
2. Duration: The special committee shall be established for a period of two years (1+1).
3. Role: The special committee shall be the Assembly's coordinating body and interface for its contribution to the preparation, implementation and promotion of the New Democratic Pact for Europe, leveraging on the dual (national and European) mandate of its members. It shall, in particular:
 - . act as a platform for reflection and foresight;
 - . provide the Assembly's input to the Pact;
 - . advance inter-parliamentary dialogue on the Pact, its tools and objectives;
 - . promote the Pact in national parliaments and at national level in different fora;
 - . as appropriate, represent the Assembly at high-level events connected to the Pact.

Specific tasks: The special committee may hold meetings in Strasbourg, Paris, and in a Council of Europe member States at the invitation of its relevant parliaments. On these occasions, it may hold hearings with a wide range of interlocutors.

The special committee may support events organised by its members in their national parliaments.

The special committee shall prepare a report on the New Democratic Pact to be debated by the Assembly and leading to the adoption of a resolution and/or recommendation. This report should be finalised by the end of the first year, or the second should the mandate be renewed.

4. Composition: The special committee shall be composed of representatives and alternates from each national delegation, in conformity with Rule 44.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. In conformity with Rule 44.8, candidatures for membership of the committees shall be addressed to the President of the Assembly, who shall submit to the Assembly, the Standing Committee or, failing that, the Bureau. Chairpersons of political groups will be as *ex officio members*.
5. Bureau: The special committee shall elect a Bureau consisting of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons from among its members, in accordance with Rule 46 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure.
6. Languages: Meetings of the special committee will be held in English and French.
7. Financing: The activities of the special committee may be financed through the ordinary budget and voluntary contributions.

Appendix 6 – Follow-up to the first part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 26-30 January)

Debate on *safeguarding the international justice system*:

- ❖ **Follow-up:** decided to refer it to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *to be taken into account in the preparation of the report on 'Threats to the International Criminal Court'*.

Resolution 2637 (2026) on *Supporting the commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine and the security of the European continent*

- ❖ **Follow-up:** decided to seize the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for *report on 'the political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine'*.

Appendix 7 – References and transmissions to committees

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

- *Strengthening the affective and emotional dimension of comprehensive sexuality education to prevent and combat discrimination, hate crime and gender-based violence*, Doc. 16318. Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*;
- *Designating Antifa as a terrorist organisation and proscribing the use of its identifying marks and symbols*, Doc. 16324. Motion for a resolution: no further action;
- *The role of the Council of Europe in the transition to democracy in Venezuela and other Latin American countries*, Doc. 16325. Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*;

B. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF REFERENCES

Strengthening early warning mechanisms for democratic backsliding (former title: *Strengthening mechanisms for early warning and action in conflict prevention*), Doc. 15906, Motion for a resolution: extension until 7 March 2027, Reference 4792 of 7 March 2024 – validity: 7 March 2026;

Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence, Doc. 15916, Motion for a resolution: extension until 31 December 2026, Reference 4798 of 15 April 2024 – validity: 15 April 2026;

Ensuring better protection of whistle-blowers in Europe, Doc. 15919, Motion for a resolution: extension until 31 January 2027, Reference 4801 of 15 April 2024 – validity: 15 April 2026.

REPLY AFTER CONSULTATION

Need for enhanced international co-operation on combatting human trafficking, **Doc. 16291**, Motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for report*.

Appendix 8 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Hungary (12 April 2026)

Chairperson / Président·e : Mr Pablo HISPAN, Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/CD

Vice-Chairperson / Président·e : Ms Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy, ECPA / Italie, CEPA

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Ms / Mme Sibel ARSLAN, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Aysu BANKOGLU, Türkiye
Ms / Mme Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège
Mr / M. Titus CORLATEAN, Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin *
Ms / Mme Kristina IKIC BANICEK, Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Julian JOSWIG, Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Christophe LACROIX, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France

Substitutes / Suppléant·e·s

Mr / M. Christophe CHAILLOU, France
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
Mr / M. Nuno FAZENDA, Portugal / Portugal
Ms / Mme Aurora FLORIDIA, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIERREZ LIMONES, Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Sigurður Helgi PÁLMASSON, Iceland / Islande
Mr / M. Namik TAN, Türkiye

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne *
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Substitutes / Suppléant·e·s

Mr / M. Christophe BRICO, Monaco
Mr / M. Ricardo CARVALHO, Portugal / Portugal
Ms / Mme Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France
Ms / Mme Elvira KOVÁCS, Serbia / Serbie
Mr / M. Jan Filip LIBICKI, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Joe O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Chris SAID, Malta / Malte

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) / Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés (CEPA)

Mr / M. Adam BALTEN, Germany / Allemagne
Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie *
Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine
Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN, Germany / Allemagne
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Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Mr / M. Roland Rino BÜCHEL, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine
Mr / M. James MACCLEARY, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ, Slovak Republic / République slovaque
Ms / Mme Marjana PULJAK, Croatia / Croatie *

Substitutes / Suppléant·e·s

Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye
Mr / M. Olivier BITZ, France
Mr / M. Felix KLOS, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Louise MOREL, France
Mr / M. Dominik OBERHOFER, Austria / Autriche

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Ms / Mme Gabrielle CATHALA, France
Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK, Türkiye *, **

Co-rapporteur.e.s AS/MON (ex officio)

Mr Georges PAPANDREOU, Greece Grèce
Mr Eerik-Niiles KROSS, Estonia, ALDE / Estonie, ADLE

* Pre-electoral mission / mission préélectorale

** Awaiting the non-conflict of interest declaration / en attente de la déclaration de non-conflit d'intérêt

All candidatures, awaiting the 2026 PACE declaration of interest / Toutes les candidatures, en attente des déclarations d'intérêt de l'APCE 2026

Appendix 9 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Committee to participate in the joint hearing coorganised by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress and the Venice Commission on “Securing the rights of observers for trusted and inclusive electoral processes” (Paris, 28-29 April 2026)

Chairperson / Président.e : ZZ

President of the Parliamentary Assembly / Présidente de l'Assemblée parlementaire : Ms / Mme Petra BAYR, Austria / Autriche, SOC

Members of the Presidential committee / membres du comité présidentiel

Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE , Germany / Allemagne SOC
Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne, EPP/CD / PPE/DC
Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary / Hongrie, ECPA / CEPA
Mr / M. Iulian BULAI, Romania / Roumanie, ALDE / ADLE
Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL, Spain Espagne, UEL / GUE and Mr / Mr George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre, UEL / GUE

Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections / Alliance parlementaire pour des élections libres et équitables

Bureau of the Alliance / Bureau de l'Alliance

Chairperson / Président : Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA / CEPA

Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France, SOC
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI, Italy / Italie, EPP/CD / PPE/DC*
Mr / M. Claude KERN, France, ALDE / ADLE
Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK, Türkiye, UEL / GUE

Members of the Alliance / membres de l'Alliance

Ms / Mme Alicia KEARNS, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA / CEPA
Ms / Mme Kate OSAMORE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, SOC / SOC
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ZZ

Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe / Conseil des Elections Démocratiques du Conseil de l'Europe

Members / membres

Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL, Spain / Espagne, UEL/GUE
Mr / M. Pablo HISPAN, Spain / Espagne, EPP CD/ PPE/DC
Ms / Mme Rian VOGELS, Netherlands / Pays-Bas, ALDE/ALDE

Substitutes / suppléant.es

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA/CEPA
Ms / Mme Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du nord, SOC
Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France, ALDE/ALDE

Bureau of the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact / Bureau de la commission spéciale sur le Nouveau Pacte Démocratique

Chairperson / Président : Mr / M. Christopher Chope, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA / CEPA

Vice-Chairpersons / Vice-Président.es

Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU, Greece / Grèce, SOC
Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse, ALDE / ADLE
Ms / Mme Yelyzaveta YASKO, Ukraine, EPP/CD / PPE/DC

* Subject to the approval by the Bureau / sous réserve d'approbation par le Bureau

PACE General rapporteur on Democracy / Rapporteur général de l'APCE sur la démocratie

Mr / M. George PAPANDEOU, Greece / Grèce, SOC

PACE Rapporteur on « Elections in times of crisis » / Rapporteur de l'APCE sur « Elections en temps de crise »

Mr / M Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse, ALDE / ADLE

PACE rapporteur on The need to protect election observers / Rapporteuse de l'APCE sur «Nécessité de protéger les observateurs d'élections »

Ms/Mme Rian VOGELS, Netherlands / Pays-Bas, ALDE / ADLE

Appendix 10 – List of members of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections

Chairperson / Président : Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom, ECPA / Royaume-Uni, CEPA

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA	Norway / Norvège
Mr / M. Christophe CHAILLOU	France
Mr / M. Titus CORLATEAN	Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Yunus EMRE	Türkiye
Ms / Mme Edite ESTRELA	Portugal
Ms / Mme Aurora FLORIDIA	Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIERREZ LIMONES	Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI	France
Ms / Mme Saskia KLUIT	Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA	North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord
Ms / Mme Annick LAMBRECHT	Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Sasa MAGAZINOVIC	Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine
Mr / M. Didier MARIE *	France
Mr / M. Fabian MOLINA	Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / Mme Wanda NOWICKA	Poland / Pologne
Ms / Mme Kate OSAMOR	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU	Greece / Grèce
Mr / M. Ivan RACAN	Croatia / Croatie
Mr / M. Namik TAN	Türkiye
Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI	Italy / Italy

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

Mr / M. Christophe BRICO	Monaco
Ms / Mme Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER	Austria / Autriche
Ms / Mme Arusyak JULHAKYAN	Armenia / Arménie
Mr / M. Yuriy KAMELCHUK	Ukraine
Mr / M. Jan Filip LIBICKI	Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Andreas MINNICH	Austria / Autriche
Ms / Mme Octavie MODERT	Luxembourg
Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ	Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Tekke PANMAN	Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Catia POLIDORI*	Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Chris SAID	Malta / Malte
Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS	Greece / Grèce
Ms / M. Maria SYRENGELA	Greece / Grèce
Mr / M. Nicos TORNARITIS	Cyprus / Chypre
Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI	Albania / Albanie

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) / Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés (CEPA)

Lord David BLENCATHRA*	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
Ms / Mme Cristina Gabriella DUMITRESCU	Romania / Roumanie
Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN	Armenia / Arménie
Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO	Ukraine
Mr / M. Martin GRAF	Austria / Autriche
Mr / M. Jan KANTHAK	Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Axel KASSEGER	Austria / Autriche
Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN	Germany / Allemagne
Mr / M. Daniel MILEWSKI	Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Kacper Maciej PŁAŻYŃSKI	Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA	Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Victoria TIBLOM	Sweden / Suède
Mr / M. Markus WIECHEL	Sweden / Suède

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN	Türkiye
Ms / Mme Larysa BILOZIR	Ukraine
Mr / M. François BONNEAU	France
Mr / M. Roland BÜCHEL	Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Damien COTTIER	Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Stephen GETHINS	United Kingdom / Royaume Uni
Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO	Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Erich HESS	Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Claude KERN*	France
Ms / Mme Yevheniia KRAVCHUK	Ukraine
Mr / M. Eerik KROSS	Estonia / Estonie
Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA	Lithuania / Lituanie
Mr / M. Dominik OBERHOFER	Austria / Autriche
Ms / Mme Lucia PLAVAKOVA	Slovak Republic / République slovaque
Mr / M. Dean PREMİK	Slovenia / Slovénie
Ms / Mme Elena Simona SPATARU	Romania / Roumanie
Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY	France
Mr / M. Kim VALENTIN	Denmark / Danemark
Ms / Mme Lesia VASYLENKO	Ukraine
Ms / Mme Rian VOGELS	Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Ms / Mme Lesia ZABURANNA	Ukraine

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL	Spain / Espagne
Ms / Mme Sevilay ÇELENK*	Türkiye
Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES	Cyprus / Chypre

Ex officio members / Membres ex officio

PACE President/ Présidente de l'APCE	Ms / Mme Petra BAYR	Austria / Autriche
POL	Ms / Mme Elisabetta GARDINI	Italy / Italie
JUR	Mr / M. Eerik-Niiles KROSS	Estonia / Estonie
MON		Serbia / Serbie
SOC	Ms / Mme Elvira KOVACS	Germany / Allemagne
EPP/CD / PPE/DC	Mr / M. Frank SCHWABE	Spain / Espagne
ECPA / CEPA	Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN	Hungary / Hongrie
ALDE / ADLE	Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH	Romania / Roumanie
UEL / GUE	Mr / M. Iulian BULAI	Romania / Roumanie
General Rapporteur on Democracy / Rapporteur Général sur la Démocratie	Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL Mr / Mr George LOUCAIDES Mr / M. George PAPANDREOU	Spain / Espagne Cyprus / Chypre Greece / Grèce

Council for Democratic Elections of the Council of Europe / Conseil des Elections Démocratiques du Conseil de l'Europe

Members / membres

Ms / Mme Laura CASTEL, Spain / Espagne, UEL/GUE
Mr / M. Pablo HISPAN, Spain / Espagne, EPP CD/ PPE/DC
Ms / Mme Rian VOGELS, Netherlands / Pays-Bas, ALDE/ALDE

Substitutes / suppléant.es

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni, ECPA/CEPA
Ms / Mme Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du nord, SOC
Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY, France, ALDE/ALDE

Partners for Democracy and Observers / Partenaires pour la Démocratie et Observateurs

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Congress of Local and Regional Authorities / Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux

Mr / M. Stewart DICKSON

United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

Mr / M. Srdjan DARMANOVIC

Montenegro / Monténégro

* Bureau member appointed by the political group / Membre du Bureau désigné.e par le groupe politique

Annexe 11 – List of members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the OECD Global Parliamentary Network (Paris, 11–13 March 2026)

Chairperson / Président·e : Ms / Mme Sandra ZAMPA (Italy / Italie, SOC)

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des affaires politiques et de la démocratie

Mr / M. Titus CORLĂȚEAN (Romania / Roumanie, SOC)

Ms / Mme Marietta KARAMANLI (France, SOC)

Ms / Mme Liliana TANGUY (France, ALDE / ADLE)

Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation / Commission des migrations, de la protection internationale et de la coopération économique

Ms / Mme Albana VOKSHI (Albania / Albanie, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Pelin YILIK (Türkiye, NR / NI)

Ms / Mme Sandra ZAMPA (Italy / Italie, SOC)

Ms / Mme Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT (Türkiye, NR / NI): alternate / suppléante

Ms / Mme Larysa BILOZIR (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE): alternate / suppléante

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Commission des affaires sociales, de la santé et du développement durable

Mr / M. Armen GEVORGYAN (Armenia / Arménie, ECPA / CEPA)

Ms / Mme Maria-Gabriela HORGA (Romania / Roumanie, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Ms / Mme Lesia ZABURANNA (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE)

Ms / Mme Larysa BILOZIR (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE) : alternate / suppléante

Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

Ms / Mme Valentina GRIPPO (Italy / Italie, ALDE / ADLE)

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

Mr / M. Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania / Lituanie, EPP/CD / PPE/DC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission de l'égalité et de la non-discrimination

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Appendix 12 – List of members of the *ad hoc* Bureau committee to participate in the High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter (Chişinău, 18-19 March 2026)

Members of the sub-Committee on the European Social Charter of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development / Membres de la sous-commission sur la Charte sociale européenne de la commission des questions sociales, de la santé et du développement durables

Chairperson / Présidente : Ms María Fernández, Spain / *Espagne*, SOC

Vice-Chairperson / Présidente : Ms Sibel Arslan, Switzerland / *Suisse*, SOC

Mr / M. Armen Gevorgyan (Armenia / *Arménie*, ECPA / *CEPA*) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Hripsime Grigoryan (Armenia / *Arménie*, SOC) : Alternate / *Suppléant·e*
Ms / Mme Claudia Arpa (Austria / *Autriche*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Anne Lambelin (Belgium / *Belgique*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Andries Gryffroy (Belgium / *Belgique*, ALDE / ADLE) : Alternate / *Suppléant·e*
Mr / M. Marko Pavić (Croatia / *Croatie*, EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Charlotte Bagge Hansen (Denmark / *Danemark* ALDE / ADLE) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Minna Reijonen (Finland / *Finlande*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Alain Milon (France / *France*, EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Inge Gräßle (Germany / *Allemagne*, EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Vinzenz Glaser (Germany / *Allemagne*, UEL, GUE) : Alternate / *Suppléant·e*
Mr / M. Dionysios Charalampos Kalamatianos (Greece / *Grèce*, UEL, GUE) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Maria Nefeli Chatziioannidou (Greece / *Grèce* EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Alternate / *Suppléant·e*
Mr / M. Rónán Mullen (Ireland / *Irlande* EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Elena Bonetti (Italy / *Italie*, ALDE / ADLE) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Paul Galles (Luxembourg / *Luxembourg*, EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Michael Farrugia (Malta / *Malte*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Edina Dešić (Montenegro / *Montenegro*, EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Jan Filip Libicki (Poland / *Pologne*, EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Member / *Membre 2*
Ms / Mme Georgeta Carmen Holban (Romania / *Roumanie*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Dumitrina Mitrea (Romania / *Roumanie* ECPA / *CEPA*) : Alternate / *Suppléant·e*
Mr / M. Vladimir Đorđević (Serbia / *Serbie* ECPA / *CEPA*) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme María Fernández (Spain / *Espagne*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. José Latorre (Spain / *Espagne*, SOC) Alternate / *Suppléant·e*
Ms / Mme Valérie Piller Carrard (Switzerland / *Suisse*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Céline Amaudruz (Switzerland / *Suisse*, ALDE / ADLE) : Alternate / *Suppléant·e*
Ms / Mme Sibel Arslan (Switzerland / *Suisse*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Niklaus-Samuel Gugger (Switzerland / *Suisse*, EPP/CD / PPE/DC) : Alternate / *Suppléant·e*
Ms / Mme Gökçe Gökçen (Türkiye / *Türkiye*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Murat Cahid Cingi (Türkiye / *Türkiye*, NR) : Member / *Membre*
Ms / Mme Larysa Bilozir (Ukraine / *Ukraine*, ALDE / ADLE) : Member / *Membre*
Mr / M. Rostyslav Tistyk (Ukraine / *Ukraine*, ECPA / *CEPA*) : Member / *Membre*
Lord Don Touhig (United Kingdom / *Royaume-Uni*, SOC) : Member / *Membre*
Ex officio : Ms / Mme Saskia Kluit (Netherlands / *Pays-Bas*, SOC)

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media / Commission de la culture, de la science, de l'éducation et des médias

Mr / M. Yunus Emre, Türkiye, SOC

Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation / Commission des migrations, de la protection internationale et de la coopération économique

Ms / Mme Sena Nur Çelik Kanat, Türkiye, NR

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Commission de l'égalité et de la non-discrimination

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Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy / Commission des affaires politiques et de la démocratie

Zz..

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights / Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

Zz.

Appendix 13 – Institutional representation of the Assembly in 2026

Body / Organe	Reference / référence	Members / membres	Substitutes / remplaçant-es
I. Council of Europe bodies / Organes du Conseil de l'Europe			
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission <i>Commission européenne pour la démocratie par le droit Commission de Venise</i>	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute <u>Res(2002)3</u> <i>Article 2.4 du statut de la Commission de Venise <u>Res(2002)3</u></i>	Titus CORLĂȚEAN Romania / Roumanie SOC (AS/Jur)	Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS Greece / Grèce EPP/CD / PPE/DC Appointment by the President Lord Richard KEEN United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni ECPA / CEPA (AS/Jur)
Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission <i>Conseil des élections démocratiques de la Commission de Venise</i>	<u>Bureau decision of 10 March 2003</u> <i>Décision du Bureau du 10 mars 2003</i>	Pablo HISPÁN Spain / Espagne EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Jur) Rian VOGELS Netherlands / Pays-Bas ADLE / ALDE (AS/Pol) Laura CASTEL Spain / Espagne UEL / GUE (AS//Mon)	Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord SOC (AS/Jur) David BLENCATHRA United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni ECPA / CEPA (AS/Pol) Liliana TANGUY France ALDE / ADLE (AS//Mon)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity – North-South Centre <i>Centre européen pour l'interdépendance et la solidarité mondiales – Centre Nord-Sud</i>	Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute <u>CM/Res(2011)6</u> <i>Article 4.2 (b) du statut révisé du Centre Nord-Sud <u>CM/Res(2011)6</u></i>	Ionuț-Marian STROE Romania / Roumanie EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Mig) Carmen LEYTE Spain / Espagne EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Soc)	Larysa BILOZIR Ukraine ALDE / ADLE (AS/Soc)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI <i>Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance ECRI</i>	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute <u>Res(2002)8</u> <i>Article 5 du statut de l'ECRI <u>Res(2002)8</u></i>	Ionuț-Marian STROE Romania / Roumanie EPP/CD / PPE/DC (AS/Pol) Zeynep YILDIZ Türkiye NR / NI (AS/Cult) Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ Slovak Republic / République slovaque ALDE / ADLE (AS/Cult)	Sena Nur ÇELİK KANAT Türkiye NR / NI (AS/Pol) Ruth HUNT United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni SOC (AS/Cult)
Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) <i>Groupe d'états contre la corruption (GRECO)</i>	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO <i>Décision du CM lors de la 717ème réunion en 2000 selon l'Article 7.2. du Statut du GRECO</i>	ZZ (AS/Jur) to be appointed in March	Oana MURARIU Romania / Roumanie ALDE / ADLE (AS/Jur)

Body / Organe	Reference / référence	Members / membres	Substitutes / remplaçant·es
Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI) <i>Comité d'expert·e-s sur l'intelligence artificielle, l'égalité et la discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI)</i>	CM/Res(2021)3	Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ Slovak Republic / République slovaque ALDE / ADLE (AS/Ega)	
Committee for Works of Art (C-ART) <i>Comité des œuvres d'art (C-ART)</i>	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992 <i>Décision du CM lors de la 482ème réunion en 1992</i>	Constantinos EFSTATHIOU Cyprus / Chypre SOC (AS/Cult)	Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO Spain / Espagne SOC (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12 <i>Article 4.1 de la Résolution CM/Res (2010) 12</i>	Nadejda IORDANOVA Bulgaria / Bulgarie NR / NI (AS/Jur)	Atidzhe ALIEVA-VELI Bulgaria / Bulgarie ECPA / CEPA (AS/Jur)
Committee on offences relating to cultural property (PC-IBC) / Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) <i>Comité sur les infractions visant les biens culturels (PC-IBC) / Comité directeur de la culture, du patrimoine et du paysage (CDCPP)</i>	STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1 SG/Inf(2012)12	Yevheniia KRAVCHUK Ukraine ALDE / ADLE (AS/Cult)	
II. Others / Autres			
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage <i>EUROPA NOSTRA - Fédération paneuropéenne du patrimoine</i>	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Andries GRYFFROY Belgium / Belgique ALDE / ADLE (AS/Cult)	