



## Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

### Revised draft agenda

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

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

- Monday 19 June 2023, from 13:00 to 14:00, room 9
- Tuesday 20 June 2023, from 10:30 to 12:30, room 9
- Wednesday 21 June 2023, from 10:30 to 11:30, joint meeting with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), room 9
- Wednesday 21 June 2023, from 11:30 to 12:30, joint meeting with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, room 9
- Thursday 22 June 2023, from 10:30 to 12:30, room 10
  
- Thursday 22 June 2023, from 9:30 to 10:30, room 11: meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World

#### A. Monday 19 June 2023, from 13:00 to 14:00, room 9

##### 1. Agenda

[AS/Pol (2023) OJ 05rev]

Adoption of the agenda

##### 2. Minutes

[AS/Pol (2023) PV 04, AS/Pol (2023) PV 03 - Addendum]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Seville (Spain) on 11-12 May 2023 and the minutes of joint meeting with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights held during the April 2023 part-session

##### 3. Urgent debate: Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine<sup>1</sup>

*Rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD*

[AS/Pol (2023) 21]

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

<sup>1</sup> Subject to the decision to be taken by the Assembly.

**B. Tuesday 20 June 2023, from 10:30 to 12:30, room 9**

**4. Dialogue with Belarusian democratic forces (open to the public)**

In the context of the preparation of the report “Call for a national political reform process in Belarus” (rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC):

- Statement by Ms Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Leader of the Belarus democratic opposition

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Ivan Kravtsov, Executive Secretary, member of the Coordination Council, Razam ‘Together’ Party
- Mr Dmitry Kuchuk, Chairperson, Belarusian Green Party
- Mr Anatol Liabedzka, Adviser to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya on constitutional reform and parliamentary co-operation, United Civil (Civic) Party

In the presence of Mme Violaine Billette de Villemeur, Ambassador, Special Envoy for Belarus

**5. The challenge of far-right ideology to democracy and human rights in Europe**

*Rapporteur: Mr Samad Seyidov, Azerbaijan, EC/DA*

[AS/Pol (2023) 20]

- Hearing with the participation of Mr Nicos Alivizatos (Greece), Member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
- Consideration of a revised preliminary draft report

**6. Globalisation in times of crises and war: The role of the OECD since the Russian Federation’s aggression against Ukraine**

*Rapporteur: Mr George Katrougalos, Greece, UEL*

[AS/Pol (2023) 19]

Consideration and declassification of a preliminary draft report

**7. Work programme**

[AS/Pol (2023) WP 05]

**7.1. Call for candidates for report**

Support for the reconstruction of Ukraine [[Doc. 15732](#)]

**7.2. Appointment of a rapporteur for report**

Statutory Opinion on the application for membership set out in the letter of 12 May 2022 addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in line with Statutory Resolution (51) 30 [[DD\(2022\)200](#)]

**7.3. Appointments**

- members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in a proposed Side Event (*to be confirmed subject to the agreement of the UN*) “Decent work: building a sustainable future” at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (18 July 2023, United Nations Headquarters, New York)  
[Concept paper AS/Soc/Inf (2023) 05]
- members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the [World Forum for Democracy on “Democracy= Peace?”](#) (6-8 November 2023, Strasbourg)
- members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the launch of the Council of Europe Campaign for Safety of Journalists (5-6 October 2023, Riga)

#### **7.4. Request for the extension of references**

- The need for renewed, effective and inclusive multilateralism  
*Rapporteur: Ms Theodora Bakoyannis, Greece, EPP/CD*  
[\[Doc. 15332\]](#)
- Call for Famagusta's return to its lawful inhabitants  
*Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*  
[Doc. 15333]
- Political situation in Tunisia  
*Rapporteur : Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE*  
[Doc. 15384]

#### **7.5. Motion for a resolution to be tabled on behalf of the committee**

Consideration and approval of a draft motion for a resolution on "Review of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic"

#### **7.6. Declaration on conflict of interests**

Reparation and reconciliation processes to overcome past conflicts and build a common peaceful future – the question of just and equal redress  
*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL*

### **C. Wednesday 21 June 2023, from 10:30 to 11:30, joint meeting with the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee), room 9 (open to the public)**

#### **8. The financing of political parties**

[\[Resolution 2390 \(2021\)](#), [Recommendation 2208 \(2021\)](#), [Doc. 15507\]](#)

Hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Julia Cagé, Associate Professor of Economics, Sciences Po Paris (online)
- Mr Nicos Alivizatos (Greece), Member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
- Ms Sophie Meudal-Leenders, Senior Legal Adviser, Secretariat of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)

**D. Wednesday 21 June 2023, from 11:30 to 12:30, joint meeting with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, room 9 (open to the public)**

**9. Follow-up to Assembly Resolutions 2433 (2022) and 2473 (2022)<sup>2</sup>**

Hearing on issues confronting Russians in exile, with the participation of:

- Mr Gennady Gudkov, Deputy of the State Duma of 3, 4, 5, and 6 convocations; Deputy Chairman of the Security Committee (2001-2012); Leader of the People's Party of Russia (2003-2008); Chairman of the NGO "For Free Russia"
- Ms Karinna Moskalenko, Russian lawyer; founder of the Centre de la Protection Internationale
- Ms Ekaterina Shulman, Russian political scientist; publicist
- Mr Daria Belova, Chairman of the initiative to help refugees "inTransit"; representative of the Ark (Kovcheg)

Also present:

- Ms Mariia Novikova, human rights lawyer; Secretary of the Russian Democratic Club in France
- Ms Elena Colombo, Co-founder of the Association for assistance to Russian asylum seekers in France (Russie-Asile)
- Mr Alexey Obolenets, lawyer and human rights defender

**E. Thursday 22 June 2023, from 10:30 to 12:30, room 10**

**10. Urgent debate: Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine<sup>3</sup>**  
*Rapporteur: Mr Emanuelis Zingeris, Lithuania, EPP/CD*  
[Doc. ..., Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

*Deadline for amendments: Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 14h30*

*Debate in the Assembly: Thursday 22 June 2023*

**11. The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges**

*Rapporteur for follow-up: Ms Fiona O'Loughlin, Ireland, ALDE*  
[[Reykjavik Declaration](#), [Declaration Riga](#), [2023 Annual Report](#)]

Statement by the rapporteur for follow-up

**12. Political situation in Tunisia**

*Rapporteur: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE*

Statement by the rapporteur

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<sup>2</sup> In its [Resolution 2433 \(2022\)](#) "Consequences of the Russian Federation's continued aggression against Ukraine: role and response of the Council of Europe", the Assembly resolved "to intensify its engagement with Belarusian and Russian civil society, human rights defenders, independent journalists, academia and democratic forces respecting the values and principles of the Organisation, including the territorial integrity of sovereign member States" (paragraph 18.2). Subsequently, in its [Resolution 2473 \(2022\)](#) "Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture", the Assembly called on Council of Europe member States to "consider new initiatives to support Russian human rights defenders, democratic forces, free media and independent civil society that respect the values and principles of the Council of Europe, including the territorial integrity of sovereign member States" (paragraph 15.7).

<sup>3</sup> Subject to the decision to be taken by the Assembly.

**13. Changes in the composition of the Sub-Committees**

[List of members]

**14. Authorisations by the Committee**

**15. Other business**

**16. Next meetings**

- 11-12 September 2023, Paris
- October part-session (9-13 October 2023), Strasbourg
- 20 October 2023, Skopje – ad hoc Sub-Committee on the Western Balkans
- 12 December 2023, Paris