



**PACE second part-session of 2026  
(20 – 24 April 2026)**

**Hearings and exchanges of views in committees, PACE network meetings and other events open to the public**

**Monday 20 April 2026**

**Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**

**2pm – 3pm**

**Room 9**

**Hearing** on *Baltic Sea security challenges*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Miapetra Kumpula-Natri (Finland, SOC), with the participation of:

- Mr David O'Sullivan, EU Sanctions Envoy.

**Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media**

**2pm – 3pm**

**Room 8**

**Hearing** on the *Council of Europe Museum Prize*, with the participation of:

- Ms Amina Krvavac, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the European Museum Forum (EMF);
- Ms Helen Charman, Director of Young V&A, winner of the 2026 Council of Europe Museum Prize.

**Exchange of views** on *Partnerships between culture and education sectors for young people to engage in a democratic society*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), with the participation of:

- Ms Sarah Keating, Head of Formal and Non-Formal Education Division, Education Department, DG II: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe;
- Mr Rolf Gollob, Professor Emeritus at Zurich University of Teacher Education, Switzerland, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Education Policy Advisors Network (EPAN) and member of the Swiss UNESCO-Commission.

<p><b>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</b></p> <p><b>2pm – 3pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 11</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation</b> of the Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and <b>exchange of views</b> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly;</li> <li>- Mr Gianluca Esposito, Director General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe;</li> <li>- Judge María Elósegui, European Court of Human Rights;</li> <li>- Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the “Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday 21 April 2026</b></p>	
<p><b>Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence (Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination)</b></p> <p><b>1pm – 2pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on <i>Preventing and combating femicides in Europe</i></b>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Monica Barbovschi, Researcher, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) (<i>online</i>);</li> <li>- Ms Iris Luarasi, member of the Network, Albania;</li> <li>- Ms Aysu Bankoğlu, Youth Rapporteur of EGA Committee, member of the Network, Türkiye;</li> <li>- Ms Françoise Kempf, Senior Legal Adviser, Violence against Women Division, Council of Europe.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wednesday 22 April 2026</b></p>	
<p><b>Parliamentary Network for a Healthy Environment</b></p> <p><b>and</b></p> <p><b>Women@PACE group</b></p> <p><b>1pm – 2pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 1</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on <i>Climate, health and equality: women on the front line - Facts &amp; solutions</i></b>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Aurora Florida, Chairperson - Environment Network, Bureau member - Women@PACE;</li> <li>- Ms Anne Mahrer, Co-President KlimaSeniorinnen Schweiz;</li> <li>- Ms Hannah Prins, Lawyer and Climate activist.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections (Elections division)</b></p> <p><b>1pm – 2pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on PACE electoral co-operation programmes</b></p>

Thursday 23 April 2026	
<p><b>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</b></p> <p><b>8.30am – 10am</b></p> <p><b>Room 10</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Ahmet-Murat Kiliç, Head of the Digital Transformation and E-learning Unit, Education Department, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</b></p> <p><b>9.20am – 10am</b></p> <p><b>Room 11</b></p>	<p><b>Hearing</b> on <i>Ensuring better protection of whistle-blowers in Europe</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Anna-Kristiina Mikkonen (Finland, SOC) and in the framework of the mandate of the General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and whistleblowers, Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Amar Benmohamed, whistleblower.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</b></p> <p><b>2pm – 2.45pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 8</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence</i>, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Elena Rivas Pérez, EU Legal &amp; Policy Officer, Association of Commercial Television and Video on Demand Services in Europe (ACT), Brussels, Belgium</li> <li>- Mr Bruno Patino, Vice President of ARTE GEIE and President of ARTE France, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France (tbc);</li> </ul>
<p><b>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</b></p> <p><b>2pm – 3.30pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 10</b></p>	<p><b>Public hearing</b> on <i>Understanding how social injustice undermines democracy</i>, in the framework of a joint meeting with the special committee on the New Democratic Pact, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Jean-Yves Camus, Political scientist, Jean Jaurès Foundation (France) ;</li> <li>- Mr Alexandr Petrov, Director of the National Youth Agency of Moldova;</li> <li>- Dr. Ania Skrzypek, Director, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (Belgium);</li> <li>- Mr David Thunder, Researcher and political philosopher (Ireland).</li> </ul>