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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 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.

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights **2pm – 3pm** **Room 11**	**Presentation** of the Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and **exchange of views** with the participation of: - Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly; - Mr Gianluca Esposito, Director General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe; - Judge María Elósegui, European Court of Human Rights; - Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), rapporteur on the "Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights".
Tuesday 21 April 2026	
Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence (Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination) **1pm – 2pm** **Room 7**	**Exchange of views** *on Preventing and combating femicides in Europe,* with the participation of: - Ms Monica Barbovschi, Researcher, Director, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) (*online*); - Ms Iris Luarasi, member of the Network, Albania; - Ms Aysu Bankoğlu, Youth Rapporteur of EGA Committee, member of the Network, Türkiye; - Ms Françoise Kempf, Senior Legal Adviser, Violence against Women Division, Council of Europe.
Wednesday 22 April 2026	
Parliamentary Network for a Healthy Environment **and** **Women@PACE group** **1pm – 2pm** **Room 1**	**Exchange of views** on *Climate, health and equality: women on the front line - Facts & solutions,* with the participation of: - Ms Aurora Floridia, Chairperson - Environment Network, Bureau member - Women@PACE; - Ms Anne Mahrer, Co-President KlimaSeniorinnen Schweiz; - Ms Hannah Prins, Lawyer and Climate activist.
Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections (Elections division) **1pm – 2pm** **Room 7**	**Exchange of views** on PACE electoral co-operation programmes, with the participant of: - Mr Franck Daeschler, Elections Programme Co-ordinator, PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Cooperation Division; - Mr Erton Sinani, Chief of Cabinet at the Central Election Commission of Albania.

Thursday 23 April 2026	
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media **8.30am – 10am** **Room 10**	**Exchange of views** on *Safeguarding creativity and education in the age of generative artificial intelligence*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of: - 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.
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights **9.20am – 10am** **Room 11**	**Hearing** on *Ensuring better protection of whistle-blowers in Europe*, 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: - Mr Amar Benmohamed, whistleblower.
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media **2pm – 2.45pm** **Room 8**	**Exchange of views** on *Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Valentina Grippo (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of: - Ms Elena Rivas Pérez, EU Legal & Policy Officer, Association of Commercial Television and Video on Demand Services in Europe (ACT), Brussels, Belgium - Mr Bruno Patino, Vice President of ARTE GEIE and President of ARTE France, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France (tbc);
Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development **2pm – 3.30pm** **Room 10**	**Public hearing** on *Understanding how social injustice undermines democracy*, in the framework of a joint meeting with the special committee on the New Democratic Pact, with the participation of: - Mr Jean-Yves Camus, Political scientist, Jean Jaurès Foundation (France) ; - Mr Alexandr Petrov, Director of the National Youth Agency of Moldova; - Dr. Ania Skrzypek, Director, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (Belgium); - Mr David Thunder, Researcher and political philosopher (Ireland).