



**PACE fourth part-session of 2026
(28 September – 2 October 2026)**

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

Monday 28 September 2026

**Platform for Dialogue with the
Russian Democratic Forces**

**in co-operation with the
Committee on Political Affairs and
Democracy**

and

**the Parliamentary Alliance for Free
and Fair Elections**

1 pm – 3 pm

Room 1

Round table on *Fake 'elections' in Russia: what next?*, with the participation of:

- Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- Ms Ekaterina Schulmann, Russian political scientist;
- Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Assembly's General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces.

**Committee on Social Affairs,
Health and Sustainable
Development**

2 pm – 3.30 pm

Room 11

Hearing on *End Israel's unlawful detention of Palestinian children*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Saskia Kluit (Netherlands, SOC), with the participation of:

- Ms Juliette Verhoeven, Senior Humanitarian and Advocacy Advisor, Save the Children.

Wednesday 30 September 2026

Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

1 pm – 2 pm

Room 7

Hearing on *Recent developments in the case of Osman Kavala*, with the participation of:

- Ms Ayşe Buğra Kavala, Professor at Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Boğaziçi University, wife of Mr Osman Kavala;
- Mr Philip Leach, Professor of Human Rights Law at Middlesex University in London, Counsel for Mr Osman Kavala before the European Court of Human Rights;

Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe

1 pm – 2 pm

Room 6

Exchange of views on *Addressing the political instrumentalisation of LGBTI rights in Europe*, with the participation of:

- Mr Luca Dudits, Advocacy Officer, ILGA-Europe;
- Mr Kerem Dikmen, Human Rights Program Coordinator, Kaos GL, Türkiye;
- Dr Stana Iliev, Advocacy Officer, LSVD+, Germany.

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

2 pm – 3.30 pm

Room 11

Hearing on *Preventing and combating vicarious violence as a form of gender-based violence against women*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), with the participation of:

- Ms María Guijarro Ceballos, State Secretary for Equality and for the Eradication of Violence against Women, Spain;
- Ms Shazia Choudhry, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford;
- A member of the Mexican Congress.

Thursday 1 October 2026

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

8.30 am – 10 am

Room 10

Exchange of views on *Victory for Viktoria*, in the framework of the annual commemoration of journalists who risk their lives to tell the truth, with the participation of:

- Ms Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), rapporteur for follow-up to the Assembly [Resolution 2618 \(2025\)](#) "Journalists matter: the need to step up efforts to liberate Ukrainian journalists held in captivity by the Russian Federation";
- Ms Ariane Chemin, Journalist, feature reporter and author, Paris;
- Ms Nataliya Gumenyuk, Journalist, author and documentary filmmaker; co-founder and CEO of the Public Interest Journalism Lab, Ukraine.

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

and

Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation

8.30 am – 10 am

Room 8

Joint hearing on *Returns to Afghanistan*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Maria Syrengela (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Mr Ahmad Reshad Jalali, Senior Policy Officer at European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE);
- Ms Lailuma Sadid, Former Afghan Diplomat, Journalist and President of the Network of Afghanistan Diaspora Organisations in Europe (NADOE);
- Mr Thomas Bombois, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union.

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and

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

1 pm – 2 pm

Room 1

Joint meeting on *Ending discrimination against survivors*, with the participation of:

- Ms Rian Vogels (Netherlands, ALDE);
- Ms Elena Bonetti (Italy, ALDE) *online*;
- Dr Françoise Meunier, Founder of the European Initiative on Ending Discrimination against Cancer Survivors;
- Ms Grazia Scocca, Legal expert, Institute of European Studies.

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and Parliamentary Network for a healthy environment 2 pm – 3.30 pm Room 9	Joint hearing with the participation of: - Dr Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe; - Klimaseniorinnen representatives.
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact 2 pm – 3.30 pm Room 8	Joint hearing on <i>Media Freedom</i>, with the participation of: - Mr Mark D. Cole, Professor of Media and Telecommunication Law at the University of Luxembourg; - Mr Andrei Richter, Professor-Researcher at Comenius University in Bratislava, Visiting Professor of Russian Studies at Charles University, Prague, Czechia; - Ms Aneta Gonța, Chair of the Audiovisual Council of the Republic of Moldova (tbc).