



**PACE third part-session of 2026
(22 – 26 June 2026)**

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

Monday 22 June 2026

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

2pm – 3.30pm

Room 11

Exchange of views on *A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media*, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Benjamin Dalle (Belgium, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Mr Tarlach McGonagle, Associate Professor at the Institute for Information Law (IViR), Amsterdam Law School, and Professor of Media Law & Information Society, Leiden Law School, Netherlands;
- 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, Council of Europe.

**Committee on Equality and Non-
Discrimination**

2pm – 3.30pm

Room 8

Exchange of views on *the Vigdís Prize for Women's Empowerment 2026*, with the participation of the three shortlisted candidates:

- Ms Nika Kovač, representative of My Voice, My Choice (Slovenia);
- Ms Ruth Njihia, representative of Girl Child Counselling Women Group (Kenya);
- Ms Jeny Pokharel, representative of SASANE – Samrakshak Samuha (Nepal).

Exchange of views on *further support for Afghan women* and statement by Ms Maria Syrengela, Greece, EPP/CD, rapporteur on *The deterioration of women's rights in Afghanistan: the need for a global response*.

Tuesday 23 June 2026

Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

and

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

9am – 10am

Room 8

Joint hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Nataliia Kalmykova, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Ukraine (online);
- Mr Ruslan Topchan, Veteran, , veterans affairs expert at the National Assembly of People with Disabilities of Ukraine;
- Ms Kateryna Pryimak, Co-founder and leader of Veteranka, Ukraine;
- Ms Olga Rudneva, Chairperson of Superhumans, Ukraine (online);
- Ms Rymar Dvenyslava, Veteran, military intelligence officer, Ukraine.

No hate Parliamentary Alliance

1pm – 2pm

Room 7

Exchange of views on *Countering/Preventing hate speech in public discourse*, with the participation of:

- Dr Natalie Alkiviadou, Senior Research Fellow, The Future of Free Speech, Vanderbilt University;
- Mr Amos Wasserbach, Senior Manager Strategy and Business Development, Das NETTZ, Germany;
- Ms Béatrice Fracchiolla, Professor in Language Sciences, University of Lorraine, France.

Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

2pm – 2.45pm

Room 11

Exchange of views on *The New Democratic Pact for Europe*, with the participation of:

- Mr Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Wednesday 24 June 2026

Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections

1pm – 2pm

Room 6

Exchange of views on observation of out-of-country voting: launch of the PACE feasibility study in the framework of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 October 2026), with the participation of :

- Mr Nicolae Panfil, Program Director, Promo-LEX Association (Republic of Moldova) (online).

Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport

1pm – 2pm

Room 7

Exchange of views on *Sport For All: Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities*, with the participation of:

- Ms Céline Guth, Senior Project Officer, EU-CoE joint project “Sport For All”, Council of Europe;
- Ms Vladyslava Kravchenko, Chair of the Athletes’ Council, International Paralympic Committee and Paralympic swimmer;
- Mr Andy Stevenson, Sport presenter, reporter and commentator;
- Ms Ludivine Munos, Executive Vice-President of the French Handisport Federation and Paralympic Champion.

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

and

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

2.45pm – 3.30pm

Room 10

Joint exchange of views on *Transparency and accountability in the public administration - The Tromsø Convention*, with the participation of:

- Ms Tetyana Oleksiyuk, Vice-President of the Council of Europe Access Info Group, Tromsø Convention;
- Mr Carlos Cordero Sanz, Co-founder and President of Access Info Europe, Director of Sustentia-Innovación Social.

Thursday 25 June 2026

Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

and

The Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections

Room 11

Joint hearing on the Report of the joint debate “Towards Trusted and Inclusive Electoral Process; the Role of Observers”, with the participation of:

- Mr Pablo Hispán (Spain, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Council for Democratic Elections;
- Mr Rasto Kuzel, Executive Director at MEMO 98, General Rapporteur of the joint debate “Towards Trusted and Inclusive Electoral Process; the Role of Observers” (28-29 April 2026, Paris).

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

2pm – 3.30pm

Room 10

Exchange of views on *Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of higher education institutions in Europe*, in the framework of the follow-up of the report prepared by Mr Koloman Brenner (Hungary, NR), with the participation of:

- Mr Sijbolt Noorda, President emeritus of the University of Amsterdam and former president of Magna Carta Observatory;
- Mr Villano Qiriazi, Head of the Education Department, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe.

Exchange of views on *Addressing culture as a foundation for the democratisation of Belarus*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Mr Pavel Latushka, member of the Belarusian democratic forces.

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

and

Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation

2pm – 3.30pm

Room 11

Joint Hearing on *European Convention on Human Rights: 75 years and beyond*, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC), with the participation of:

- Mr David Milner, Head of the Human Rights Intergovernmental Co-operation Division and Secretary to the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Council of Europe;
- Mr Matthieu Birker, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe;
- Ms Natasa Mavronicola, Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom;
- Ms Adriana Tidona, Amnesty International, United Kingdom.