

Assembly's second part-session of 2023 (24 – 28 April)

Committee and network hearings and other events open to the public

Monday 24 April 2023

12:30-12:50
Lobby of the
Assembly's hemicycle
Palais de l'Europe

Special event in support of Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza, laureate of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022

with the participation of:

- Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of Vladimir Kara-Murza

Tuesday 25 April 2023

Committee on Political Affairs
and Democracy

and

Committee on Legal Affairs
and Human Rights

08:30-09:30
Room 9

Joint hearing on *Ensuring accountability for the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine: the role of the Council of Europe*

Introductory remarks by Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly

with the participation of:

- Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Council of Europe
- Mr Jörg Polakiewicz, Director of Legal Advice and Public International Law, Council of Europe

Committee on Culture,
Science, Education and
Media

8:30-10:30
Room 7

Exchange of views on publication and exhibition on *Free to Create: Artistic Freedom in Europe*

with the participation of:

- Ms Sara Whyatt, Member of the Expert Facility - UNESCO 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and expert for the Directorate of Democratic Participation, DG II - Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe
- Ms Katalin Krasznahorkai, lead curator of the "Free to create, create to be Free" digital exhibition, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

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

**10:30-12:30
Room 7**

Hearing on *Museum Prize of the Council of Europe*

with the participation of:

- Mr Søren Bak-Jensen, Director of The Workers museum, Denmark, Winner of the Museum Prize 2023 of the Council of Europe
- Ms Jette Sandahl, President of the European Museum Forum (EMF)

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

**10:30-12:30
Room 7**

Hearing on *Excluding the athletes and officials of the Russian Federation and Belarus from participating in the international Olympic movement*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Denisa Elena Neagu (Romania, ALDE)

with the participation of:

- Ms Amélie Oudéa-Castéra, Minister of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games, France (online, tbc)
- Hon Lucy Frazer, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, United Kingdom (online, tbc)
- Mr Andriy Chesnokov, Deputy Minister for Youth and Sports of Ukraine for European Integration (online)
- Ms Alexandra Xanthaki, Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, United Nations
- Mr Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF)

Representatives of the International Olympic Committee (IOC):

- Mr Arsen Julfalakyan (Armenia), Olympic silver medalist, World and European Champion, Wrestling Greco-Roman, Chair of the United World Wrestling (UWW) Athletes' Commission (in person)
- Ms Gaby Ahrens (Namibia), Olympian, Shooting, Chair of the Athletes' Commission of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) (in person).

**Committee on Equality and
Non-Discrimination**

**10:30-11:30
Room 6**

Hearing on *Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE)

with the participation of:

- Ms Ana Peláez Narváez, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Secretary General of the European Disability Forum and Executive Vice-President of CERMI Women's Foundation
- Ms Iris Luarasi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

**Committee on Political Affairs
and Democracy**

**11:30-12:30
Room 10**

Hearing on *Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD)

with the participation of:

- Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of Vladimir Kara-Murza, laureate of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022
- Mr Vadim Prokhorov, Mr Kara-Murza's lawyer

12h30-13h00

**Lobby of the Committee
of Ministers
Palais de l'Europe**

Award ceremony of the Council of Europe Museum Prize to the Workers Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark

with the participation of:

- Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Søren Bak-Jensen, Director of the Workers Museum, Winner of the Museum Prize 2023 of the Council of Europe
- Ms Jette Sandahl, President of the European Museum Forum

Wednesday 26 April 2023

**Committee on Political Affairs
and Democracy**

**10:30-11:30
Room 9**

Hearing on *Recent political developments in Belarus*, in the context of a report on *Call for a national political reform process in Belarus* prepared by Mr Kimmo Kiljunen (Finland, SOC),

with the participation of:

- Mr Yury Hubarevich, Chairperson, The Movement "For Freedom"
- Mr Aleh Miatselitsa, "Our party"
- Mr Yauheni Vilski, first Deputy Chairman, Belarusian Social Democratic Party "Narodnaya Hramada"
- Ms Natallia Pinchuk, wife of Ales Bialiatski, laureate of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2013

**Network of Contact
Parliamentarians for a healthy
environment**

**11:30-12:30
Room 6**

Exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

**Committee on Legal Affairs
and Human Rights**

**11:30-12:10
Room 10**

Hearing on *Examining the legitimacy and legality of the ad hominem term-limit waiver for the incumbent President of the Russian Federation*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (the Netherlands, EPP/CD)

with the participation of:

- Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, President of the Venice Commission

Thursday 27 April 2023

Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

**8:30-9:15
Room 6**

Hearing on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

with the participation of:

- Ms Maria Ruotanen, Director General, Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy and Human Rights Dignity (DG II)
- Mr Jarmo Lainio, 1st Vice-Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (to be confirmed)
- and a representative of the European Language Equality Network (ELEN) (to be confirmed);

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

**8:30-10:30
Room 7**

Hearing on *Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for a democratic society* in the context of a report by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and *Guaranteeing media freedom and the safety of journalists: an obligation of member States* in the context of a report by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC)

with the participation of:

- Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe (DGI)
- Mr Jean-Paul Marthoz, Journalist and media expert, Coordinator of the 2023 Report of the Platform for the to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists Council of Europe
- Ms Maja Sever, President, European Federation of Journalists (EFJ)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

**9:45-10:30
Room 6**

Exchange of views on *Women Economic Empowerment*

with the participation of:

- Ms Anita Bhatia, UN Women Deputy Executive Director

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

**10:30-11:30
Room 11**

Exchange of views on *Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and health care*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Türkiye, SOC)

with the participation of invited experts

**Committee on Legal Affairs
and Human Rights**

and

**Committee on Honouring of
Obligations and
Commitments by Member
States of the Council of
Europe**

and

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

**10:30-11:30
Room 9**

**Sub-Committee on Artificial
Intelligence, Committee on
Legal Affairs and Human
Rights**

**Sub-committee on Education,
Youth and Sport, Committee
on Culture, Science,
Education and Media**

**Sub-committee on Children,
Committee on Social Affairs,
Health and Sustainable
Development**

**11:30-12:30
Room 11**

Women@PACE group

**12:45 – 13:45
Room 5**

Joint hearing on *Threats to life and safety of journalists and human rights defenders in Azerbaijan*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Hannah Bardell, (United Kingdom, NR)

with the participation of

- Ms Arzu Geybullayeva, Journalist
- Ms Jeanne Cavelier, Journalist, Reporters without border
- Mr Ulvi Hasanli, Founder and Executive Director of AbzasMedia.

Hearing on *Exploring AI in schools* - Presentation of the humanoid Niki, designed by students of the American Community Schools (ACS) of Athens, Greece

With the participation of:

- Ms Peggy Pelonis, President of the American Community Schools (ACS) of Athens (Greece) and school children of the ACS: Adrianos, Olympia Ioanna, Eleni and Hassib
- Mr Kristian Bartholin, Head of Digital Development Unit, Council of Europe

Discussion in the presence of students of the Oberkich Gymnasium, Germany

Exchange of views on *innovation and technological change: progress toward gender equality* – open to both women and men – with Ms Anita Bhatia, UN Women Deputy Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations