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

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.

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

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

Women@PACE group

12:45 – 13:45
Room 5

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