



June plenary session 2023 (19 – 23 June) Committee and network hearings and other events open to the public

Tuesday 20 June 2023

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

09h30-10h30
Room 8

Exchange of views on *The right to freedom of information: ensuring access to historical documents*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Klotilda Bushka (Albania, SOC), with the participation of:

- Mr Boriss Cilevičs, former Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

10h30-11h30
Room 9

Dialogue with Belarusian democratic forces

Hearing in the context of the preparation of the report on *Call for a national political reform process in Belarus* (rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC):

- **Statement** by Ms Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Leader of the Belarus democratic opposition

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Ivan Kravtsov, Executive Secretary, member of the Coordination Council, Razam 'Together' Party
- Mr Dmitry Kuchuk, Chairperson, Belarusian Green Party
- Mr Anatol Liabedzka, Adviser to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya on constitutional reform and parliamentary co-operation, United Civil (Civic) Party

In the presence of Mme Violaine Billette de Villemeur, Ambassador, Special Envoy for Belarus

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

11h30-12h30
Room 9

The challenge of far-right ideology to democracy and human rights in Europe

Hearing in the context of the preparation of a report by Mr Samad Seyidov (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) with the participation of:

- Mr Nicos Alivizatos (Greece), Member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

<p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p>11h45-12h30 Room 6</p>	<p>Exchange of views on <i>Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers</i>, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Mann, Director, Friends, Families and Travellers, United Kingdom.
<p>Monitoring Committee</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p>11h00-12h30 Room 10</p>	<p>Joint hearing on <i>SLAPPs as a threat to media pluralism and measures implemented to counteract them</i> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Pier Luigi Parcu, Director, Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, European University Institute, Florence, Italy - Ms Giulia Lucchese, Media and Internet Governance Division, Information Society Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe - Mr Stefan Schennach, rapporteur of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media on “Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for a democratic society”
<p>Women@PACE group</p> <p>12h45-13h45 Room 11</p> <p><i>Event open to women only</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views with Ms Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Leader of the Belarus democratic opposition, on <i>women’s political participation</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 21 June 2023</p>	
<p>Monitoring Committee</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>10h30-11h30 Room 9</p>	<p>Joint hearing on <i>the financing of political parties</i> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Julia Cagé, Associate Professor of Economics, Sciences Po Paris (online) - Mr Nicos Alivizatos (Greece), Member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) - Ms Sophie Meudal-Leenders, Senior Legal Adviser, Secretariat of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)
<p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p>11h30-12h30</p>	<p>Joint meeting Follow-up to Assembly Resolutions 2433 (2022) and 2473 (2022)</p> <p>Hearing on <i>issues confronting Russians in exile</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Gennady Gudkov, Deputy of the State Duma of 3, 4, 5, and 6 convocations; Deputy Chairman of the Security

<p>Room 9</p>	<p>Committee (2001-2012); Leader of the People's Party of Russia (2003-2008); Chairman of the NGO "For Free Russia"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Karinna Moskalenko, Russian lawyer; founder of the Centre de la Protection Internationale - Ms Ekaterina Shulman, Russian political scientist; publicist - Mr Daria Belova, Chairman of the initiative to help refugees "inTransit"; representative of the Ark (Kovcheg) <p>Also present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Marila Novikova, human rights lawyer; Secretary of the Russian Democratic Club in France - Ms Elena Colombo, Co-founder of the Association for assistance to Russian asylum seekers in France (Russie-Asile) - Mr Alexey Obolenets, lawyer and human rights defender
<p>Thursday 22 June 2023</p>	
<p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p>9h30-10h30 Room 7</p>	<p>Joint hearing with the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe on <i>Freedom of expression and assembly of LGBTI people in Europe</i>, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Vladimir Simonko, Executive Director, LGL, Lithuania - Ms Florina Presadă, Executive Director, Accept Romania - Ms Claire Vandendriessche, Spokesperson, Acceptess-T, France
<p>Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>9h30-10h30 Room 11</p>	<p>Exchange of views on <i>Recent developments in the Middle East</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Merav Ben Ari, Chairperson of the Observer delegation of Israel to the Parliamentary Assembly - Mr Bismut Boaz, member of the Observer delegation of Israel to the Parliamentary Assembly - Mr Bernard Sabella, Chairperson, Palestinian partner for democracy delegation
<p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p>11h00-12h30</p>	<p>Hearing on <i>Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace</i>, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE), and <i>Online education and special education needs of children with disabilities and learning</i></p>

<p>Room 6</p>	<p><i>difficulties</i>, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pavlo Sushko (Ukraine, EC/DA), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Sergii Gorbachov, Education Ombudsman, Ukraine (in person) - Mr Viktor Pendalchuk, Principal of Kakhovka's secondary school №1, Kherson region, Ukraine (online) - Ms Lesia Prokhorenko, Director of Mykola Yarmachenko Institute for Special Pedagogy and Psychology, NAPS of Ukraine (online) - Ms Oksana Yakymiv, Director of the Vygoda Special School of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Council, Ukraine (online)
<p>Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment (Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)</p> <p>12h45-13h45 Room 8</p>	<p>Exchange of views with Mr Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on environmental defenders, elected under the Aarhus Convention</p>