

April plenary session 2024 (15 – 19 April 2024)
Hearings and exchanges of views in committees/PACE network meetings
and other events open to the public

Tuesday 16 April 2024

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

8.30am – 10.30am

Room 11

Exchange of views on *Ensuring human rights compliant procedures*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE), with the participation of:

- Mr Stefan Maier, UNHCR, Head of Policy and Legal Support Unit, Representation for EU Affairs, Belgium, Luxembourg, Ireland and the Netherlands

Exchange of views on *An urgent call to Europe and its partners: envisioning immediate and long-term policy solutions and support for the displaced people of Ukraine*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Lise Selnes (Norway, SOC), with the participation of:

- Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Dmytro Lubinets, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

8.30am – 11.30am

Room 8

Exchange of views on *The arbitrary detention of Vladimir Kara-Murza and the systematic persecution of anti-war protesters in the Russian Federation and Belarus* in the framework of the adoption of the report, possibly for debate under urgent procedure, prepared by Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), with the participation of:

- Ms Evgenia Kara-Murza, wife of the Russian opposition activist and Advocacy Coordinator at the Free Russia Foundation

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

10.30am – 12.30pm

Room 10

Exchange of views on *Cooperation with the European Union* with the participation of:

- Mr Robert Biedroń, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), European Parliament

Exchange of views on *Priorities of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights* with the participation of:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
<p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p>11.30am – 12.30pm</p> <p>Room 8</p>	<p>Hearing on <i>the Museum Prize of the Council of Europe</i> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Wojciech Śleszyński, Director of the Sybir Memorial Museum, Poland, Winner of the 2024 Council of Europe Museum Prize - Mr Joan Roca, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the European Museum Forum (EMF)
<p>Women@PACE group</p> <p>and</p> <p>PACE General Rapporteur on Democracy, Mr George Papandreou</p> <p>12.45pm – 1.45pm</p> <p>Room 11</p>	<p>Exchange of views on <i>Re-thinking Democracy: participatory Governance, E-Governance and AI's role</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr George Papandreou, PACE General Rapporteur on Democracy - Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), member of the Bureau women@PACE group - Mr Byong-jin Ahn, Professor, Global Academy for Future Civilizations, Kyung Hee University, Seoul - Mr Jeremy Pitt, Professor of Intelligent and Self-Organising Systems, Imperial College, London - Mr Philip Howard, Professor of Internet Studies, Oxford University - Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Member of PACE (Iceland, SOC)
<p>Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI People in Europe</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p>12.45pm – 1.45pm</p> <p>Room 7</p>	<p>Exchange of views on <i>Addressing discrimination and violence against transgender people</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mx Cianán B. Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe - a representative of Transgender Europe (TGEU) <i>(to be confirmed)</i> - Ms Erika Castellanos, Executive Director of Global Action for Trans Equality (GATE)

Wednesday 17 April 2024

Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

11.30 – 12.30 pm

Room 9

Network of Contact Parliamentarians for a healthy environment

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

12.45pm – 1.45 pm

Room 6

Exchange of views on the *Conflict in the Middle East* with the participation of:

- Mr Boaz Bismuth, member of the Observer Delegation of Israel to the Parliamentary Assembly
- Mr Rawhi Fattouh, Speaker of the Palestinian National Council (on line)

Exchange of views on *The case-law of the Court in environmental matters and the focus on the outcome of climate cases*, with the participation of:

- Ms Natalia Kobylarz, Senior Legal Advisor at the European Court of Human Rights

Thursday 18 April 2024

Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

2.00pm – 3.15pm

Room 9

Exchange of views on *the North-South Centre* with the participation of:

- Ms Francesca Camilleri Vettiger, Permanent Representative of Malta, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North South Centre of the Council of Europe

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

2.00pm – 3.15pm

Room 6

Hearing on *The role of sanctions as a protective measure for human rights and democracy*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Ms Nataliia Shapoval, Chair of the Kyiv School of Economics (online)