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ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY IN THE ELECTORAL FIELD
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Texts adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly

- 23 June 2026 - the Assembly adopted Resolution 2659 (2026) on **The functioning of democratic institutions in Serbia** (Co-rapporteurs: Victoria Tiblom, Sweden, ECPA, and Yunus Emre, Türkiye, SOC) (Doc. 16424 of the Monitoring Committee)

- 24 June 2026 - the Assembly adopted Resolution 2664 (2026) on **The functioning of democratic institutions in Georgia** (Co-rapporteurs: Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC, and Ms Sabina Ćudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE) (Doc. 16420 of the Monitoring Committee)

- 29 September 2026 - the Assembly adopted Resolution 2674 (2026) on **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Greece** (Co-rapporteurs: Laura Castel, Spain, UEL, and Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Finland, SOC) (Doc. 16470 of the Monitoring Committee)

- 30 September 2026 – the Assembly adopted, following an urgent debate,.Resolution 2677 (2026) on **Fake 'elections' in Russia and its destabilising attacks on Europe** (Doc. 16498, report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, rapporteur: Alicia Kearns, United Kingdom, ECPA)

Observation of elections by PACE

- 23 August 2026: observation of the **early parliamentary elections in Kazakhstan** (statement of the International Election Observation Mission of 24 August 2026)

- 23 September 2026: observation of the **parliamentary elections in Morocco** (statement of the pre-electoral delegation of 2 September 2026 and statement of the delegation on 24 September 2026)**,** with legal support from the Venice Commission

- 4 October 2026: observation of the **general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina** (statement of the pre-electoral delegation of 17 September 2026 and statement of the IEOM of 5 October 2026), with legal support from the Venice Commission

Activities of PACE Committees

- The Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy considered on 30 September 2026 an introductory memorandum for the report on the **Need to protect election observers** (rapporteur: Rian Vogels, Netherlands, ALDE).

Conferences and seminars

- 30 September 2026, Brussels: Franck Daeschler, Elections Programme Coordinator at PACE Parliamentary and Electoral Co-operation Division, made a presentation at the session on "Building a more resilient election observation ecosystem through regulatory safeguards and coordinated support" of the 2026 Conference on the Follow-up on Recommendations' Implementation Conference (FURIC).

PACE electoral co-operation programmes

Albania	**Strengthening Elections Integrity in Albania**	
	Date, place	
	25-26 June 2026, Valbona	Albania's Central Election Commission (CEC) advances strategic planning for 2027-2031. The project supported the CEC's strategic planning process through a two-day institutional workshop reviewing the implementation of the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan and consolidating priorities for the Strategic Framework 2027-2031. The process brings together CEC institutional priorities, EU Roadmap and Assembly Resolution recommendations, while reflecting the CEC's new organisational structure and strengthened focus on electoral education and training. The resulting shared vision and consolidated priorities provide the foundation for the validation and operationalisation of the CEC's strategic direction for 2027-2031.
	14 July 2026, Tirana	Coordination meetings drive forward the implementation of Albania's Electoral Education Package. The project coordination meetings support the institutionalisation of electoral education nationwide. Through coordination with the CEC and key education authorities, it supported finalisation, handover and institutionalisation of the electoral component in the pre-university curriculum Electoral Education Package for grades 6-9 and 10-12, building upon the training of 2.318 teachers and engagement of around 20.000 students in 335 schools. A key sustainability milestone was the Package's formal recognition in the Joint Guideline for the Pre-University Academic Year 2026-2027, followed by the Ministry of Education's official commitment to distribute it to pre-university institutions as a supporting resource. This embeds electoral education within Albania's national education framework and establishes a pathway for its sustained, nationwide implementation beyond the project lifecycle.
	11 June - 06 October 2026, Tirana	Continuous institutional consultation strengthens CEC ownership of the Strategic Framework. As part of the development of the Strategic Framework 2027-2031, the project supported periodic dedicated consultations with all nine CEC directorates, allowing the framework to be continuously refined based on the institution's own experience, priorities and operational realities. This approach ensured that the framework reflects the CEC's institutional knowledge and priorities and is developed with direct involvement of the structures that will implement it.
	6-7 October 2026, Tirana	Validation and operationalisation of the CEC Strategic Plan 2027-2031 and Education Strategy 2027-2031**.** The project will support the CEC in the consolidation and validation of the Strategic Plan 2027-2031 and Education Strategy 2027-2031 through this validation workshop. The process will confirm alignment with CEC priorities, EU Roadmap and Assembly Resolution recommendations, while translating the frameworks into clear institutional responsibilities, implementation and monitoring arrangements, including the operationalisation of the new

		organisational structure supported by the project. The workshop will provide the basis for finalisation and subsequent implementation of the CEC's strategic priorities for 2027-2031.
	Support to Electoral Cycle in Albania – EU-CoE JP	
	14 August 2026, Tirana	A tender call for the provision of IT services to develop an e-consultation platform was launched as part of the technical support provided to the Albanian Central Election Commission. The assignment includes provision of IT services, capacity-building for CEC staff, preparation of user guidance and training materials, and ongoing technical support during implementation. The platform will be hosted, owned and managed by the CEC, will complement regular and structured dialogue with electoral stakeholders and facilitate their participation in relevant consultation processes. This is particularly relevant for the upcoming local elections to enhance the integrity and transparency of the electoral process, ultimately fostering public trust in elections.
	1 September 2026, Tirana	The European Union–Council of Europe Joint Action is supporting civil society and media actors in contributing to more transparent, inclusive and accountable electoral processes in Albania. Through a diverse range of initiatives, support will focus on electoral monitoring and democratic governance, civic and voter education, participation and inclusion, disability rights, investigative and public-interest journalism, media monitoring and information integrity. Activities will generate research, evidence, monitoring tools, voter education resources and recommendations to inform public debate and dialogue with electoral stakeholders, while strengthening evidence-based reporting, fact-checking and responses to challenges such as disinformation, hate speech and AI-assisted manipulation. Particular attention will be given to accessible voter information and the participation of underrepresented groups, while promoting resources and approaches that can remain useful beyond individual activities.
	4, 5, 6 & 12-13 September 2026, Tirana	A five-day training programme was organised to prepare a new cohort of trained trainers who will contribute to the professional development of Albania's electoral administration ahead of the 2027 elections. The programme covered the roles and responsibilities of electoral officials at different levels of electoral administration, as well as the use of electronic identification devices. Through interactive learning methods and practical case studies from previous elections, 18 participants developed the knowledge and practical skills needed to train members of the electoral administration in their respective roles. Following the successful completion of the programme, the newly trained trainers may proceed to the comprehensive training phase.
	8 October 2026, Tirana	The second Steering Committee meeting of the Action will provide an opportunity to review progress under the Action, discuss its implementation, and exchange views on priority areas to address in the upcoming implementation period. The meeting will gather representatives of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly, the EU Delegation in Albania, and the Central Election Commission. Representatives of the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform, the OSCE Presence in Albania, the Audiovisual Media Authority, and the State Agency for Strategic Programming and Aid Coordination are also invited to attend and joint the discussion on areas for continued cooperation and potential synergies
Bosnia and Herzegovina	**16 June 2026, Sarajevo**	A Roundtable on the establishment of a functional Centre for Education within the Central Election Commission (CEC) of Bosnia and Herzegovina was held, bringing together representatives of the CEC, municipal election commissions, the Civil Service Agency and

		judicial and prosecutorial training centres to discuss the next steps for the creation of a sustainable system for training election administration and voters. Providing the framework for discussion, Council of Europe experts presented documents developed within the Council of Europe Electoral project in BiH, namely the *roadmap for the establishment of the Centre, the Catalogue of trainings and the Terms of Reference for the Centre.*
	27 July 2026, Sarajevo	The Council of Europe experts presented the Comparative Study on the participation of persons with disabilities in electoral processes, providing practical and actionable recommendations to improve the accessibility and inclusiveness of elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The study, developed in consultation with organisations of people with disabilities and the CEC BiH, analyses relevant international and European standards and good practices, as well as the existing legal and institutional framework in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
	2-3 September 2026, Bjelasnica	A training for media professionals on Strengthening Media Coverage of Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina was held for 20 journalists from different regions and media outlets. Participants had the opportunity to learn about European standards for professional election reporting and how these standards are reflected in the domestic legal framework and applied in everyday journalistic practice. Participants also discussed the challenges faced by the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CEC) in implementing the new legal provisions and overseeing the electoral process.
	31 August - 25 September 2026	Voter outreach in the form of voting simulations on new electoral technologies was held in 79 locations (66 cities) throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. The activity aimed at bringing new election technologies directly to citizens, with particular attention to underrepresented groups, including persons with disabilities, young people and national minorities. It provided them the opportunity to test biometric voter identification and ballot scanning first-hand. The scale of the initiative resulted in strong public response and significant media interest proving the importance of timely, accessible and inclusive voter education when introducing major changes to the electoral process.
Republic of Moldova	**16 – 17 June 2026, Chisinau**	The Regional Conference "Money in Politics" (4th edition) was organised in cooperation with the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova, International IDEA, UNDP, the EU Partnership Mission to the Republic of Moldova and other partners. It offers a platform for peer exchange and strategic dialogue on the intersection of political finance, electoral security, and digital resilience. About 175 participants from across Europe attended the conference.
	23 – 25 June 2026, Oslo, Norway	A study visit was organised for 18 representatives of Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova and the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training with Norwegian officials from the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, the Norwegian Directorate of Elections, the National Electoral Committee, the Political Parties Act Committee, the Norwegian National Security Authority, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Culture and Equality. The participants exchanged experiences and learned good practices in the following areas: electoral administration and candidate registration, voter registration and management of electoral lists, regulation of electoral campaigns (including online), oversight of political and electoral financing, alternative voting methods and electoral accessibility, cybersecurity and combating disinformation in elections, electoral dispute

		resolution, involving citizens and electoral training, AI in elections, and other topics.
	June-July 2026, Chisinau	Terms of Reference (ToR) for the future "e-Candidacy" module within the State Automated Information System "Elections" were developed, administered by the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova. The module will allow online submission of documents to potential electoral candidates.
	June 2026 Chisinau	An analysis of the causes underlying repeated postponements of elections in the People's Assembly of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia was carried out by Council of Europe's local consultants. The assignment assessed national and regional electoral legislation and their alignment with national and European standards, developments and international recommendations, and was submitted to the CEC in June 2026.
	6 August 2026, Chisinau	The follow-up and implementation of recommendations issued by international election observation missions, the Venice Commission and the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova between 2023 - 2025 were assessed in a comprehensive report, carried out by the Council of Europe's local consultants from the ADEPT Association. As a result, several key areas requiring further attention were identified including electoral rights, electoral dispute resolution, accessibility, secrecy of the vote and online campaign monitoring.
	6 – 9 August 2026, Costesti, Ialoveni	23 young people enhanced their electoral knowledge during the Youth Electoral School. Among the covered topics were democracy and human rights, basic principles and components of the electoral process, the electoral cycle and electoral administration, misuse of administrative resources in elections, electoral corruption, artificial intelligence in elections, etc.
	8 September 2026, Chisinau	A comparative study on barriers for people with disabilities to exercise their voting rights was presented to stakeholders by a Council of Europe consultant. The study concluded that persons with disabilities in the Republic of Moldova continue to face significant barriers to exercising their voting rights. It contains 11 recommendations for Moldovan authorities related to compliance with EU standards, which urge to remove legal and practical barriers for voters with disabilities, in particular intellectual and psycho-social disabilities, and establish mechanisms for transparency and inclusion.
	01 – 29 September 2026, ATU Gagauzia	Training sessions are being developed and conducted for members of the Central Electoral Council and the District Electoral Councils of ATU Gagauzia preparing for the People's Assembly and Governor (Bashkan) elections scheduled for 15 November 2026.
Ukraine	**15-17 June 2026, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine**	A three-day simulation-based exercise on countering election-related Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI) was held to strengthen interagency cooperation among Ukrainian electoral, security, law-enforcement, intelligence, information security authorities and media regulator. Through a realistic scenario involving a large-scale disinformation and FIMI campaign combined with cyber-incidents, attempts to disrupt information and communication systems, coordinated media manipulation, and malicious actions by external and internal actors, participants tested information-sharing, coordination and response mechanisms, boosting interagency institutional preparedness to detect, prevent and respond to FIMI and disinformation threats targeting the integrity of future post-war elections.
	16-17 June 2026, Chisinau	Facilitation of the participation of Mr Andrii Yevstihnieiev, Member of the Central Election Commission of Ukraine, in the fourth edition of the Regional Conference "Money in Politics", organised by the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Moldova, with the

		support of its partners, including the Council of Europe electoral cooperation project in the Republic of Moldova. The conference brought together representatives of electoral bodies, government officials and international experts from across Europe to discuss the rapidly evolving challenges of political finance and electoral integrity in the digital era.
	11 August 2026, Kyiv, Ukraine	A brainstorming session with members of the Central Election Commission (CEC), its Secretariat and communication experts to strengthen crisis communication preparedness and feed in the development of the CEC Crisis Communication Toolkit for future post-war elections. During the session, participants identified and prioritised potential crisis scenarios across the electoral cycle, including their possible interconnections and cascading effects, and explored practical approaches to coordinated communication and response. The outcomes are incorporated in the draft CEC Crisis Communication Toolkit which is currently developed with the support of the Council of Europe, its practical guidance and tools enabling the CEC to anticipate, manage and communicate effectively during potential election related crises.
	June-July 2026, Kyiv, Ukraine	The list of criteria with qualitative and quantitative indicators to determine the impossibility of calling, organising and holding post-war elections in Ukraine was finalised and shared with the Central Election Commission for consideration and comments. Developed by the Council of Europe's national experts, the analytical paper can be used to elaborate legislation for post-war elections, particularly regarding provisions on the assessment of necessary pre-conditions for post-war elections, as well as decision taking on the impossibility to call, organise and hold post-war elections on certain territories.
	June – October 2026, Kyiv, Ukraine	Provision of technical support and maintenance of the "CEC: prosvita" online platform necessary to ensure the due functioning of the platform and training courses and materials placed thereon.