

Elections Division

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ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY IN THE ELECTORAL FIELD (6 June – 8 October 2025)

Texts adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly

- [Resolution 2615 \(2025\)](#) on **Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary life: gender equality, accessibility and inclusive policies** (Rapporteur: Maryna Bardina, Ukraine, ALDE) ([Doc. 16183](#) of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination), adopted on 26 June 2025.
- [Resolution 2617 \(2025\)](#) on **The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary** (Co-rapporteurs: Eerik-Niiles Kross, Estonia, ALDE, and George Papandreou, Greece, SOC) ([Doc. 16249](#) of the Monitoring Committee) adopted on 30 September 2025.
- [Resolution 2620 \(2025\)](#) on **Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria** (Co-rapporteurs: Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD and Yves Cruchten, Luxembourg, SOC) ([Doc. 16246](#) of Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) adopted on 1 October 2025.
- [Resolution 2622 \(2025\)](#) on **Russia: new threats to European democracies** (Rapporteur: Iulian Bulai, Romania, ALDE) ([Doc. 16272](#) of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) adopted on 2 October 2025.
- [Resolution 2624](#) on **Uphold democracy and the rule of law in Georgia** (Co-rapporteurs : : Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC and Sabina Ćudić, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ALDE) ([Doc. 16271](#) of the Monitoring Committee), adopted on 2 October 2025.
- [Resolution 2625 \(2025\)](#) on **Political parties and democracy** (Rapporteur: Ingjerd Schie Schou, Norway, EPP/CD) ([Doc. 16248](#) of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy) adopted on 2 October 2025.

Observation of elections by PACE, with legal support from the Venice Commission

- 23 June 2025: Presentation of the report on the **observation of the parliamentary elections in Albania (11 May 2025)** to the Parliamentary Assembly (Rapporteur: Simone Billi, Italy, ECPA) ([Doc. 16201](#)).
- 29 September 2025: Presentation of the report on the **observation of the presidential election in Poland (18 May and 1 June 2025)** to the Parliamentary Assembly (Rapporteur: Iulian Bulai, Romania, ALDE) ([Doc. 16258](#)).
- 28 September 2025: **observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova** (Rapporteur: Chris Said, Malta, EPP/CD) ([Pre-electoral statement](#) and [preliminary findings](#))

Activities of PACE Committees and others

- The Bureau of the Assembly approved on 5 September 2025 a **Proposal for testing the feasibility of observing out-of-country voting** in the context of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (28 September 2025) [AS/Bur \(2025\) 50](#).
- **The Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** unanimously adopted on 30 September 2025 a [report](#), including a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, on **Elections in times of crisis** (Rapporteur Mr Damien Cottier, Switzerland, ALDE).

Conferences and seminars

- **Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections** : Strasbourg, 1 October 2025: [Meeting](#) on “Conducting and Observing Elections in the Digital Era: implications and challenges for the Parliamentary Assembly”, with the participation of Adrià Rodríguez-Pérez, Legal Advisor, Venice Commission and Meaghan Fitzgerald, Head of the ODIHR Election Department, and launch of the [new website of the Elections Division](#).

Working documents

- **Motion for a recommendation** on the [Need to protect election observers](#)

PACE electoral co-operation programmes

Albania	September 2025	A new action “ <i>Support to the Electoral Cycle in Albania</i> ” started in Albania, co-funded by the European Union and Council of Europe. It aims to promote a democratic, transparent, and inclusive election process by strengthening the independence and capacity of the Central Election Commission (CEC) encouraging civil society and media participation in electoral processes and supporting Albania’s EU accession priorities.
	October 2025 (tbc)	The roundtable discussion with electoral stakeholders and CEC staff aims to review the functionalities of the Denunciations and Complaints Tracking Module (CTM), equip participants with the knowledge to use the tool, and collect their final feedback to address potential recommendations for improvement.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sarajevo 24-25 July	Expert needs assessment mission for the establishment of the Centre for Education of the Central Election Commission (CEC) BiH took place. The mission resulted in the needs assessment report with clear recommendations on how to support the CEC BiH for establishing a permanent, modern, dynamic, and flexible Centre for Education to enhance the professionalisation and independence of the election administration. The activities in this regard will continue in the course of 2025/6.
	Igman 4-5 October	The first module of the Academy for Women Candidates gathered 24 participants from different regions and political parties across BiH. The Academy is designed as a sustainable training model that supports first-time women

		<p>candidates or those who have not yet held office. It provides knowledge and skills to women candidates to actively participate in electoral processes and shape public policies with a gender-responsive lens. The Academy will deliver up to 4 modules in the course of 2025/26.</p>
Georgia	Tbilisi 27 June 2025	<p><u>Workshop on gender mainstreaming and intersectionality</u> perspectives in electoral processes: Civil society and political party representatives, among them women and young leaders, exchanged on challenges related to abolishment of mandatory gender quotas and its consequences. The workshop fostered collaboration among key stakeholders and generated practical solutions to address emerging needs for restoring a more inclusive and gender-equal decision-making process in Georgia.</p>
	Batumi 28-30 July	<p>Three-day workshop for youth on electoral matters "<u>My Vote in Democracy</u>": Empowered young people from leading universities from all over Georgia, including regions, with knowledge, skills, and critical awareness around electoral processes and democratic participation. Participants obtained better understanding of how electoral systems function and impact citizens, and increased motivation to take part in shaping political systems, and advocate for fair, inclusive, and transparent elections.</p>
	Tbilisi 25 September 2025	<p>The workshop on "<u>Disability Rights and Electoral Participation – Challenges and Steps Forward</u>": Persons with disabilities, their associations, and citizen-led initiatives will strengthen their understanding of international standards, identify national barriers, and contribute to advancing equal electoral participation in Georgia. It will foster dialogue among stakeholders to develop practical recommendations for inclusive electoral processes.</p>
Republic of Moldova	Bern, Switzerland 24-26 June 2025	<p>Three-day <u>study visit to Switzerland</u> for 16 representatives from the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova to exchange experiences and good practices with Swiss federal and cantonal authorities. Discussions covered a range of topics such as alternative voting methods, oversight of political and electoral financing, combatting disinformation in elections, ensuring the cyber-security, countering evolving threats, decentralised electoral management models.</p>
	Chisinau 8 - 9 July 2025	<p>The Regional conference <u>Money in Politics</u> (third edition) brought together around 120 participants from Ireland, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Ukraine, United Kingdom. The event provided an important platform for regional actors to exchange ideas and tackle digital-era challenges to electoral integrity, with a view to promoting stronger safeguards, smarter oversight, and more resilient democratic processes. It was co-organised in cooperation with Central Electoral Commission and five other international development partners.</p>

	Chisinau, Gratiesti 26-27 July 2025	The Electoral School for <u>Journalists</u> aimed to familiarise participants with the latest amendments to electoral legislation and the specific procedures of the September 2025 Parliamentary election, including the prospects of postal voting as an alternative voting method.
	Chisinau 15-16 August 2025	A two-day <u>capacity-building training</u> for around 40 representatives from all the District Electoral Councils (DECs) across the country designed to strengthen their skills in managing financial resources allocated from the state budget for the organisation and conduct of the Parliamentary election on 28 September 2025.
	Chisinau 4 September 2025	<u>Training</u> on “Peculiarities of examination and settlement of electoral disputes ahead of the Parliamentary election of the Republic of Moldova”, co-organised with the National Institute of Justice of the Republic of Moldova, the Office of the Council of Europe in the Republic of Moldova and PACE.
	Chisinau 5-7 September 2025	<u>Summer School for Young People</u> - an electoral awareness raising activity for about 20 young people, with a focus on first-time voters, organised in cooperation with the Centre for Continuous Electoral Training to spread electoral knowledge among young people encouraging them to actively take part into electoral and public processes.
	Republic of Moldova, July – September 2025	Democracy café to promote a model of active young voter behaviour ahead of the September 2025 Parliamentary election through online and offline information activities based on the Council of Europe’s toolkit <u>Vote Outside the Box</u> . The targeted audience are young people from educational institutions (VET, universities), youth centres, prison institutions throughout the country aged 18-35 years (observing gender mainstream and gender equality).
	Republic of Moldova, September 2025	A citizens’ awareness campaign has been conducted to combat sexism, harassment, and violence against women in elections. To this end, the Council of Europe Office in Chisinau produced a short video which was approved by Central Electoral Commission as a message of public interest and is being broadcasted through various public channels.
	Chisinau September 2025	A manual for members of the electoral management bodies set up abroad ahead of the 2025 Parliamentary election was developed by the Council of Europe. This manual contains all the details of the electoral procedures to be performed by electoral management bodies at polling stations created abroad.
	Chisinau August-September 2025	Implementation of the Council of Europe’s grant awarded for citizens’ monitoring of the developments at polling stations abroad during the September 2025 Parliamentary election (electoral period, including the E-day).
Ukraine	Lviv, Ukraine 3 – 4 July 2025	<u>High-Level Dialogue-IV “Good Democratic Governance in Ukraine: Achievements, Challenges and the Way Forward in Post-War Period”</u> , co-organised and facilitated by the Secretariats of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, and the Venice Commission, took place in Lviv to discuss progress and agree on further

		actions to improve the legal framework on multilevel governance and post-war elections.
	London, United Kingdom 19 – 21 August 2025	<u>3-days onsite visit</u> of the Ukrainian delegation (leadership and representatives of the Central Election Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine) to London, aimed at fostering peer-to-peer exchanges and bilateral cooperation with the <u>UK Electoral Commission</u> and other relevant UK authorities on a wide range of election matters, including legal and operational frameworks for out-of-country voting, ensuring physical and cyber security during elections, counteracting mis- and dis-information in elections, implementing voter education and public awareness raising, and political finance regulation. The visit was organised in close coordination with the UK Electoral Commission and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.