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| **Priorities of the Lithuanian Presidencyof the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe(17 May – 13 November 2024)** |

**Support for Ukraine Defending Itself against Russia’s war of aggression:**

* Strengthening of the democratic institutions of Ukraine and support for reconstruction efforts, including through the implementation of the Action Plan “Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction”;
* Ensuring accountability for international crimes: further steps towards a comprehensive compensation mechanism linked to the Register of Damage and use of the Council of Europe expertise for the establishment of a Special International Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, as well as consideration of a discussion on consolidated efforts to harmonise sharing of information regarding cases of circumvention of sanctions by Russia and Belarus;
* Protection of rights, safety, and well-being of the children of Ukraine, safe return of Ukrainian children unlawfully deported by Russia.

**Council of Europe at 75 – Consistent Implementation of Reykjavík Summit Decisions and Outlook Beyond:**

**Protection of Our Values against Aggression and Authoritarianism**

- Protection of human rights in conflict areas;

- Support for civil society, independent media, and human rights defenders from Belarus and other countries oppressed by authoritarian regimes, working in their home countries or in exile;

- Reform and strengthening of the Organisation to meet the challenges of the future;

- Aligning Secretariat employment with Council of Europe membership.

**Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law at Home and Worldwide**

- Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;

- Reinforcement of social rights;

- Promoting anti-corruption and good governance;

- Gender equality and women’s rights, children, and youth;

- Addressing the impact of the triple planetary crisis of pollution, climate change and loss of biodiversity on human rights, democracy and the rule of law;

- Cultural diversity and heritage.

**Digital Dimension of Freedom**

- Freedom of expression and safety of journalists, including online;

- Artificial intelligence and human rights;

- Fight against disinformation, hate speech and distortion of history, access to information;

- Non-traditional media, progress of digital technology, media literacy.

**Presidency Event Programme**

***24-25 May, Vilnius:*** Participation of the President of the Committee of Ministers in the meetings of the PACE Presidential Committee, Bureau and Standing Committee

***30 May, Strasbourg:*** Presidency participation in the Conference to Launch the new Gender Equality Strategy 2024-2029 and Event to mark the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Istanbul Convention

***30 May, Vilnius:*** Workshop in Vilnius for Belarusian young people

***5 June, Strasbourg:*** 1500th meeting of Ministers’ Deputies

***11-12 June, Strasbourg:*** A celebration of 60 years of the EDQM, Council of Europe “Today, tomorrow, together for public health”

***11-12 June, Vilnius:*** Conference “AML/CFT Supervision of Designated Non-financial Businesses and Professions – Practical Application of Sector-Specific Measures”

***17-19 June, Vilnius:*** EuroDIG (European Dialogue on Internet Governance) annual meeting

***17-20 June, Strasbourg:*** No Hate Speech Week

***18-21 June, Vilnius:*** IACC International anti-corruption conference

***18-22 June, Strasbourg:*** Workshop for Advocacy on the Abolition of the Death penalty

***19-20 June, Vilnius:*** Training seminar for national stakeholders of the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe in Lithuania

***20 June, Vilnius:*** European AI Forum

***24 June, Helsinki:*** Meeting for a Network of National Coordinators for the execution of ECtHR judgments in the context of the Project “Support to efficient domestic capacity for the execution of ECtHR judgments (Phase 1)”

***24-28 June, Strasbourg:*** Communication of the President of the Committee of Ministers to the Summer Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)

***2-9 July, Strasbourg:*** Youth Peace Camp

***3-4 July, Vilnius:*** High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter

***Early July, Strasbourg:*** Presidency participation in HELP Network Conference 2024

***11 July, New York:*** Side Event at the 2024 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development “Charting the way forward: Combating the impact of climate change on human rights”

***11 July, Ottrott (Vicinity of Strasbourg):*** CM(D) Retreat “CoE Role in Ensuring Accountability for Aggression against Ukraine”

***4-5 September, Vilnius:*** Informal Conference of Ministers of Justice “Towards Accountability for International Crimes Committed in Ukraine”

***September, Chisinau:*** International Conference in the framework of the Project “Strengthening the human rights protection of refugees and migrants in the Republic of Moldova and Armenia”

***12 September, Strasbourg:*** Informal exchange of views on media freedom and safety of journalists (CM Room)

***12-13 September, Strasbourg:*** Presidency participation in the General meeting of national Associations of Local and Regional Authorities

***23 September, Strasbourg:*** Movie screening “Murer: Anatomy of a Trial”, in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Austria

***25 September, Vilnius:*** International conference “Multi-level governance for ensuring democracy and strengthening resilience at all levels of governance”

***26 September, Vilnius:*** International Conference “Navigating Privacy and Media Freedoms: A Judicial Perspective”

***September, Vilnius:*** “Ukrainian Days” – series of events

***30 September - 4 October, Strasbourg:*** Communication of the President of the Committee of Ministers to the Autumn Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)

***September/October, Strasbourg:*** CM discussion with civil society on the abolition of the death penalty and screening of a film on the death penalty in Belarus

***3-4 October, Vilnius:*** CD-P-TO meeting

***5 October, Vilnius:*** European Donation Day (EDD) celebration

***15-17 October, Strasbourg:*** Presidency participation in the 47th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

***25 October, Vilnius:*** International Conference dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the Lithuanian membership in the Council of Europe and to the Lithuanian Presidency “Constitutional dialogue: who determines the trends in the development of human rights?”

***25 October, Vilnius:*** Vilnius dialogue on freedom of expression

***4-6 November, Strasbourg:*** launch of HELP online course on Deported Children situation in armed conflict, in the margins of the Council of Europe’s World Forum for Democracy

***5 November, Strasbourg:*** Celebrating 30 years of European and International Film Co-production

***Cultural Programme***

***29 May, Strasbourg***: Opening concert to mark the beginning of the Presidency by Mettis String Quartet and saxophonist Kęstutis Vaiginis

***May-November:*** Photo and video competition for young Europeans [“Human Rights: Camera, Action!”](https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/human-rights-camera-action-council-of-europe-launches-photo-and-video-competition-for-young-europeans), (winners will be announced on the margins of the World Forum for Democracy, 6-8 November 2024)

***4 June, Strasbourg:*** Alsace and Lithuania - documentary film and discussion about physician, naturalist and university professor Ludwig Heinrich Bojanus

***10 September - 19 October, Strasbourg:*** Lithuania and France – exhibition of photographs by Antanas Sutkus “Jean Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir in Lithuania in 1965”

***12 September, Strasbourg:*** Screening of the movie “Vesper Chronicles” by Kristina Buožytė and Bruno Samper

***27 September, Strasbourg:*** Lithuanian music: Lina Štalytė performing at “La Rentrée” in collaboration with Council of Europe’s *Amicale*

***1 October, Strasbourg:*** Classical concert by Lithuanian organist Balys Vaitkus

***9 October, Strasbourg:*** Workshop for children by the Lithuanian children's book illustrator Elena Selena.

***4-5 November, Strasbourg:*** Conference on the mass Soviet deportations of Lithuanian population to Siberia and their return to Lithuania and Eastern Europe in the 20th century

***5-7 November, Strasbourg:*** Klaipėda Puppet Theatre performance “Rising from the ashes” in the framework of Lithuania’s Season in France 2024

***9 November, Strasbourg:*** The Presidency’s handover concert by “Improdimensija orchestra” with Marc Ducret at Jazzdor festival in the framework of Lithuania’s Season in France 2024