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Network of Parliamentarians to Promote the Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

Draft work programme 2026

1. Objectives

In accordance with Resolution 2599 (2025) and the terms of reference of the Network, the Network's task is to promote and contribute to the full, effective and rapid implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights through the work of parliamentarians.

In practical terms, this means strengthening co-operation between national parliaments, supporting parliamentary scrutiny of the execution of judgments, promoting the compatibility of national legislation and practices with the European Convention on Human Rights, and encouraging legislative, structural and political follow-up at national level.

2. Composition

The Network is composed of members of the Parliamentary Assembly appointed by national delegations, together with ex officio members and representatives appointed by relevant Assembly committees. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Network, each national delegation will appoint one member from the governing majority and one member from the opposition.

The Network brings together parliamentarians from different political backgrounds and Assembly committees in order to foster dialogue, exchange of experience and joint reflection on how parliaments can help advance the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

The Network shall elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson in accordance with its terms of reference. Its working languages shall be English and French.

3. Activities for 2026

The Network will carry out its activities in Strasbourg, Paris, and, where appropriate, in member States of the Council of Europe at the invitation of their national parliaments, subject to the availability of resources.

3.1 Meetings during and between part-sessions

The Network will hold meetings during the Parliamentary Assembly's part-sessions in Strasbourg and outside Strasbourg between part-sessions.

In 2026, the Network will meet four times:
- 20 April 2026, Strasbourg: Launch of the Network
- 23 June 2026, Strasbourg: First official meeting of the Network (election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson)
- Week of 28 September 2026, Strasbourg
- 13 November, The Hague

These meetings will provide an opportunity for members to share good practices on parliamentary involvement in the implementation of judgments, hear presentations by experts, and discuss effective national structures and procedures for the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.

3.2 Support to parliamentarians and co-operation at national level

In 2026, the Network will begin supporting parliamentarians in their work at national level to promote the implementation of judgments, including through parliamentary oversight, political follow-up and exchanges with relevant national interlocutors.

As part of this work, briefings are foreseen for PACE national delegations on the implementation of judgments in their respective countries, in co-operation with the Council of Europe Department for the Execution of Judgments.

The Network may organise activities in national parliaments or in other suitable frameworks, in particular:

- conferences or exchanges on current issues relating to the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;
- study visits for parliamentarians to observe good practices developed by national parliaments and parliamentary committees;
- peer-to-peer exchanges aimed at strengthening parliamentary procedures, oversight tools and legislative follow-up.

3.3 Research, publications and practical resources

The Network's work in 2026 will also include research into current best practices for parliaments promoting the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, including parliamentary committees supervising judgment implementation and the contribution of individual parliamentarians. This research will be carried out by Professor Alice Donald and is planned to be presented during the meeting of November 2026.

This work will serve as a basis for the update of the Handbook on "National parliaments as guarantors of human rights in Europe", expected to be presented in 2027. It may also inform the preparation and dissemination of practical resources for parliamentarians, including web-based materials and future guidance documents. New materials may also be translated into several languages.

3.4 Training for parliamentary staff

Training for staff of national parliaments is also foreseen in October/November 2026, with a view to strengthening institutional knowledge of the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and of the European Convention on Human Rights system more broadly.

3.5 Communication and visibility

The Network's activities will be supported by communication and visibility measures, including a dedicated webpage, summaries of meetings and the dissemination of relevant information and materials in the Network's two working languages: English and French.

4. Resources

The Network's activities are funded through voluntary contributions.

Host parliaments may provide in-kind support for the organisation of meetings and events, including meeting facilities and logistical assistance.

5. Co-operation

The Network will maintain close co-operation with the Council of Europe Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, the Execution Coordinators Network and the European Court of Human Rights.

It may also co-operate with national human rights institutions, civil society organisations, survivors' organisations, applicants and their representatives, as well as with other relevant parliamentary networks and international partners.