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PACE first part-session of 2026 (26 – 30 January 2026)

Hearings and exchanges of views in committees/PACE network meetings and other events open to the public

Monday 26 January 2026	
Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy **2pm – 3.30pm** **Room 9**	**Hearing** on the *Situation in the Middle East*, in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Dora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of: - Christophe Bigot, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process.
Tuesday 27 January 2026	
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights **9.30am – 10am** **Room 8**	**Exchange of views** on *the draft Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, search, seizure and confiscation of the proceeds from crime and on the financing of terrorism*, with the participation of: - Cornel Virgiliu Calinescu, President of the former Committee of Experts on Criminal Asset Recovery (PC-RAC).
Women@PACE group **1.15pm – 2pm** **Room 1**	**Exchange of views** on *Protecting the freedom of young minds and the future of democratic resilience*, with the participation of - H.E. Maia Sandu, President of the Republic of Moldova.
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media **2pm – 3pm** **Room 10**	**Exchange of views** on *Upholding our diverse culture, freedom of expression and information by effective enforcement of copyright*, in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of: - Eleonora Rosati, Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Stockholm University (Sweden) (online).
Wednesday 28 January 2026	

Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe **1pm – 2pm** **Room 6**	**Exchange of views** on *Protecting the rights of intersex persons in practice: a new framework for inclusion*, with the participation of: - Aaron Giardina, Chair, Committee of Experts on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics (ADI-SOGIESC); - Dan Christian Ghattas, Executive Director, Organisation Intersex International Europe (OII Europe) (*online*); - Cianán Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe - Irene Simeonidou, Mother of an intersex child, Secretary, Intersex Greece (online)
Parliamentary Alliance for free and fair elections **Election Division** **1pm – 2pm** **Room 7**	Meeting of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections
Thursday 29 January 2026	
Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media **8.30am – 10am** **Room 10**	**Exchange of views** on *Benefits and challenges to freedom of expression in immersive realities*, in the framework of the follow-up to the Assembly Resolution 2578 (2024) on "Risks and opportunities of the metaverse", with the participation of a representative of the Freedom of Expression and Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) Division, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity.
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights **2pm – 3pm** **Room 8**	**Exchange of views**, with the participation of - Michael O'Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe.