



**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**

<p><b>Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI persons in Europe</b></p> <p><b>1pm – 2pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 6</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Protecting the rights of intersex persons in practice: a new framework for inclusion</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aaron Giardina, Chair, Committee of Experts on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics (ADISOGIESC);</li> <li>- Dan Christian Ghattas, Executive Director, Organisation Intersex International Europe (OII Europe) (<i>online</i>);</li> <li>- Cianán Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe</li> <li>- Irene Simeonidou, Mother of an intersex child, Secretary, Intersex Greece (<i>online</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parliamentary Alliance for free and fair elections</b></p> <p><b>Election Division</b></p> <p><b>1pm – 2pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 7</b></p>	<p>Meeting of the Parliamentary Alliance for Free and Fair Elections</p>
<p><b>Thursday 29 January 2026</b></p>	
<p><b>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</b></p> <p><b>8.30am – 10am</b></p> <p><b>Room 10</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views</b> on <i>Benefits and challenges to freedom of expression in immersive realities</i>, in the framework of the follow-up to the Assembly <a href="#">Resolution 2578 (2024)</a> 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.</p>
<p><b>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</b></p> <p><b>2pm – 3pm</b></p> <p><b>Room 8</b></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views</b>, with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe.</li> </ul>