



**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 <i>Protecting the rights of intersex persons in practice: a new framework for inclusion</i> , with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) (<i>online</i>); - Cianán Russell, Senior Policy Officer, ILGA-Europe - Irene Simeonidou, Mother of an intersex child, Secretary, Intersex Greece (<i>online</i>)
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 <i>Benefits and challenges to freedom of expression in immersive realities</i> , 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe.