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13 April 2026

Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

Draft agenda

This draft agenda, addressed to full members of the Committee and their alternates is the convocation to the meeting

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Meeting to be held in Strasbourg (Palais de l'Europe) on:

- **Wednesday 22 April from 14:00 to 14:30 (room 8)**
- **Thursday 23 April from 14:00 to 15:30 (room 10)¹**

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1. Agenda

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Adoption of the agenda

2. Minutes

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Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2026 in Strasbourg

3. Presentation of the questionnaire responses and exchange of views

Discussion among members based on the responses received to the questionnaire circulated in March 2026, focusing on the main strengths and weaknesses of democracy in European countries in the current context, and exploring possible new approaches to strengthening democratic security across the continent

4. *Ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Black Sea Security Forum, Odesa, Ukraine, 29-31 May 2026)

[Practical information note]

Appointment of three members to participate in the *ad hoc* committee

¹ Joint meeting with the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

5. Reporting back on participation in events

Report by Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, ECPA) on his participation in the Conference organised by the European Parliament on “The Future of Democracy Support” in Brussels on 18-19 March 2026

6. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2026: call for nominations

[\[Website\]](#)

7. Other business

8. Next meetings

- Kristiansand (Norway), 4-5 May 2026 (*subject to the Bureau's authorisation*)
- Third part-session 2026 of the Assembly (22-26 June 2026)
- Fourth part-session 2026 of the Assembly (28 September-2 October 2026)
- Budapest, 26 October 2026 (*subject to the Bureau's authorisation*)
- Warsaw, 24-25 November 2026

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9. Understanding how social injustice weakens democracy

Joint hearing by the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Debate moderated by Ms Annette Gerlach, journalist at Arte, with the participation of:

- Mr Jean-Yves Camus, political scientist and researcher at the Jean Jaurès Foundation (France),
- Dr Ania Skrzypek, Director of Research and Training at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) (Poland),
- Mr David Thunder, Researcher and lecturer at the University of Navarra's Institute for Culture and Society in Pamplona (Spain), and
- Mr Alexandr Petrov, Director of *Agenția Națională pentru Tineret* (Republic of Moldova).