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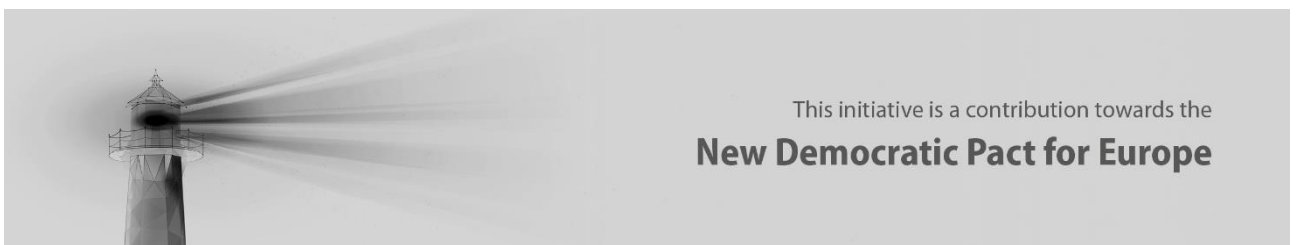
29 April 2026

To the Members of the Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22 and 23 April 2026

The **Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact**, meeting in Strasbourg on 22 and 23 April 2026, with Sir Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, ECPA), Chairperson, then Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), 1st Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **On Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 2pm**, as regards:
 - **Presentation of the questionnaire responses and exchange of views:** held an exchange of views on the responses received to the questionnaire circulated in March 2026;
 - **Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Black Sea Security Forum, Odesa, Ukraine, 29-31 May 2026:** made a call for applications to sit on the *ad hoc* committee;
 - **Reporting back on participation in events:** heard an oral 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;
 - **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2026:** made a call for nominations, noted the deadline of 30 April 2026 and that details are available on the Prize’s website;
 - **Other business:** noted that the Bureau authorised the Special Committee to hold a meeting in Kristiansand on 4-5 May in the context of the European Conference on Democracy and Human Rights, that the meeting in Warsaw is postponed to 24-25 November 2026, and that a meeting of the Special Committee is also foreseen in Budapest on 26 October 2026;
 - **Next meetings:** took note of the next meetings to be held as follows:
 - Kristiansand (Norway), 4-5 May 2026
 - 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



This initiative is a contribution towards the
New Democratic Pact for Europe

- **On Thursday 23 April 2026 at 2pm**, as regards:
- ***Understanding how social injustice weakens democracy***: held a joint hearing with the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, 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, Dr Ania Skrzypek, Director of Research and Training at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Mr David Thunder, Researcher and lecturer at the University of Navarra's Institute for Culture and Society in Pamplona, and Mr Alexandr Petrov, Director of *Agenția Națională pentru Tineret*.

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