

General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces: Terms of reference¹

Denomination: General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces

Term of office: One year, renewable once

Mandate: The General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces promotes the coherence of the Assembly's action aimed at building dialogue with Russian democratic forces who share the Council of Europe's values and recognise the territorial integrity of Ukraine in its internationally recognised border, supporting their efforts to bring about a democratic change in Russia.

Responsibilities: Taking into account Assembly Resolutions [2433 \(2022\)](#), [2473 \(2022\)](#) and [2540 \(2024\)](#), the role of the General Rapporteur is to:

- *act as a focal point in pursuing a two-way dialogue between the Assembly and Russian democratic forces;*
- *contributes to the activities of the Contact Platform for dialogue with representatives of Russian democratic forces, under the leadership of the President of the Assembly, and deputises for the President when requested;*
- *maintain relations with the Council of Europe organs and bodies conducting work related to Russia; follow their relevant activities, representing the Assembly as appropriate;*
- *work and co-ordinate actions with the other Assembly's General Rapporteurs and rapporteurs;*
- *promote relevant parliamentary initiatives at national level;*
- *follow activities and maintains relations with officials/bodies in Council of Europe member and observer States pursuing dialogue with Russian democratic forces;*
- *follow activities and maintain relations with relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations, the European Union, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and with other international governmental and inter-parliamentary organisations;*
- *enhance the external visibility and outreach of the work and role of the Assembly relating to Russia and/or Russian democratic forces, including the follow-up and promotion of adopted resolutions and recommendations of the Assembly; in appropriate cases, make public statements, launch appeals, or propose to do so to the Committee.*

The General Rapporteur on Russian democratic forces periodically reports to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy.

¹ As approved by the Bureau of the Assembly and ratified by the Assembly in plenary during the June 2024 part-session.