## SIDE EVENTS

### EXHIBITIONS

**1 Photo exhibition of the "Culture vs War" project**
2-3 November 2026
Palais de l'Europe, Lobby of the Committee of Ministers

**2 Cartooning for Peace Exhibition "Défendons la démocratie !"**
**5** November **- 31 December** 2026
**Villa Schutzenberger, 76 allée de la Robertsau, Strasbourg**

### PROJECTION OF DOCUMENTARIES

**1 " Tickling the Devil" by Piotr Małecki and Maciek Nabrdalik with a keynote speech of Petra Bayr, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**
2 November 2026 - 13:00-14:30
Palais de l'Europe, Projection Room – Ground Floor

**2 Documentary "The Secret Reading Club of Kabul" by Shakiba Adil and Elina Hirvonen, followed by a panel discussion**
3 November 12:00-14:00
Palais de l'Europe, Projection Room – Ground Floor

### ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES

**1 Concert by Crimean Tatar composer and pianist Usein Bekirov**
2 November 2026 - 13:45
Palais de l'Europe, Lobby of the Committee of Ministers

**2 Bagad Concert**
2 November 2026 - 18:00
Palais de l'Europe, Lobby of the Hemicycle

**3 Concert by Las Baklavas**
3 November 2026, 18:00
Palais de l'Europe, Hemicycle

### YOUTH EVENT **(non public event)**

4 November 2026 - 10:00-16:30
European Youth Centre

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## Rupture or renewal?

# Democratic security for the future

*Advancing the New Democratic Pact for Europe*

# Programme

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## MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER / DAY 1

# Democracy Is Under Pressure: the state of play

**10.00 | 13.00** Morning plenary sessions — Hemicycle of the Council of Europe

- 10.00 Welcoming
- 10.05 High-Level Opening Plenary
  Strengthening Democracy for Disrupted Times
- 10.40 Video: a taste of foresight
- 10.45 Keynotes – Democracy needs strategic foresight
- 11.30 Debate - What is transforming and shaping Europe?
- 13.00 Lunch break

**14.30 | 18.00** Afternoon sessions: Exploring post-rupture order scenarios for democracy — Meeting Rooms of the Palais de l'Europe

- 14.30 (Re)building Democratic Security and Foresight: Linking Citizens, Institutions, and Territories to Anticipate Future Challenges - **Citizen's perspectives**

Parallel session 1 — Civic Engagement and Democratic Participation — Room 6
Parallel session 2 — Foresight Scenarios — Room 1
Parallel session 3 — Living together: how does intercultural inclusion strengthen our democracies? — Room 2
Parallel session 4 — The Role of local powers on Safeguarding Democracy — Room 3

- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 (Re)building Democratic Security and Foresight: Linking Citizens, Institutions, and Territories to Anticipate Future Challenges - **Institutions' perspectives**

Parallel session 5 — Dialogue Europe – Africa for democratic security — Room 2
Parallel session 6 — Shaping the Future of Democracy: Demographic Change, Economic Actors and Democratic Resilience — Room 1
Parallel session 7 — Results of national foresight exercises — Room 3
Parallel session 8 — Strengthening Societal Resilience to Disinformation — Room 6
Parallel session 9 — Creative political processes — Room 10

- 18.00 Artistic performance followed by a reception

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## TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER / DAY 2

# Testing Responses Against Possible Futures

**9.30 | 12.00** Morning plenary sessions — Hemicycle of the Council of Europe

- 9.30 Keynote speech
- 9.45 Sharing solutions
- 11.00 Putting Council of Europe Insights to the Test – Constructive debate on how to strengthen democratic decision-making and resilience.
- 12.00 Lunch break

**14.00 | 18.00** Afternoon Labs: Confronting concrete initiatives against the future scenarios — Meeting Rooms of the Palais de l'Europe

**14.00 | 15.20 Labs – Session 1**

Pillar 1 — Learning and practising democracy:
> Session 1: Empowering Citizens : Media and Information Literacy for Democracy — Room 9

Pillar 2 — Protecting democracy:
> Session 2: Citizen Mobilisation for Climate: Rethinking Governance in Times of Emergency — Room 1
> Session 3: Social justice and public services — Room 6

Pillar 3 — Innovating democracy:
> Session 4: Strengthening inclusive democracy free from hate speech — Room 2

- 15.20 Coffee break

**15.40 | 17.00 Labs – Session 2**

Pillar 1 — Learning and practising democracy:
> Session 5: Democratic Participation in the Digital Age: What Tools for Strengthening Civic Engagement — Room 9

Pillar 2 — Protecting democracy:
> Session 6: Electoral and democratic integrity — Room 6

Pillar 3 — Innovating democracy:
> Session 7: AI and Democracy: Opportunities, Risks and Governance Challenges — Room 1

## CLOSING OF THE WORLD FORUM FOR DEMOCRACY

Hemicycle of the Council of Europe

- 17.00 Closing ceremony: conclusions and key takeaways
- 17.30 Ceremony for the Democracy Innovation Award and Closing speech
- 18.00 Artistic performance followed by a reception