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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1226th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (29 April 2015)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 20 April 2015 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 22 June 2015 in Strasbourg.

I. 2nd part-session of 2015 (20-24 April 2015)

A. Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly

1. At the opening of the part-session, the Assembly elected Mr Mladen Bosić and Mr Dimitris Vitsas Vice-Presidents in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Greece respectively.

B. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

2. On 21 April 2015, the Assembly elected Mr Pere Pastor Vilanova, Ms Gabriele Kucsko-Stadlmayer, Ms Pauliine Koskelo, Ms Síofra O'Leary and Mr Carlo Ranzoni as judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Andorra, Austria, Finland, Ireland and Liechtenstein respectively.

C. Personalities

3. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

- His Majesty the King of the Belgians
- Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Didier REYNDERS, Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of Belgium, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
- Ms Helena DALLI, Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Liberties of Malta
- Mr Nils MUIŽNIEKS, Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner

4. Their speeches can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

D. Debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debate

5. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure: on the “**Draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism**” (Opinion 289 (2015), Doc. 13763) and on “**The human tragedy in the Mediterranean: immediate action needed**” (Resolution 2050 (2015), Doc. 13764).

6. The Assembly also held a current affairs debate on “**The political and security situation in Ukraine and its implications**”, introduced by Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE).

7. The Assembly agreed not to hold a debate on the “**Reconsideration of sanctions in respect of the delegation of the Russian Federation to the Parliamentary Assembly (follow-up to paragraph 15 of Resolution 2034 (2015))**”.

E. Joint Committee

8. At its meeting on 20 April 2015, the Bureau took note of the candidature of Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni as the only candidate for the post of Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe and decided to invite her for an interview at its next meeting in Sarajevo on 21 May 2015, subject to the formal transmission of the candidature to the Assembly by the Committee of Ministers.

9. The President of the Assembly has convened a meeting of the Joint Committee for 22 April 2015 with two items on the agenda: election of the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe (consultation of the Assembly by the Committee of Ministers) and the threat of terrorism (exchange of views).

F. Prizes

10. On 21 April 2015, the Assembly held the ceremony of the 2015 Council of Europe Museum Prize, at which it presented the award to the Musée des Civilisations de l'Europe et de la Méditerranée (MUCEM) in Marseille (France).

11. On 21 April 2015, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development approved the proposals submitted by its Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize and awarded the Europe Prize 2015 to Dresden in Germany and Vara in Sweden and to award eight Plaques of Honour, nine Flags of Honour and twelve European Diplomas (Appendix 1).

G. General Rapporteurs

12. During the part-session, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination appointed the following new General Rapporteurs:

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:

- General Rapporteur on Children: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC)
- General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities: Mr Jeffrey Donaldson (United Kingdom, EC)

Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

- General Rapporteur on violence against women: Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC)
- General rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs): Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC)
- General rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance: Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC)

H. Media coverage

The PACE 2015 Spring Session received wide coverage by major national and international media, with at least 318 articles and bulletins noted. The debates on the reform of football governance, drones and targeted killings, and mass surveillance operations, as well as the visit by the King of Belgium, were a particular focus of attention not only among major newspapers and international broadcasters, but also on social media. The debates on discrimination against transgender people in Europe and the human tragedy in the Mediterranean were also given considerable coverage.

For example, despite the small number of journalists present in Strasbourg (about sixty, which is well below average), the highly critical resolution calling on FIFA to hold a new vote to designate the host country for the 2022 World Cup was mentioned by the most prestigious international media (Reuters, ANSA, AP, DPA, RIA Novosti, BBC, Fox News, Sky Sport, The Guardian, Daily Mail, Die Welt, Stuttgarter Zeitung, Der Tagesspiegel, Der Standard, The Irish Times, Il Giornale, El Pais, etc.).

Concerning the audio-visual sector, some 780 photographs relating to the plenary session were posted on line, with the presentation of a new Flickr gallery of session highlights for both journalists and the public. Similarly, no less than 12 TV or satellite broadcasts were made, and 23 TV news items were shot.

The number of followers of the PACE Twitter account rose to just under 3000. The debate on discrimination against transgender people in Europe generated most interest on social media. One tweet ("The most important statement of support for #transgender rights in Europe", @TGEUorg hails @CoE text") was "retweeted" 24 times, reaching an estimated 24000 people. So far 2621 people "like" the PACE Facebook page, with 80 new followers during the plenary session.

In the course of the plenary session, the PACE Communication Division also learned that the video "The Lake", a striking video produced by PACE with the aim of encouraging children who suffer sexual abuse within their family circle to seek help, has been selected among the finalists for the European Association of Communications Agencies award in the category Government and Non-Profit, with the prize-winner to be announced on 8 May.

I. Adopted texts

13. Further to debates, the Assembly adopted the following texts:

Resolution 2045 (2015) and Recommendation 2067 (2015)	Mass surveillance (Doc 13734)
Resolution 2046 (2015)	Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2016-2017 (Doc 13744)
Opinion 288 (2015)	Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2016-2017 (Doc 13743)
Resolution 2047 (2015)	Humanitarian consequence of the actions of the terrorist group known as "Islamic State" (Doc 13741)
Resolution 2048 (2015)	Discrimination against transgender people in Europe (Doc 13742)
Resolution 2049 (2015) Recommendation 2068 (2015)	Social services in Europe: legislation and practice of the removal of children from their families in Council of Europe member states (Doc 13730)
Opinion 289 (2015)	Draft Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (Doc 13763)
Resolution 2050 (2015)	The human tragedy in the Mediterranean: immediate action needed (Doc. 13764)
Resolution 2051 (2015) and Recommendation 2069 (2015)	Drones and targeted killings: the need to uphold human rights and international law (Doc. 13731)
Resolution 2052 (2015)	Post-monitoring dialogue with Monaco (Doc. 13739)
Resolution 2053 (2015)	The reform of football governance (Doc. 13738)
Resolution 2054 (2015)	Equality and non-discrimination in the access to justice (Doc 13740)
Resolution 2055 (2015) and Recommendation 2070 (2015)	The effectiveness of the European Convention on Human rights: the Brighton Declaration and beyond (Doc. 13719)

All these texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

J. Hearings and side-events organised during the part-session

Monday 20 April 2015	
<p>1 –5.30 pm Lobby of the Chamber, Palais</p>	<p>Living Library - “Ending Immigration Detention of Children” Launching of the Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children</p> <p>with the participation of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly • Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), general rapporteur on ending immigration detention of children • Ms Leeanne Torpey, co-ordinator of the global campaign • Ms Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe <p>The Living Library aims to raise awareness of the issue and urges States which have not done it so far to adopt alternatives to detention that fulfill the best interests of the child and allow children to remain with their family member and/or guardians in non-custodial, community-based contexts at the time when their immigration status has not yet been resolved.</p> <p>Organised by the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, in co-operation with the Council of Europe Youth Department, this will function like a traditional library, that is to say “readers” (PACE members, CoE staff members, all people with access to the Palais) can borrow “books” for a specified period. The only difference with a Living Library is that the “books” are human beings who can share their experiences about the subject with “readers”.</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs</p>	<p>► Joint Hearing “Corrupt elites as a threat to democracy”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory statement by Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on <i>Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress</i>, and member of the Parliamentary Assembly’s Anti-corruption Platform; <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Raffaele Cantone, President of the Italian Anti-Corruption Authority, Rome • Mr Sergei Guriev, Professor of economics at the Paris Institute for Political Studies
Tuesday 21 April 2015	
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views on the “Global campaign to end immigration detention of children”</p> <p>in the context of the follow-up to the report on “The alternatives to immigration detention of children” by Ms Tinatin Bokuchava (Georgia, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Leeane Torpey, Coordinator of the Global Campaign to End Child Detention <p>► Exchange of views on “Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Alexandra Cupsan-Catalin, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs (HOME), European Commission

<p>8.30 –10 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Hearing on “The Situation in Belarus”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of parliamentarians and representatives of the opposition and of civil society:</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . Mr Nikolai Samoseiko, Chairperson of the Standing Commission on International Affairs of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus • . Mr Alaksandr Łahviniec, Vice-Chairperson of The Movement for Freedom, Belarus • . Mr Valiantsin Stefanovic, Deputy Chairperson of the Human Rights Centre, Viasna
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Recognising and preventing neo-racism”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jean-Paul Lehnens, member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
<p>2.00 – 3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jacques Legendre, France (EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe • Mr Joseph Sheils, former Head of the Department of Language Education and Policy of the Council of Europe <p>► Exchange of views on “The libraries and museums of Europe in times of change”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared Lady Diana Eccles, United Kingdom (EC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) • Mr Peter Keller, International Council of Museums (ICOM) • Mr Zeev Gourarier, Scientific Director of the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MuCEM) of Marseille, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2015 •
<p>2.00 – 3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Othman Belbeisi, Chief of Mission in Lybia, IOM • Mr Samer Haddadin, Chief of Mission in Lybia, UNHCR • Mr Franck Düvell, Senior Researcher & Associate Professor, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford

Tuesday 21 April 2015	
<p>8.30 pm</p> <p>Palais Rohan, 2 Place du Château, Strasbourg</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Presentation ceremony of the 2015 Council of Europe Museum Prize</p> <p>to the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MuCEM), Marseille, France, represented by Mr Zeev Gourarier, Scientific director, with speeches by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly • Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)
Wednesday 22 April 2015	
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm</p> <p>Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination/ Sub-committee on disability and inclusion</p>	<p>► Hearing on “the political participation of people with disabilities”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Martha Stickings, Research Support Officer, Equality and Citizens’ Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.
<p>2.00– 3.30 pm</p> <p>Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons , Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and Monitoring Committee</p>	<p>► Joint hearing on “Ukraine: prospects for peace and humanitarian challenges”</p> <p>in the context of the reports prepared by Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC) on “The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons” and by Ms Kristýna Zelenková (Czech Republic, ALDE), on the “Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Armen Harutyunyan, Head of UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine • Ms Svitlana Zakrevska, President, Centre Alliance, Kyiv, Ukraine • Ms Oleksandra Matvichuk, Head of the Board of Center for Civil Liberties of Ukraine
<p>2.00 – 3.30 pm</p> <p>Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Rafael Huseynov, Azerbaijan (ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Jean-Paul Willaime, Director of Studies at the Ecole pratiques des hautes études (EPHE) of Paris
Thursday 23 April 2015	
<p>8.30 – 10.00 am</p> <p>Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development with the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p>	<p>► 22nd meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children <u>and joint meeting</u> with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p>. Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>. Exchange of views on the theme “Sex and relationship education as a means of preventing sexual violence against children” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Attila Andics, teacher trainer, psychologist, brain researcher, Hungarian Academy of Sciences - Eötvös University Budapest • Ms Sanderijn van der Doef, Technical Advisor on the Sexual Health of Young people and Children, RutgersWPF NGO (Netherlands)

<p>2 – 3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committees on External Relations and on the Middle East and the Arab World of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>Sub-Committees on Education, Youth and Sport and on Culture, Diversity and Heritage of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Joint meeting on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the North South Centre of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Exchange of views on “The present and prospective role of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe” and on “Enhancing co-operation between the North-South Centre and the Parliamentary Assembly, namely in the framework of the Council of Europe Neighbourhood Policy”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Assembly • Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe • Ms Souhayr Belhassen, Honorary President of the International Federation for Human Rights (Tunisia) and 2011 North-South Prize Winner • Mr Jose Frederico Ludovice, Executive Director of the North-South Centre • Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on “Political transition in Tunisia” • Mr Luis Javier Gil Catalina, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Spain
<p>2.30 – 3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Forced marriages”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe • Ms Lucy Monaghan, Head of the Forced marriage Unit, Ministry of the Interior, United Kingdom; • Ms Ellen Høvik, Campaign manager, Plan Norway.

II. Elections

Parliamentary elections in Turkey (7 June 2015)

At its meeting on 20 April 2015, the Bureau approved the composition of the ad hoc committee and appointed Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) as its Chairperson. On 24 April 2015, it approved the final list of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2).

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 24 April 2015)

- **Second part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 20-24 April):** the Bureau decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey and approved its composition and terms of reference (Appendix 3), subject to ratification by the Assembly in the addendum to the Progress Report.
- **Third part-session of 2015 (Strasbourg, 22-26 June 2015):** the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (see Appendix 4).
- **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):** the Bureau drew up the lists of candidates for the CPT in respect of Albania, Andorra, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Finland, Iceland, Montenegro, San Marino, the Slovak Republic and "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", for transmission to the Committee of Ministers.
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** the Bureau appointed its representatives to the Selection Panel: Mr Dick Marty (Switzerland), for a first term, and Ms Nuala Mole (United Kingdom) and Mr Christos Pourgourides (Cyprus), for a second term. Their mandate will start on 1 June 2015 and expire on 31 May 2017.
- **Petition for the rights of new-borns surviving their abortion:** the Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to transmit the petition

to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, in order for it to establish whether there is a legitimate interest of the Assembly.

- **Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (24 April – 26 June 2015):** the Bureau appointed Ms Adele Gambaro (Italy, ALDE) as rapporteur.
- **Composition of the Monitoring Committee, the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:** the Bureau :
 - . *Monitoring committee:* on the basis of a proposal by the Socialist Group, appointed Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain) in replacement of Mr Indrek Saar (Estonie), subject to ratification by the Assembly;
 - . *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights:* on the basis of a proposal by the EPP/CD Group, appointed Mr Vladyslav GOLUB (Ukraine) as alternate, subject to ratification by the Assembly.
- **Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2015:** the Bureau designated Mr Nicos Nicolaides (Cyprus, SOC), Chairperson of the subcommittee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage as representative to Europa Nostra (Pan-European Federation for Heritage).

IV. Activities of the committees and other meetings

- . **18 May, Chisinau:** *Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Parliamentary seminar organised in the framework of the Eastern Partnership Programme*
- . **19-20 May, Chisinau:** *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **20 May, Chisinau:** *Network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **19-20 May, Yerevan:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **21 May, Sarajevo:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **21 May, Sarajevo:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **22 May, Sarajevo:** *Standing Committee*
- . **27 May, Paris:** *Ad hoc Sub-Committee on Conflicts between Member States of the Council of Europe of the Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **27 May, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **1 June, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination*
- . **2 June, Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **2-3 June, Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan):** *: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **4-5 June, Rome:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy including a joint meeting of its Sub-Committee on external relations and Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World*
- . **9-10 June, Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **12 June, Kyiv :** *Sub-committee on Media and Information Society of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **15-16 June (tbc), Turkey:** *Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey*

. 21 June, Strasbourg: *Presidential Committee*

. 22 June, Strasbourg: *Bureau of the Assembly*

V. Fact-finding visits in the framework of preparation of reports

➤ ***Science and Technology Impact Assessment***

Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut (France, SOC), General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will attend the meeting of the directors of EPTA in Pont à Mousson, on **27-29 April 2015**:

➤ ***The post-monitoring dialogue with “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”***

A delegation of the *Monitoring Committee*, composed of **Mr Stephan Schennach**, (Austria, SOC), Chairperson of the *Monitoring Committee*, **Mr Robert Walter** (United Kingdom, EC), rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee* and **Mr Andreas Gross** (Switzerland, SOC), Chairperson of the Socialist Group will carry out a fact-finding visit to “*The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*” on **28 - 29 April 2015**.

➤ ***The post-monitoring dialogue with Turkey***

Ms Josette Durrieu (France, SOC), rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Turkey from **30 April to 4 May 2015**.

➤ ***Science and Technology Impact Assessment***

Mr Jean-Yves Le Déaut (France, SOC), General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will attend the meeting of the DH-BIO International Conference on Emerging Technologies and Human Rights in Strasbourg, on **4-5 May 2015**.

➤ ***Systematic collection of data on violence against women***

Ms Maria Edera Spadoni (Italy, NR), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Spain on **6 – 7 May 2015**.

➤ ***Educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad***

Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn (France, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will attend the meeting on “How to improve intra-European mobility and circular migration? Fostering Diaspora Engagement” organized by the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in Riga on **11-12 May 2015**.

➤ ***Missing persons during the conflict in Ukraine***

Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine on **11-13 May 2015**.

➤ ***Libraries and Museums in times of change and Council of Europe Museum Prize***

Ms Vesna Marjanović (Serbia, SOC), Rapporteur on the Council of Europe Museum Prize and **Lady Diana Eccles** (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur on “Libraries and museums in times of change” of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will attend the European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA) Ceremony organised by the European Museum Forum in Glasgow, United Kingdom, on **15-16 May 2015**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine***

Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) and **Mr Jean-Claude Mignon** (France, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine on **18 - 22 May 2015**.

➤ ***The post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria***

Mr Frano Matušić (Croatia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Bulgaria on **2 - 5 June 2015**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia***

Mr Axel E. Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD) and **Mr Alan Meale** (United Kingdom, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Armenia on **8 - 12 June 2015**.

➤ ***Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges***

Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Morocco on **10 - 12 June 2015**.

➤ ***Europa Nostra***

Mr Nicos Nicolaides (Cyprus, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage, will attend the annual Congress of the Europa Nostra in Oslo, Norway, on **11-12 June 2015**.

➤ ***Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the Internet***

Mr Hans Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will attend the Octopus Conference 2015 on cooperation against cybercrime, Council of Europe, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, on **17-19 June 2015**.

➤ ***Protection of the safety of journalists and of media freedom in Europe***

Mr Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will attend the meeting of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) in Strasbourg **16 June 2015**.

➤ ***Azerbaijan's Chairmanship of the Council of Europe: What follow-up on Respect for Human Rights?***

Mr Pedro Agramunt, (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Baku on dates to be confirmed, (following the postponement of his mission scheduled in April).

VI. Relations with the Venice Commission

➤ ***51st Meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (18 June 2015):*** Mr Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), representative of the Monitoring Committee, will attend the meeting.

➤ ***103^d Plenary session of the Venice Commission (19-20 June 2015):*** Mr Arcadio Díaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) representative of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights will attend the session.

APPENDIX 1



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PACE 076 (2015)

Dresden in Germany and Vara in Sweden are the winners of the 2015 Europe Prize

Strasbourg, 21.04.2015 – The 2015 Europe Prize – the highest level of the Prize which is awarded each year by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) to the town most active in promoting the European ideal – has been awarded jointly to the towns of Dresden in Germany and Vara in Sweden.

The capital of Saxony, Dresden maintains twinning relations with 13 cities, among which 10 cities in Europe, and one city each in Africa, the USA and China. In 1959, Dresden established its first twinning with Coventry which is the first city to have received the Europe Prize in 1955 (both cities were destroyed in the Second World War). Dresden is very active in the “never again” movements to fight anti-semitism, racism and xenophobia and promote peace and reconciliation. The city puts a particular focus on school exchanges and international co-operation. It is also active in organising artistic, sporting and professional exchanges. The citizens of Dresden are also very much involved in the activities of twinning.

Located in Västergötland Province, Vara is twinned with six European cities and signed in 2012 a friendship agreement with the Chinese city of Huangshan. The co-operation with its twinned cities consists of exchanges in the fields of trade, environment, culture, education, social insurance, public health, administration and human resources. The schools of Vara have contact with other schools in 11 different countries. In 2014, the city celebrated its 13th Europe Day and was awarded the “Friendship city for exchanges and co-operation with China” prize.

Three other towns, namely Amilly in France, Ivano-Frankivsk in Ukraine and Lublin in Poland, were also shortlisted for the Prize, and the committee commended their applications.

Created by PACE in 1955, the Europe Prize is the highest distinction that can be bestowed on a European town for its actions in the European domain. The prize consists of a trophy, a medal, a diploma and a scholarship to be spent on a study visit to European institutions for young people from the winning town.

The committee also awarded eight Plaques of Honour, nine Flags of Honour and 12 European Diplomas – awards which also form part of the Europe Prize. Full details [here](#).



The Assembly brings together 318 members from the national parliaments of the 47 member states.
President: Anne Brasseur (ALDE) - Secretary General of the Assembly: Wojciech Sawicki.
Political groups: SOC (Socialist Group); EPP/CD (Group of the European People's Party);
EC (European Conservatives Group); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe);
UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).

APPENDIX 2

Ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections in Turkey (7 June 2015) - list of members

Chairperson

Tiny KOX, Netherlands, UEL

Socialist Group (SOC)

Maryvonne BLONDIN, France
Paolo CORSINI, Italy
Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA, Spain
Andreas GROSS, Switzerland
Jonas GUNNARSSON, Sweden
Tadeusz IWIŃSKI, Poland
Marit MAIJ, Netherlands
Melita MULIĆ*, Croatia
Yanaki STOILOV, Bulgaria
Lord TOMLINSON, United Kingdom
Birutė VĖSAITĖ, Lithuania

Substitutes

Predrag SEKULIĆ, Montenegro
Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ, Croatia
Philippe BLANCHART, Belgium
Ermira MEHMETI DEVAJA, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Joe BENTON, United Kingdom

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)

Volodymyr ARIEV*, Ukraine
Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC, Romania
Nicole DURANTON, France
Anže LOGAR, Slovenia
Aleksandar NIKOLOSKI, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Catherine NOONE, Ireland
Jan RZYMEŁKA, Poland
Attila TILKI, Hungary
Emanuelis ZINGERIS, Lithuania
Yves POZZO DI BORGO, France

Substitutes

Viorel Riceard BADEA, Romania
Claudio FAZZONE, Italy
Cezar Florin PREDA, Romania
Andrej ŠIRCELJ, Slovenia

European Conservatives Group (EC)

Lord BALFE, United Kingdom
Krzysztof SZCZERSKI, Poland
Morton WOLD, Norway

Substitutes

Ingebjørg GODSKESEN*, Norway
Arkadiusz MULARCZYK, Poland

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Rik DAEMS, Belgium
Terry LEYDEN, Ireland
Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden
Andrea RIGONI*, Italy

Substitutes

André BUGNON, Switzerland
Luis Alberto ORELLANA, Italy
Alfred HEER, Switzerland
Cătălin Daniel FENECHIU, Romania

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

Athanasia ANAGNOSTOPOULOU, Greece
Tiny KOX*, Netherlands

Rapporteur AS/MON (ex officio)

Josette DURRIEU*, France

Venice Commission

Srđan DARMANOVIĆ

Secretariat

Bogdan TORCĂTORIU, Administrative Officer, Election observation and Interparliamentary cooperation Division

Amaya UBEDA DE TORRES, Administrator, Venice Commission

Franck DAESCHLER, Principal administrative assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary cooperation Division

Anne GODFREY, Assistant, Election observation and Interparliamentary cooperation Division

* members of the pre-election delegation

APPENDIX 3

Ad hoc committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey

1. At its meeting on 24 April 2015, the Bureau of the Assembly decided under Article 44.4 c of the Rules of Procedure to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau on large scale arrival of refugees to Turkey, with the following composition, terms of reference and timetable.

2. Composition

The ad hoc committee will be composed of the members of the Presidential Committee, Chairpersons of national delegations or their representatives, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons.

3. Terms of reference

- raise awareness of the challenges facing Turkey and refugees hosted in the country;
- raise awareness of the needs and conditions in reception centres of refugees on the border with Syria;
- raise awareness of the challenges of local integration of refugees.

4. Timetable

The ad hoc committee should present its report to the Bureau in the course of 2015.

APPENDIX 4



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COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

23 April 2015

3rd part of the 2015 Ordinary Session (22-26 June 2015)

Preliminary draft agenda

Proposals to be submitted to the Bureau of the Assembly on 24 April 2015

Legends and abbreviations

List of committees

Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

List of political groups

SOC: Socialist Group

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party





ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

EC: European Conservatives Group

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

Symbols

-  Presentation, statement
-  Deadline for tabling documents
-  Lists (speakers, questions)
-  Votes

Meetings outside the Chamber

Joint Committee

Wednesday: 15:30-16:30

Bureau of the Assembly

Monday: 08:00-09:30

Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:00

Tuesday: 08:30-10:00

Tuesday: 14:00-15:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-10:00

Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups

Monday: 09:30-11:30

Monday: 17:30-19:30

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 22 June 2015

Sitting No. 19 (11:30-13:00)

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Statement by the President

1.2. Examination of credentials

- List of delegations:
 - o (Doc.)

1.3. [Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly]

1.4. Changes in the membership of committees


1.5. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure

1.6. Adoption of the agenda

1.7. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Sarajevo, 22 May 2015)

2. Address (12:00-13:00)

2.1. Ms Marie Louise COLEIRO PRECA, President of Malta

 Questions

Sitting No. 20 (15:00-17:30)


3. Ceremony (15:00-15:30)


3.1. 60th anniversary of the Europe Prize¹

4. Address (15:30-16:30)

4.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
 - o Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers [tbc]

 Questions

 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 15 June, 11:30)


5. Debate


5.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Adele GAMBARO (Italy, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

5.2. Observation of the parliamentary elections in Turkey (7 June 2015)

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)

 List of speakers

 [possibly] Vote

1. See programme published separately (AS/Inf (2015) ...)

Tuesday 23 June 2015

Sitting No. 21 (10:00-13:00)

6. Elections (10:00-13:00)

- 6.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
- 6.2. Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

7. Debate

7.1. Improving the protection of whistle-blowers

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)
- 📖 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

8. Address (12:00-13:00)

8.1. Mr BAN Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations

- 📖 Questions

Sitting No. 22 (15:30-20:00)

9. Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)

- 9.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
- 9.2. Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

10. Question time (15:30-16:00)

10.1. Questions to Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- 📖 Questions

11. Debate

11.1. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Bogdan KLICH (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
 - Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
 - Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)
- 📖 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

12. Debate

12.1. The functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Pedro AGRAMUNT (Spain, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
 - Mr Tadeusz IWŃSKI (Poland, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
- 📖 List of speakers
- ⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 22 June, 16:00)
- 🗳️ Vote on ... ()

Wednesday 24 June 2015

Sitting No. 23 (10:00-13:00)

13. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (10:00-13:00)

13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

14. Debate

14.1. Consideration of the annulment of the previously ratified credentials of the delegation of the Russian Federation (follow-up to paragraph 16 of Resolution 2034 (2015))

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
- Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Pro (Doc.)

☒ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 June, 10:30)

⚠ Vote on ... ()

15. Address (12:00-13:00)

15.1. Mr Mladen IVANIĆ, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

☒ Questions

Sitting No. 24 (16:30-20:00)

16. [Possibly 2nd round] Election (continued) (16:30-18:00)

16.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

17. Debate

17.1. Situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013)

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Robert WALTER (United Kingdom, EC), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc.)
- Mr Arcadio DÍAZ TEJERA (Spain, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc.)
- Mr Gvozden Srećko FLEGO (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Cult (Doc.)

☒ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 June, 16:00)

⚠ Vote on ... ()

18. Joint debate

18.1. Increasing transparency of media ownership

☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN (Turkey, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 13747)

18.2. Media responsibility and media ethics in a changing media environment

☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Volodymyr ARIEV (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

☒ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 23 June, 16:00)

⚠ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 13747)


⚠ Vote on ... ()

Thursday 25 June 2015

Sitting No. 25 (10:00-13:00)

19. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate²


20. Free debate (12:00-13:00)

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
Sitting No. 26 (15:30-20:00)


21. Debate


21.1. Missing persons during the conflict in Ukraine

 Presentation by:

- o Mr Jim SHERIDAN (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)


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
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
22. Debate


22.1. Towards a new European social model

 Presentation by:

- o Ms Maria de Belém ROSEIRA (Portugal, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

 List of speakers

 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 24 June, 16:00)

 Vote on ... ()

2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

Sitting No. 27 (10:00-13:00)

23. Debate

23.1. Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the Internet

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Hans FRANKEN (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc.)

☞ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 25 June, 10:30)

⚖ Vote on ... ()

24. Debate

24.1. Recognising and preventing neo-racism

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Milena SANTERINI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

☞ List of speakers

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 25 June, 10:30)

⚖ Vote on ... ()

25. Progress report (continued)

26. Closure of the part-session