

## Information documents

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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1315<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (2 May 2018)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 27 April 2018 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 25 June 2018 in Strasbourg.

## **I. 2nd part-session of 2018 (23-27 April 2018)**

### **A. Personalities**

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
  - Mr Nikola DIMITROV, Minister for Foreign Affairs of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
  - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
  - Mr Anders SAMUELSEN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers
  - Ms Cecilia JIMENEZ-DAMARY, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

### **B. Debates under urgent procedure and current affairs debate**

2. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure: on *Follow-up to the report of the Independent Investigation Body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly*, and on *Copenhagen Declaration, appreciation and follow-up*.
3. The Assembly held a current affairs debate on *Europe’s role in peacemaking initiatives in Syria*.

### **C. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

4. On 24 April 2018, the Assembly elected Ms Ivana Jelić as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Montenegro.

### **D. Independent external investigation body to look into allegations of corruption within the Assembly**

5. On 22 April 2018, the Independent external investigation body looking into allegations of corruption within the Assembly presented its report to the Bureau of the Assembly. At the end of the meeting, the Bureau made the report public.

### **E. Prizes**

6. On 24 April 2018, the Assembly held the ceremony of the 2018 Council of Europe Museum Prize, which was awarded to the War Childhood Museum, Sarajevo.
7. On 24 April 2018, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development approved the proposals submitted by its Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize awarding the Europe Prize 2018 to the city of Ivano-Frankivsk (Ukraine), 7 plaques of honour, 8 flags of honour and 16 European diplomas (Appendix 1).

### **F. Media coverage**

8. Media coverage of the second part-session was among the highest in recent years, with 613 articles and subjects (provisional figures) appearing in the international press, both written and audiovisual, and only 52 accredited journalists.
9. The press conference on Sunday 22 April to present the report by the Independent external investigation body looking into allegations of corruption within PACE was the starting point for extensive international coverage of the subject, which continued throughout the week (AFP, Reuters, Ansa, EFE, DPA, ARD, RTBF, DW, NZZ, Bild, Der Tagesspiegel, the Guardian, El Pais, Le Figaro, etc.), culminating in the urgent debate on follow-up to the Independent Body’s report, accounting for around half of all articles.

10. The debate on states of emergency and proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights was also widely relayed internationally, especially in Turkey (TRT, Anadolu Agency, Daily Sabah, Sputnik, Cumhuriyet, CNN Turkey). As was the statement adopted by the Monitoring Committee on the early elections in Turkey. The joint debate on editorial integrity and the status of journalists, as well as the debate on internally displaced persons were also well covered.

11. The address by the Foreign Minister of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, as well as the exchange of views with the Secretary General, also both had significant media impact. The announcement of the preparation of a report on the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia also had a broad media presence (Times of Malta, Malta Today, Reuters, ANSA). Finally, Russia's absence from PACE and non-payment of its contribution to the Council of Europe generated significant coverage.

12. In order to promote parliamentary debate on social media, the Assembly has created an online tool to edit, download and display video clips from PACE plenary sessions on social media or on the web. This new “self-service” tool, which has been operational since this part-session, was made possible by voluntary contributions from Turkey and Liechtenstein and was put in place by DIT in co-operation with PACE's Communication Division. Its use has exceeded all expectations with around 5400 consultations since its launch on Monday 23 April.

13. Social media activity has largely followed the same trend. @PACE\_News tweets generated around 265,000 impressions during the week. The top tweets of the week were the announcement of the winner of the Europe Prize, with 26,000 impressions, and the publication of the report of the body investigating corruption allegations, with 20,000 impressions.

14. The MediaBox, a web-TV studio open to all those who are making news at the Assembly, once again proved its usefulness for Assembly members and as a tool for enhancing the institution's visibility: some 60 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side events were recorded, an increase by a quarter compared to the January session.

15. Around ten audiovisual reports were prepared for TV news agencies and Eurovision.

## G. Adopted texts

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

No.	Title
Resolution 2209 (2018) Recommendation 2125 (2018)	State of emergency: proportionality issues concerning derogations under Article 15 of the European Convention on Human Rights
Resolution 2210 (2018)	Climate change and implementation of the Paris agreement
Resolution 2211 (2018)	Funding of the terrorist group Daesh: lessons learned
Resolution 2212 (2018)	The protection of editorial integrity
Resolution 2213 (2018)	The status of journalists in Europe
Recommendation 2126 (2018)	Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe
Resolution 2215 (2018) Recommendation 2127 (2018)	The situation in Libya: prospects and role of the Council of Europe
Resolution 2216 (2018) Recommendation 2128 (2018)	Follow-up to the report of the Independent Investigation Body on the allegations of corruption within the Parliamentary Assembly
Recommendation 2129 (2018)	Copenhagen Declaration, appreciation and follow-up
Resolution 2217 (2018) Recommendation 2130 (2018)	Legal challenges related to hybrid war and human rights obligations
Resolution 2218 (2018)	Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets
Resolution 2219 (2018)	Drug-resistant tuberculosis in Europe
Resolution 2220 (2018)	Integration, empowerment and protection of migrant children through compulsory education

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

## H. Hearings and events organised by the committees during the part-session

Monday 23 April 2018	
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on education, youth and sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Towards a framework for modern sports governance</i></b></p> <p>In the framework of the follow-up to Assembly Resolution 2199 (2018) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Bogdan Wenta, MEP, Vice-Chairperson of the European Parliament Intergroup “Sports”, Brussels by video message</li> <li>• Mr Akaash Maharaj, Chief Executive Officer, Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption, Ottawa, Canada (video conference)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Strengthening co-operation with the United nations</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD), with the participation of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Jiri Vogl, Head of the Department of Relations with International Organisations and Non-Member States, Directorate of External Relations of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director, Directorate of Human Dignity, Equality and Sport Values, Directorate General of Democracy</li> </ul>
Tuesday 24 April 2018	
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>Best practices for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the labour market</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of the preparation of a report entitled <i>For a disability-inclusive workforce</i> prepared by Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD),</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Edurne Alvarez De Mon, Human Resources Senior Consultant, Foundation once Inserta, Spain;</li> <li>• Ms Agnès Gerber-Hauptert, Director General, Action et Compétence, France;</li> <li>• Mr David Kennaugh, Small Business Owner, France;</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30 – 10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Evangelos Venizelos, (Greece, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Mr Abel de Campos, Section Registrar, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights</li> <li>• Mr Christos Giannopoulos, Doctor of Public Law, Institut de recherches Carré de Malberg (IRCM); Associate Lecturer in Public Law; Lecturer at the University of Strasbourg, France</li> </ul>

<p><b>1-2 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Parliamentary Project Support Division of the PACE with the ODG PROG</p>	<p>► <b>Overview of the results of activities organised by the Parliamentary Assembly in 2015-2017, in the framework of the “Partnership for Good Governance” (PGG)*</b></p> <p>Organised at the invitation of the National Delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the PACE, with the participation of the following speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Verena Taylor, Director, Office of Directorate General of Programmes (ODG PROG), Council of Europe</li> <li>• Mr Marian Lupu, Head of the National Delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the PACE, Moderator of discussions</li> <li>• Mr José Mendes Bota, First Counsellor of the European Union Delegation to the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Ms Tamar Chugoshvili, First Deputy Chairperson of the Georgian Parliament and Chairperson of the National Delegation of Georgia to the PACE</li> <li>• Mr Boris Čilevičs, Member of the Parliament of Latvia and Member of PACE, former Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights and former rapporteur on Georgia</li> </ul> <p><i>*PGG, joint programme financed by the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe; PACE activities concerned the co-operation with the Parliaments of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus</i></p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on the Museum Prize of the Council of Europe</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Jette Sandahl, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)</li> <li>• Ms Amina Krvavac, Executive Director, and</li> <li>• Mr Jasminko Halilović, Founder and Director of the War Childhood Museum, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2018</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>Children’s mental health and child-friendly justice</i></b></p> <p>As a follow-up to the seminar on the same issue held in London on 6-7 November 2017</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Michele Nicoletti, President of the Parliamentary Assembly</li> <li>• Ms Stella Kyriakides, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly</li> <li>• Baroness Doreen Massey, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children</li> <li>• Ms Regina Jensdottir, Head of the Children’s Rights Division of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Ms Maryam Bi, YoungMinds, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Mr Victor Azubuike, Student, University of Warwick, United Kingdom</li> </ul>

**Tuesday 24 April 2018**

<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Human rights impact of the “external dimension” of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC),</p> <p>with the participation of Ms Gauri van Gulik, Amnesty International Director for Europe</p> <p>► <b>Exchange of views with Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons</b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) on <i>Humanitarian needs and rights of internally displaced persons in Europe</i></p> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Manlio Di Stefano (Italy, NR), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Erkan Doğanay, Head of the Intervention Department of AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Authority), Turkey</li> </ul>
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<p><b>2.30 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of the preparation of reports on <i>Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)</i> by Mr Piet de Bruyn (Belgium, NR) and on <i>The continuing need to restore human rights and the rule of law in the North Caucasus region</i>, by Mr Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC).</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Igor Kochetkov, Chairperson of the Russian LGBT Network, Saint Petersburg;</li> <li>• Ms Tanya Lokshina, Russia Programme Director, Human Rights Watch, Moscow;</li> </ul>
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<p><b>8.30 pm</b> <b>Palais Rohan, Strasbourg</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Award Ceremony of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2018</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Michele Nicoletti, President of the Assembly</li> <li>• Ms Maria-Fernanda Gabriel-Hanning, Municipal Councillor, City of Strasbourg</li> <li>• Ms Jette Sandahl, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)</li> <li>• Mr Jasminko Halilović, Founder and Director of the War Childhood Museum, Sarajevo, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2018</li> </ul>
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**Wednesday 25 April 2018**

<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Hearing on <i>Twenty years on: Shortcomings and challenges in the use of regional or minority languages at local and regional level</i></b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Vesna Crnić-Grotić, Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages</li> <li>• Mr Andrew Dawson, member of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, rapporteur of the Governance Committee on “The use of languages by local and regional authorities”</li> </ul>
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<b>Wednesday 25 April 2018</b>	
<p><b>2–3.00 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Blockchain as an opportunity in the context of migration</i></b></p> <p>with the participation of Mr James Song, CEO of ExsulCoin</p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Follow-up to Resolution 2172 (2017) and Recommendation 2107 (2017) on The situation in Belarus</i></b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Andrei Naumovich, Head of Working group on the Death penalty issues, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Human rights, national relations and media, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus</li> <li>• Ms Alena Anisim, member of the Committee on Education, Culture and Science, House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus</li> <li>• Ms Tatsiana Karatkevich, Chairperson of the Civic Campaign Tell the Truth</li> </ul>
<p><b>2 – 3 pm</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD)</p> <p>with the participation of Mr Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders</p>
<p><b>3.15–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Diasporas</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on the Annual Diaspora Forum (Geneva, 18 May 2018)</b></p> <p>with the participation of Ms Marina Manke, Head of Labour Mobility and Human Development Division of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p>
<b>Thursday 26 April 2018</b>	
<p><b>8.30 –10 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC)</p> <p>with the participation of Ms Joan Parr, Head of Creative Learning, Creative Scotland, Edinburgh, UK</p>
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p>Monitoring Committee</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on recent reforms of the judiciary, including in the context of the fight against corruption in Romania</b></p> <p>in the framework of Resolution 1115 (1997)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Thomas Markert, Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission</li> <li>• Mr Gianluca Esposito, Executive Secretary of GRECO</li> <li>• Judge Simona Camelia Marcu, President of the Superior Council of Magistrates</li> <li>• a representative of the ruling majority and of the opposition in Romania, who are also members of the Monitoring Committee</li> </ul>



**Thursday 26 April 2018**

<p><b>9.00 –10 am</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>the establishment of a European academic network on the Istanbul Convention</i></b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Michele Nicoletti, President of the Assembly;</li><li>• Prof. Marina Calloni, President of the Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan-Bicocca (by video-conference)</li></ul>
<p><b>2 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>The role of education in the digital era: from “digital natives” to “digital citizens”</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC</p> <p>with the participation of Mr Villano Qiraizi, Head of Division Education Policy, Education Department, DG II – Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe</p>
<p><b>2 – 3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>UN Global Compact for Migration</i></b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Eduard Gnesa, former Ambassador for international migration, Chair of the Experts group to the Global Forum on Migration and Development</li><li>• Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees</li></ul> <p>► <b>Exchange of views on <i>Radicalisation of migrants and diaspora communities in Europe</i></b></p> <p>in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Karin Heremans, Ran Network (Radicalisation Awareness Network), European Commission</li></ul>

## II. Elections

### ➤ **Azerbaijan: presidential election (11 April 2018)**

On 23 April 2018, the Bureau took note of the statement of the observation mission.

### ➤ **Montenegro: presidential election (15 April 2018)**

On 23 April 2018, the Bureau took note of the statement of the observation mission.

### ➤ **Turkey: early presidential and parliamentary elections (24 June 2018)**

On 23 April 2018, the Bureau, subject to receiving an invitation, decided to observe this election and constituted an ad hoc committee for this purpose composed of 31 members (EPP/CD-10; SOC-10; EC-5; ALDE-3; UEL-2; FDG-1), as well as of the 2 co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, and to conduct a pre-electoral mission. On 27 April 2018, the Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee and appointed Ms Olena Sotnyk (Ukraine, ALDE) as its Chairperson (Appendix 2).

## III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 23 and 27 April 2018)

### ➤ **Standing Committee meeting (Zagreb, 1 June 2018)**

On 27 April 2018, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.

### ➤ **Third part-session of 2018 (Strasbourg, 25-29 June 2018)**

On 27 April 2018, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 3).

➤ **Independent external investigation body on the allegations of corruption within the Assembly:** on 22 April 2018, the Bureau received the report of the Investigation body and held an exchange of views *in camera* with its members:

- Sir Nicolas Bratza (United Kingdom), former President of the European Court of Human Rights
- Mr Jean-Louis Bruguière (France), former judge in charge of investigations in particular on cases related to terrorism, expert with international organisations and states on anti-terrorism issues
- Ms Elisabet Fura (Sweden), former parliamentary Ombudsman of Sweden, former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights

➤ **Actions by the Bureau in response to the report of the investigation body:** on 22 April 2018, the Bureau held a discussion and decided to:

- invite the current and former members of the Assembly whose behavior has been found by the investigation body as unethical or in violation of the Assembly's code of conduct, or who have refused to co-operate with the investigation body, to suspend all their activities within the Assembly with immediate effect;
- invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to consider further possible actions;
- invite the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to ensure proper follow-up to the recommendations for the Assembly's ethical framework made in the report;

➤ **European Conference of Presidents of Parliament 2018 (Ankara, 13-14 September 2018):** on 27 April 2018, the Bureau took note that, in agreement with the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, due to the early presidential and parliamentary elections in Turkey, the Conference is postponed to a later date ;

#### **IV. Forthcoming activities of Committees, Networks and parliamentary project support division**

- **18 May 2018 in Geneva** (Switzerland), the **Annual Forum on Diaspora** organised by the **Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies of the PACE** in co-operation with the IOM will be held.
- **On 22 May 2018, in Athens**, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** will hold:
  - exchanges of views with the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs, or the Alternate Minister in charge of European Affairs (to be confirmed), and with Mr Dimitrios Vitsas, Greek Migration Policy Minister;
  - an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Michele Nicoletti, President of the Assembly, on his initiative of establishment of a European academic network on the Anti-corruption Conventions, and with representatives from the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and other experts;
  - a hearing on *Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism* in the framework of the preparation of the report by Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) with the participation of experts;
  - an exchange of views on *The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries* in the framework of the preparation of the report by Ms Theodora Bakoyannis (Greece, EPP/CD).
- **23 May 2018 in Reykjavik**, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights** will hold hearings on:
  - “*Ombudsman Institutions in Europe – the need for a set of common standards*” in the framework of the report prepared by Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC) with the participation of Mr Tryggvi Gunnarsson, the Althing Ombudsman and Ms Catherine De Bruecker, Federal Ombudsman of Belgium;
  - “*Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions*” in the framework of the report prepared by Lord Donald Anderson (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of Mr Eerik-Niiles Kross, Member of Parliament, Estonia and Senator Raynell Andreychuk, Senate of Canada.
- **25 May 2018 in Paris**, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** will hold :
  - an exchange of views on “**The value of cultural heritage in a democratic society**” in the framework of the preparation of the report by Alexander [the Earl of] Dundee (United Kingdom, EC), with the participation of Mr Andy Pratt, Professor of Cultural Economy at the Centre for Culture and the Creative Industries, City University, London;
  - an exchange of views on “**Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution**” in the framework of the preparation of the report by Mr Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Dan Shefet, Lawyer at the Court of Appeal of Paris, and other experts;
  - an exchange of views on “**Safeguarding and enhancing Europe’s intangible cultural heritage**” in the framework of the preparation of the report by Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, NR) with the participation of Ms Jorijn Neyrinck, Independent expert for intangible cultural heritage, Belgium and Mr Marc Jacobs, Director of the Flemish Interface Centre for Cultural Heritage (FARO), Belgium;
  - an exchange of views on “**Public service media in the context of fake news and propaganda**” in the framework of the preparation of the report by Mr Petri Honkonen (Finland, ALDE) with the participation of Ms Minna Aslama Horowitz, Assistant Professor in International Communication, Finland and other experts.
- **On 29 May 2018 in Paris**, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** will hold an exchange of views on *the judicial reforms in Poland* in the framework of the preparation of the report by Mr Yves Cruchten (Luxembourg, SOC), with the participation of High level representative of the Ministry of Justice of Poland, Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland (tbc), President of the Venice Commission and Representatives of Civil Society.
- **On 4 June 2018 in Paris**, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** will hold exchange of views on:
  - *Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises* in the framework of a report prepared by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of a representative of ACTED (to be confirmed).

- *Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe* in the framework of a report prepared by Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC), with the participation of Ms Federica Toscano, Project Officer, Missing Children Europe NGO, Brussels.

## V. Seminars and conferences

**6 November 2018, Dubrovnik, Croatia:** The Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy decided to set up an *ad hoc* Sub-Committee to participate in the Conference on *Building democratic security in the Mediterranean: Common challenges, Shared responsibility* organised by the Croatian Parliament in the framework of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, as part of their respective priorities, and in conjunction with the Joint Council of Europe-European Union South Programme.

## VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports<sup>2</sup>

### ➤ ***Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions***

**Lord Donald Anderson**, (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* will carry out a fact-finding visit to London on **14 May 2018**.

### ➤ ***New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation***

**Mr Mart van de Ven**, (Netherlands, ALDE), of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* will carry out a fact-finding visit to London on **14 May 2018**.

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

**Mr Giuseppe Galati** (Italy, EPP/CD) and **Ms Yuliya Lovochkina** (Ukraine, SOC), Co-rapporteurs of the *Monitoring Committee*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Armenia from **23 to 25 May 2018**.

### ➤ ***Human rights impact of the “external dimension” of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?***

**Ms Tineke Strik** (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Turkey, from **31 May to 1 June 2018**.

### ➤ ***The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria***

**Mr Manlio Di Stefano** (Italy, NR), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Lebanon, from **6 to 7 June 2018**.

## VII. Relations with the Venice Commission

➤ On 24 April 2018 in Strasbourg, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** decided to seize the Venice Commission for an opinion on the Turkish electoral law, as revised in March 2018, and connected legislation.

➤ On 26 April 2018 in Strasbourg, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** decided to seize the Venice Commission for an opinion the amendments to the three Romanian laws on the judiciary: on the status of judges and prosecutors, on the judicial organisation and on the Superior Council of Magistrates.

➤ **115th Plenary session of the Venice Commission (22-23 June 2018):** Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD), titular representative of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, is scheduled to attend the session.

<sup>2</sup> subject to the availability of funds

## **VIII. List of meetings of the Committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee**

- . **15 May 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Rules, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **18 May 2018, Geneva (Switzerland):** *Sub-Committee on Diasporas in the context of the Annual Diaspora Forum*
- . **22 May 2018, Athens:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **22-23 May 2018, Reykjavik:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **25 May 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **29 May 2018, Paris:** *Committee on the Honouring of obligations and commitments by member states of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **31 May 2018, Zagreb:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **31 May 2018, Zagreb:** *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **1 June 2018, Zagreb:** *Standing Committee*
- . **1 June 2018, Zagreb:** *Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly*
- . **4 June 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **5 June 2018, Paris:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **14-15 June 2018; Paris:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **24 June 2018, Strasbourg:** *Presidential Committee*

## Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

### *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize*

#### WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE, THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR 2018

##### 1. EUROPE PRIZE

The **Europe Prize**, which is the highest distinction, is awarded to **Ivano-Frankivsk** (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast) in Ukraine.

##### 2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, is awarded to 7 municipalities:

France	<b>Aixe-sur-Vienne</b> (Nouvelle-Aquitaine)
Germany	<b>Pfinztal</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Sülzfeld</b> (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	<b>Cerrione</b> (Piedmont)
Lithuania	<b>Birštonas</b> (Kaunas County)
Poland	<b>Kielce</b> (Świętokrzyskie Voivodship)
Ukraine	<b>Brovary</b> (Kyiv Oblast)

##### 3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** is awarded to 8 municipalities:

France	<b>Beaumont-de-Pertuis</b> (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)
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Germany	<b>Hannover</b> (Lower Saxony) <b>Markt Pöttmes</b> (Bavaria)
Italy	<b>Benna</b> (Piedmont) <b>Riolo Terme</b> (Emilia-Romagna)
Poland	<b>Kobylnica</b> (Pomeranian Voivodship)
Serbia	<b>Kikinda</b> (Vojvodina)
Turkey	<b>Büyükcçekmece</b> (Istanbul Municipality)

#### 4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** is awarded to 16 municipalities:

France	<b>Angers</b> (Pays de la Loire)
Germany	<b>Bad Krozingen</b> (Baden-Württemberg) <b>Stuttgart</b> (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	<b>Gaeta</b> (Lazio)
Lithuania	<b>Naujoji Akmenė</b> (Šiauliai County)
Poland	<b>Mińsk Mazowiecki</b> (Mazovian Voivodship) <b>Płońsk</b> (Mazovian Voivodship)
Slovak Republic	<b>Zemné</b> (Nitra Region)
Turkey	<b>Ahmetbey</b> (Marmara Region) <b>Edremit</b> (Aegean Region) <b>Kahramankazan</b> (Central Anatolia) <b>Lüleburgaz</b> (Marmara Region) <b>Şişli</b> (Istanbul Municipality) <b>Süleymanpaşa</b> (Tekirdağ Municipality)
Ukraine	<b>Kyiv</b> (Kyiv Municipality) <b>Lviv</b> (Lviv Oblast)

## Appendix 2

### List of members of the ad hoc committee to observe the early presidential and parliamentary elections in Turkey (24 June 2018)

**Chairperson / Présidente:** Ms / Mme Olena SOTNYK (Ukraine, ALDE / ADLE)

#### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)**

Mr / M. Zsolt CSENGER-ZALÁN, Hungary / Hongrie  
Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France \*  
Mr / M. Giuseppe GALATI, Italy / Italie  
Ms / Mme Iryna GERASHCHENKO, Ukraine  
Mr / M. Andreas NICK, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande  
Mr / M. Aleksander POCEJ, Poland / Pologne  
Ms / Mme María Concepción de SANTA ANA, Spain / Espagne

#### **Substitutes / suppléants:**

Mr / M. Matern von MARSCHALL, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Attila TILKI, Hungary / Hongrie

#### **Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)**

Mr / M. Florian KRONBICHLER, Italy / Italie  
Ms / Mme Maryvonne BLONDIN, France  
Mr / M. André VALLINI, France  
Ms / Mme Tabea RÖSSNER, Germany / Allemagne  
Mr / M. Sabir HAJIYEV, Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan  
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche \*  
Mr / M. Predrag SEKULIC, Montenegro / Monténégro

#### **European Conservatives Group (EC) / Groupe des conservateurs européens (CE)**

Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Rt. Hon. Dame Cheryl GILLAN, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Mr / M. Jaak MADISON, Estonia / Estonie  
Sir Edward LEIGH, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni  
Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni



**Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) /  
Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)**

Ms / Mme Olena SOTNYK, Ukraine\*

Ms / Mme Petra STIENEN, Netherlands / Pays-Bas

Mr / M. Andrea RIGONI, Italy / Italie

**Substitutes / suppléants:**

Ms / Mme Kerstin LUNDGREN, Sweden / Suède

Ms / Mme Gyde JENSEN, Germany / Allemagne

Mr / M. Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI, Poland / Pologne

Mr / M. František KOPŘIVA, Czech Republic / République tchèque

**Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)**

Mr / M. Nikolaj VILLUMSEN, Denmark / Danemark \*

Ms / Mme Rósa Björk BRYNJÓLFSDÓTTIR, Iceland / Islande

**Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Mr / M. Marco NICOLINI, Italy / Italie

Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre

Ms / Mme Ioanneta KAVVADIA, Greece / Grèce

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne

Mr / M. Petter EIDE, Norway / Norvège

**Free Democrats Group (FDG) / Groupe des démocrates libres (GDL)**

Mr / M. Sergio DIVINA, Italy / Italie

**Substitutes / Suppléants:**

Ms / Mme Adele GAMBARO, Italy / Italie

**Rapporteur of Monitoring Committee / rapporteur de la commission de suivi**

Mr / M. Nigel EVANS, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

Ms / Mme Marianne MIKKO, Estonia / Estonie

**Venice Commission / Commission de Venise**

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**Secretariat / Secrétariat**

27 April 2018

## Third part of the 2018 Ordinary Session (25-29 June 2018)

Preliminary draft agenda<sup>1</sup>

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1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 27 April 2018.

## Abbreviations

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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

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

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EC: European Conservatives Group

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe





UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

FDG: Free Democrats Group

NR: Representatives not belonging to a political group

## Symbols

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

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### **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: 17:00-19:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 25 June 2018

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

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1. **Opening of the part-session**
  - 1.1. **Opening by the most senior Vice-President**
  - 1.2. **Examination of credentials**
  - 1.3. **Election of the President of the Assembly**
  - 1.4. **Election of Vice-Presidents of the Assembly**
  - 1.5. **Changes in the membership of committees**
  - 1.6. **Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure**
  - 1.7. **Adoption of the agenda**
  - 1.8. **Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Standing Committee (Zagreb, 1 June 2018)**
2. **Debate**
  - 2.1. **Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee**
    - ☐ Presentation by:
      - Mr Alfred HEER (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. )
    - 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 June, 10:00)
    - 🗳 [possibly] Vote

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

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3. **Address (15:00-16:00)**
  - 3.1. **Communication from the Committee of Ministers**
    - ☐ Presentation by:
      - Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe [tbc]
    - 📄 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 25 June, 12:00)
    - 🕒 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 18 June, 11:30)
4. **Debate**
  - 4.1. **Free debate**
    - 📄 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 June, 12:00)

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## Tuesday 26 June 2018

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

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#### 5. [Possibly] Elections (10:00-13:00)

##### 5.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

#### 6. Debate

##### 6.1. The humanitarian situation of refugees in the countries neighbouring Syria

###### □ Presentation by:

- Mr Manlio DI STEFANO (Italy, NR), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 25 June, 16:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 June, 16:00)

🗳️ [possibly] Vote

#### 7. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 7.1. Mr Andrej PLENKOVIĆ, Prime Minister of Croatia

Speech (12:00-12:20)

Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

📅 Questions

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

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#### 8. [Possibly] Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)

##### 8.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

#### 9. Question time (15:30-16:00)

##### 9.1. Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

📅 Questions

#### 10. Debate

##### 10.1. Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States

###### □ Presentation by:

- Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 June, 16:00)

🗳️ [possibly] Vote

#### 11. Debate

##### 11.1. Political transition in Egypt

###### □ Presentation by:

- Mr Jordi XUCLÀ (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 25 June, 16:00)

🗳️ [possibly] Vote

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## Wednesday 27 June 2018

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

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#### 12. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (10:00-13:00)

##### 12.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

#### 13. Debate

##### 13.1. How can inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe be prevented

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Yves CRUCHTEN (Luxembourg, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 26 June, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 June, 10:30)

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

#### 14. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 14.1. Mr Peter PELLEGRINI, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic [tbc]

Speech (12:00-12:20)

Questions and replies (12:20-13:00)

📅 Questions

### Sitting No. 24 (15:30-20:00)

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#### 15. [Possibly 2nd round] Elections (continued) (15:30-17:00)

##### 15.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

#### 16. Joint debate

##### 16.1. The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Domagoj HAJDUKOVIĆ (Croatia, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )
  - Mr Egidijus VAREIKIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )

##### 16.2. Human rights impact of the "external dimension" of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Tineke STRIK (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 27 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 June, 16:00)

🗳️ [possibly] Vote

🗳️ [possibly] Vote

#### 17. Debate

##### 17.1. Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Piet De BRUYN (Belgium, NR), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 27 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 26 June, 16:00)

🗳️ [possibly] Vote

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## Thursday 28 June 2018

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

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#### 18. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>2</sup>

#### 19. Address (12:00-13:00)

##### 19.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

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

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#### 20. Debate

##### 20.1. Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep the families together

###### ☐ Presentation by:

- Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 28 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 27 June, 16:00)

🗳 [possibly] Vote

#### 21. Debate

##### 21.1. Forced marriage in Europe

###### ☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. )
- Ms Azadeh ROJHAN GUSTAFSSON (Sweden, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Jur (Doc. )
- Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 28 June, 12:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 27 June, 16:00)

🗳 [possibly] Vote

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2. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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**Friday 29 June 2018**

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

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**22. Debate**

**22.1. Deliberate destruction and illegal trafficking of cultural heritage**

□ Presentation by:

○ Mr Stefan SCHENNACH (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. )

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 28 June, 19:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 28 June, 10:30)

🗳️ [possibly] Vote

**23. Debate**

23.1. ...

**24. Progress report**

24.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

**25. Closure of the part-session**