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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1344th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (24 April 2019)

¹ This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 12 April 2019 (Strasbourg) and future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 24 June 2019 in Strasbourg.

I. 2nd part-session of 2019 (8-12 April 2019)

A. Personalities

1. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):
 - Mr Timo SOINI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
 - Ms Duna MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Mr Mamuka BAKHTADZE, Prime Minister of Georgia
 - Mr Nikol PASHINYAN, Prime Minister of Armenia

B. Debate under urgent procedure

2. The Assembly held a debate under urgent procedure on *Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future*.

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

3. On 9 April 2019, the Assembly elected Ms Lorraine Schembri as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Malta and Ms Saadet Yüksel as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Turkey.

D. Presidential Committee

4. On 12 April 2019, the Presidential Committee of the Assembly held a joint meeting with the Bureau of the Ministers' Deputies.

E. Prizes

5. On 9 April 2019, the Assembly held the ceremony of the 2019 Council of Europe Museum Prize, which was awarded to the Museum of Communication, Bern.
6. On 11 April 2019, 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 2019 to the city of Donostia/San Sebastián (Basque country, Spain), 7 plaques of honour, 7 flags of honour and 8 European diplomas (Appendix 1).

F. Media coverage

The Spring Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) generated considerable media coverage, with some 82 journalists who turned up in Strasbourg to report on it, and 419 articles appearing in the international press.

The focus of the media attention was certainly the debate under urgent procedure on the *role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future*, as well as the Organisation's relations with the Russian Federation. In Armenia and Georgia, the media closely covered the visits to the Council of Europe of their respective Prime Ministers – Nikol Pashinyan and Mamuka Bakhtadze – and their participation in the PACE plenary. The election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Turkey and Malta was widely covered in both countries.

The debates on *promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment*, and on the *role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance*, received considerable coverage, as did the Council of Europe Secretary General's dialogue with the members of the Assembly.

The MediaBox, a web-TV studio available to all those making news at the Assembly, once again proved its usefulness for both Assembly members and journalists: 42 interviews with parliamentarians and participants in side-events were recorded. The teleprompter facility helped increase the number of statements made by MPs, and therefore institutional visibility, together with growing use of a new tool put in place by the Communication Division which allows MPs and others to download and share clips of their interventions in the plenary on social media.

PACE's Twitter account gathered 232,000 impressions over session week, a good average for recent sessions, while Facebook saw just over 60,000 engagements. The top tweet concerned the Assembly's election of a judge on the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Turkey.

G. Adopted texts -

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

No.	Title
Resolution 2271 (2019)	Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Recommendation 2150 (2019)	Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Resolution 2272 (2019)	Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: synergy needed on the part of all stakeholders, from parliaments to local authorities
Resolution 2273 (2019)	Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights
Recommendation 2151 (2019)	Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights
Resolution 2274 (2019)	Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment
Recommendation 2152 (2019)	Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment
Resolution 2275 (2019)	The role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance
Resolution 2276 (2019)	Stop hate speech and acts of hatred in sport
Resolution 2277 (2019)	Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future
Recommendation 2153 (2019)	Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future
Resolution 2278 (2019)	Modification of various provisions of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure
Resolution 2279 (2019)	Laudromats: responding to new challenges in the international fight against organised crime, corruption and money laundering
Recommendation 2154 (2019)	Laudromats: responding to new challenges in the international fight against organised crime, corruption and money laundering
Resolution 2280 (2019)	The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done
Recommendation 2155 (2019)	The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done
Recommendation 2156 (2019)	Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children
Resolution 2281 (2019)	Social media: social threads or threats to human rights?

8. 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

Tuesday 9 April 2019	
<p>8.30 –9 am Room 1, Palais</p> <p>9 –10 am Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report” (regarding Hungary)</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Evangelos Venizelos (Greece, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Zsolt Németh, Chairperson of the Hungarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe <p>► Hearing on “Daphne Caruana Galizia’s assassination and the rule of law, in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Owen Bonnici, Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government, Malta • Dr Peter Grech, Attorney General, Malta • Mr Martin Kuijer, Substitute member for the Netherlands, European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Council of Europe
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on “The gender dimension of foreign policy”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Torbjörn Haak, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sweden to the Council of Europe • Ms Laila Ait Baali, Political Coordinator, Wo=Men, Dutch Gender Platform Netherlands
<p>8.30 –10 am Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Exchanges of views on “Ending violence against children: A Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Elda Moreno, Head of the Children’s Rights and Sport Values Department of the Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe
<p>8.30 –9.15 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Pushback action by member States”</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 Christian Mommers, Adviser, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights • Mr Philippe Dam, Advocacy Director for Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights Watch

<p>2–2.30 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p>2.30–3.30 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p>and</p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights – 10th report” (regarding Italy)</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Evangelos Venizelos (Greece, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Alvisè Maniero, Chairperson of the Italian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe • Ms Maria Giuliana Civinini, Co-agent for the Italian government at the European Court for Human Rights <p>► Joint hearing on “Political prisoners in Azerbaijan”</p> <p>in the context of the eponymous report prepared by Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) and the report on “The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan” prepared by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Sir Roger Gale (United Kingdom, EC), co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Otari Gvaladze, Head of Unit, Department for work with law enforcement agencies and military affairs, Administration of the President of Azerbaijan • Ms Leyla Yunusova, Director, Institute for Peace and Democracy, Leiden, the Netherlands • Mr Ilgar Mammadov, former political prisoner (video link) • Mr Rasul Jafarov, Chairman of the Human Rights Club and former political prisoner
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The Museum Prize of the Council of Europe”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jette Sandahl, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) • Ms Jacqueline Strauss, Director of the Museum of Communication, Bern, Winner of the Museum Prize 2019 of the Council of Europe • Mr Christian Rohner, Curator and Project Manager, Museum of Communication, Bern
<p>2.15–3.30 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Forced sterilisations”</p> <p>in the context of the report on “Obstetrical and gynaecological violence” prepared by Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Elena Gorolová, Spokesperson, Group of Women harmed by Forced Sterilisation in the Czech Republic • Ms Gwendolyn Albert, Human Rights Advocate, Czech Republic • Mr Adam Weiss, Director of the European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest • Mr Stefan Ivanco, Programme coordinator and researcher, Poradňa, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Slovak Republic
<p>8.30 pm Palais Rohan</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Ceremony of the 2019 Council of Europe Museum Prize</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly • Mr Jean-Jacques Gsell, Municipal Councillor, Strasbourg • Ms Jette Sandahl, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) • Ms Jacqueline Strauss, Director of the Museum of Communication, Bern, Switzerland, Winner of the Museum Prize 2019 of the Council of Europe • Mr Alec von Graffenried, Mayor of the City of Bern

Wednesday 10 April 2019**2.00– 2.30 pm**
Room 3, PalaisCommittee on Equality and
Non-Discrimination**► Hearing on “Ethnic profiling in Europe: a matter of high concern”**

in the context of the report prepared by Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) with the participation of:

- Ms Lanna Hollo, Legal Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative, Paris
- Mr Michael Whine, Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in respect of the United Kingdom

2.45– 3.30 pm
Room 3, PalaisCommittee on Equality and
Non-Discrimination**► Study on sign languages**

- Presentation by Ms Eeva Tupi, Executive Director, World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), Finland

2.00 – 2.45 pm
Room 5, PalaisCommittee on Migration,
Refugees and Displaced
Persons**► Exchange of views on “Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children”**

in the context of the report prepared by Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL), with the participation of:

- Ms Sarah Di Giglio, Senior Policy and Project Officer, International Organization for Migration
- Ms Elena Muñoz, Coordinator, CEAR Madrid Legal Service, Madrid

2.45 – 3.30 pm
Room 5, PalaisCommittee on Legal Affairs and
Human Rights
and
Committee on Migration,
Refugees and Displaced
Persons**► Joint hearing on “Investment migration: trends, advantages, standards”**

in the context of the report prepared by Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Ms Gillian More, Policy Officer, DG Justice, D.3 – Union Citizenship Rights and Free Movement, European Commission, Brussels (via videoconference)
- Ms Ekaterine Rostomashvili, Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator, Transparency International, Berlin

2.00– 3.30 pm
Room 9, PalaisCommittee on Political Affairs
and Democracy**► Exchange of views on “Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria”**

in the context of a report prepared by Mr Jacques Maire (France, NR), with the participation of a delegation from the Algerian Council of the Nation

Thursday 11 April 2019**8.30 – 10.00 am**
Room 3, PalaisNo Hate Parliamentary
Alliance**► Hearing on “Islamophobia in Europe”**

with the participation of:

- Prof. Ian Law, Centre for Ethnicity and Racism Studies, University of Leeds
- Ms Sandra Pertek, Chair, European Forum of Muslim Women, United Kingdom

Thursday 11 April 2019

8.30 – 10.00 am Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	<p>► Exchange of views on “Missing refugee and migrant children ”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Paula Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik, Researcher, University of Geneva, Switzerland
8.30 – 09.15 am Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy	<p>► Exchange of views on “The situation in Kosovo*”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jordi Roca, (Spain, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Slaviša Mladenović, Language Commissioner, Office of the Prime Minister, Pristina• Mr Hilmi Jashari, Kosovo Ombudsperson, Pristina
2 – 2.45 pm Room 3, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	<p>► Hearing on “Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Petra Bay (Austria, SOC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Camille Butin, Advocacy Advisor, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) European Network, Brussels• Mr Neil Datta, Executive Director, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), Brussels
2 – 3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media	<p>► Hearing on “Feasibility study for an observatory on the quality of history teaching in Council of Europe countries”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Alain Lamassoure, Member of the European Parliament, former minister, France,• Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
2 – 3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons	<p>► Exchange of views with Dr. Philippe de Botton, President of Doctors of the World France</p> <p>► Exchange of views in the context of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Lilja Gretarsdottir, Deputy Head of the Division for Independent Human Rights Bodies, Secretary of the CDDH-MIG, Council of Europe• Ms Katarzyna Słubik, Senior Lawyer and Project Coordinator, Association for Legal Intervention, Poland (via videoconference)

*Throughout this text, all reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

II. Elections

➤ **Republic of Moldova: parliamentary elections (24 February 2019)**

On 8 April 2019, the Bureau approved the report of the ad hoc committee

➤ **Ukraine: presidential election (31 March and 21 April 2019)**

On 8 April 2019, the Bureau took note of the statement of the election observation mission and decided to ask the ad hoc committee, in its initial composition, to observe the second round of this election; on 12 April 2019, it approved the final composition of the list of the ad hoc committee (Appendix 2).

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 8 and 12 April 2019)

➤ **Standing Committee meeting (Paris, 24 May 2019)**

On 12 April 2019, the Bureau took note of the draft agenda.

➤ **Third part-session of 2019 (Strasbourg, 24-28 June 2019)**

On 12 April 2019, the Bureau drew up the preliminary draft agenda (Appendix 3).

➤ **Contingency plan of the Council of Europe: consequences for the Parliamentary Assembly**

On 12 April 2019, the Bureau took note of the information provided in the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly.

➤ **European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)**

On 12 April 2019, the Bureau approved the list of candidates in respect of Armenia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, North Macedonia to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers and approved the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegations of Azerbaijan and Poland to submit a new list of candidates to the CPT.

➤ **Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings**

On 12 April 2019, the Bureau took note of the information memorandum prepared by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, and decided:

- to invite the President of the Assembly to notify in writing the chairpersons of the delegations and the speakers of the parliaments concerned by low participation rates (Rule 44.10 of the Rules of Procedure and paragraph 7.2 of Resolution 1583 (2007)) or to arrange a meeting with the chairpersons of the relevant delegations;
- to make publicly available the statistics related to the participation of national delegations on the Assembly's website.

➤ **Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (June part-session 2019)**

On 12 April 2019, the Bureau defined the modalities for the interviews of the candidates to the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe to be held at its next meeting on 23 May 2019 in Paris.

IV. Activities of Committees and Networks

➤ On 18 April 2019 in St. Petersburg (Russian Federation), the **ad hoc Sub-Committee of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** will participate in the Conference on Countering international terrorism, co-organised by the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assemblies of the Council of Europe, the OSCE, PAM, the CSTO and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

- On 6 May 2019 in Vienna, **the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** is organising a parliamentary visit to two migration centres in the surroundings of Vienna in the framework of the Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children.
- On 13-14 May 2019 in Vienna, the **Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development** will hold:
 - . an exchange of views on *Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals*, in the context of a report prepared by Baroness Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of Ms Dorothy Rozga, former Executive Director of ECPAT International (*to be confirmed*)
 - . an exchange of views on *The European Social Charter*, with the participation of Ms Karin Lukas, Vice-President of the European Committee on Social Rights
 - . an exchange of views on *Organ transplant tourism*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) with the participation of the Austrian Ministry of Justice and the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*to be confirmed*)
 - . an exchange of views on *Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) with the participation of the Austrian Ministry of Health (*to be confirmed*)
 - . an exchange of views on *Impact of labour migration on left-behind children*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Viorel Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) with the participation of Ms Renate Winter, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (*to be confirmed*) and an expert (*to be confirmed*)
- On 16 May 2019 in London, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** will hold:
 - . a seminar on *Media freedom and the functioning of the democratic institutions* (open to the public), in the framework of Resolution 1115 (1997);
 - . an exchange of views on *the reform of the Justice system in Poland and the developments under the European Union Rule of Law mechanism in this regard*, in the context of a report on the functioning of democratic institutions in Poland prepared by Ms Azadeh Rojhan Gustafsson (Sweden, SOC) and Mr Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs.
- On 20 May 2019 in Paris the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy** will hold a hearing on *Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC) with the participation of invited experts
- On 27-28 May 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** will hold:
 - . a hearing on *Media education in the new media environment*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Nino Gogvadze (Georgia, EC) with the participation of:
 - Ms Martina Chapman, Education and media consultant, National coordinator, Education and Media, Ireland
 - Ms Sharon Stokes, Head of the BBC Young Reporter, London
 - Ms Divina Frau-Meigs, Professor, Expert in media education, Sorbonne, Paris
 - . an exchange of views on *New forms of public debate on the ethical aspects of rapid advances in science and technology*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) with the participation of:
 - Mr Lars Klüver, Director, Danish Technology Counsel, Copenhagen
 - Mr Jean-François Delfraissy, President, National Ethics Advisory Committee (CCNE), Paris (*to be confirmed*)

. a hearing on Threats to media freedom and journalists' security in Europe, in the context of a report prepared by Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC) with the participation of:

- Mr Marc Gruber, Expert on media and communication, Strasbourg
- Mr Ricardo Gutiérrez, Secretary General, European Federation of journalists, Brussels
- Representative(s) of the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists
- Mr Christophe Deloire, Secretary General, Reporters without borders, Paris
- Mr Giacomo Mazzone, Head of Institutional and Member Relations, European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Geneva (*to be confirmed*)

➤ On 29 May 2019 in Zurich (Switzerland), the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** will hold an exchange of views on *Situation and integration of migrants and refugees in Switzerland*, with the participation of the authorities of Switzerland and experts.

➤ On 29 May 2019 in Paris, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights**:

. will hold a hearing on "*Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe*", in the context of a report prepared by Mr Sylvain Waserman (France, ALDE)

. will hold an exchange of views on "*Ombudsman Institutions in Europe – the need for a set of common standards*" in the context of a report prepared by Lord Richard Balfe, United Kingdom, EC

➤ On 29 May 2019 in Paris, the **Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights** (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights) will hold hearings with experts on various AI-related issues.

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

- ***Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals***
- ***Stepping up co-operation between European initiatives for better child protection against sexual violence***

Baroness Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Berlin on **6-7 May 2019**.

➤ ***The post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia***

Ms Lise Christoffersen (Norway, SOC) and **Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi** (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to North Macedonia from **6 to 8 May 2019**.

➤ ***Democracy hacked? How to respond?***

Mr Frithjof Schmidt (Germany, SOC), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* will carry out a fact-finding visit to Stockholm, on **15 May 2019**

➤ ***Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions***

Mr Roland Rino Büchel (Switzerland, ALDE), Rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Switzerland on **20-23 May 2019** (*dates to be confirmed*).

VI. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

On 2 May 2019, Rabat (Morocco): the *Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD)* will organise an Information Seminar for the staff of the Parliament of Morocco on *the ethic codes for staff members of national parliaments*, in the framework of the Action Plan for Morocco.

On 20-21 May 2019, Budapest (EYC): the *Parliamentary Project Support Division (PPSD)* will organise an Information Seminar for the staff of the Verkhovna Rada on *the evaluation of public policies*, in the framework of the Action Plan for Ukraine.

On 10 June 2019, Istanbul (Turkey): the *Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies* (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons) will organise an annual diaspora forum on democratic participation of diaspora.

VII. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

A joint meeting between the Presidential Committee of the Assembly and the Bureau of the Ministers' Deputies was held on 12 April 2019 in Strasbourg. The next joint meeting between the Presidential Committee and the Bureau of the Ministers' Deputies will be held on 23 May 2019 in Paris.

VIII. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

- At its meeting on 10 April 2019 in Strasbourg, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)** decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the draft law on public gathering in the Republika Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- **66th meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (20 June 2019):** Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC) will attend this meeting.
- **119th session of the Venice Commission (21-22 June 2019)** Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) will attend this session.

IX. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

- On 11 April 2019, in Strasbourg, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media** held a hearing with the participation of **Mr Alain Lamassoure, Member of the European Parliament**, former minister, France, on a *Feasibility study for an observatory on the quality of history teaching in Council of Europe countries*.

X. List of meetings of the Committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee

- . **13-14 May 2019, Vienna** : *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **16-17 May 2019, London**: *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **20 May 2019, Paris**: *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **22 May 2019, Paris**: *Presidential Committee*
- . **23 May 2019, Paris**: *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **24 May 2019, Paris**: *Standing Committee*
- . **27-28 May 2019, Paris**: *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **28-29 May 2019, Zurich (Switzerland)**: *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **28 (afternoon)-29 (morning) May 2019, Paris**: *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **29 May (afternoon) 2019, Paris**: *Sub-Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights (of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights)*
- . **4 June 2019, Paris**: *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **5 June 2019, Belgrade**: *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **6 June 2019, Novi Sad (Serbia)**: *Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities (of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination)*
- . **10 June 2019, Istanbul (Turkey)**: *Sub-Committee on Integration and Sub-Committee on Diasporas (of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons)*
- . **14 June 2019, Paris**: *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **21 June 2019, Bern**: *Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage and Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)*
- . **23 June 2019, Strasbourg**: *Presidential Committee*
- . **24 June 2019, Strasbourg**: *Bureau of the Assembly*

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 2019

1. EUROPE PRIZE

The **Europe Prize**, which is the highest distinction, is awarded to **Donostia/San Sebastián** (Basque Country, Spain)

2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

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

France	Meudon (Île-de-France) Suresnes (Île-de-France)
Germany	Flotwedel (Lower Saxony) Rehau (Bavaria)
Romania	Mioveni (Argeş County)
Turkey	Karşiyaka (Aegean region)
Ukraine	Khmelnyskyi (Khmelnyskyi oblast)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** is awarded to 7 municipalities:

France	Angers (Pays de la Loire)
Germany	Stuttgart (Baden-Württemberg)
Poland	Morawica (Voivodship of Świętokrzyskie) Ostrów Wielkopolski (Voivodship of Wielkopolskie)
Slovak Republic	Zemné (Nitra Region)
Turkey	Edremit (Aegean Region)
Ukraine	Lviv (Lviv Oblast)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** is awarded to 8 municipalities:

Germany	Baienfurt (Baden-Württemberg) Malchin (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern) Neustadt bei Coburg (Bavaria) Umkirch (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	Este (Veneto) Norma (Lazio) Ventotene (Lazio)
Spain	Mollet del Vallès (Catalonia)

Appendix 2

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN UKRAINE COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DE L'ELECTION PRESIDENTIELLE EN UKRAINE

2nd round / 2^e tour
21 April 2019 / 21 avril 2019

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15 April 2019

Third part of the 2019 Ordinary Session (24-28 June 2019)

Preliminary draft agenda¹

1. Drawn up by the Bureau of the Assembly on 12 April 2019.

Abbreviations

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

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

Meetings outside the Chamber

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

Monday 24 June 2019

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

1. **Opening of the part-session**
 - 1.1. Statement by the President
 - 1.2. Examination of credentials
 - 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
 - 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
 - 1.5. Adoption of the agenda
 - 1.6. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (Paris, 24 May 2019)
2. **Debate**
 - 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc.)
 - 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 10:00)
3. **Celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe² (12:30-13:00)**

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

4. **Address (15:00-16:00)**
 - 4.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers
 - ☐ Presentation by:
 - Ms Amélie de MONTCHALIN, Minister of State for European Affairs, attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France [tbc]
 - 📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 12:00)
 - 🕒 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 17 June, 11:30)
5. **Debate (continued)**
 - 5.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
 - 📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 10:00)
 - 🗳 [possibly] Vote

2. A programme is published separately.

Tuesday 25 June 2019

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


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


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


7. Debate

- 7.1. Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 24 June, 16:00)

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

 Vote on ... ()

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

- 8.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

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

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


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


10. Debate


- 10.1. Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach

- Presentation by:
 - o Ms Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)
 - o Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc.)

- Statement by:
 - o Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights [tbc]
 - o Mr TEDROS Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization [tbc]

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 25 June, 12:00)

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

 Vote on ... ()


11. Joint debate


- 11.1. Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2020-2021


- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Mart van de VEN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)


- 11.2. Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2020-2021

- Presentation by:
 - o Mr Mart van de VEN (Netherlands, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Pro (Doc.)

 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 25 June, 12:00)

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

 Vote on ... ()

 Vote on ... ()

Wednesday 26 June 2019

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

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

- 12.1. Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 12.2. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

13. Joint debate

13.1. The Istanbul Convention on violence against women: achievements and challenges

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)

13.2. An ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Elvira KOVÁCS (Serbia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc.)
- Statement by:
 - Ms Marlène SCHIAPPA, Minister of State for Gender Equality and the Fight against Discrimination, France [tbc]

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 25 June, 19:00)

⊙ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 25 June, 10:30)

⌚ Vote on ... ()

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

14.1. Mr Marcelo REBELO DE SOUSA, President of Portugal

Speech (12:00-12:20)

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

▣ Questions

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

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

- 15.1. Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- 15.2. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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

16.1. Mr Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

▣ Questions

17. Joint debate

17.1. Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

- Presentation by:
 - Baroness Doreen MASSEY (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc.)

17.2. Stop violence and exploitation of migrant children

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Rósa Björk BRYNJÓLFSDÓTTIR (Iceland, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc.)
 - Ms Sevinj FATALIYEVA (Azerbaijan, EC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc.)
- Statement by:
 - Ms Maud de BOER-BUQUICCHIO, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

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

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

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

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18. Debate

18.1. Honouring of obligations and commitments by Serbia

- Presentation by:
 - Ms Maria GUZENINA (Finland, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
 - Mr Ian LIDDELL-GRAINGER (United Kingdom, EC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

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

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

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

Thursday 27 June 2019

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

19. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate³

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

- 20.1. Address by an invited personality [tbc]

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

21. Debate

21.1. Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Pieter OMTZIGT (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 12:00)

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

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

22. Debate

22.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria

- ☐ Presentation by:
 - Mr Frank SCHWABE (Germany, SOC), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)
 - Mr Zsolt NÉMETH (Hungary, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc.)

📖 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 12:00)

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

🗳️ Vote on ... ()

3. Subject to a decision by the Assembly.

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

23. Debate

23.1. The need to shed light on the background of the murder of Boris Nemtsov

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc.)

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 19:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 27 June, 10:30)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

24. Debate

24.1. Pushback action by member States

□ Presentation by:

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

▣ List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 27 June, 19:00)

⌚ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 27 June, 10:30)

🗳 Vote on ... ()

25. Progress report

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

26. Closure of the part-session