



PACE Spring Session (24-28 April 2017)

Events

Monday 24 April 2017	
1–2 pm Room 5, Palais <i>Open to the press</i>	Screening of the film “When will this stop?” , winner of the IDFA (International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam) Award for Best Student Documentary Side-event sponsored by Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD)
1–2 pm Room 6, Palais <i>Open to the press</i>	“Corruption allegations and transparency in the PACE – the way forward” Side-event sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Dalhuisen, Europe and Central Asia Director, <i>Amnesty International</i>• Gerald Knaus, Director of the <i>European Stability Initiative (ESI)</i>
1–2 pm Room 14, Palais <i>Open to the press</i>	“The effects of racism and discrimination on radicalization” Side-event sponsored by Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC) organised by COJEP International , with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Şami Zegnani, lecturer in Sociology at Rennes University (France) and member of the Centre for Research on Political Action in Europe• Samir Amghar, member of the European Foundation for Democracy (Brussels), Director of Research in a center for people affected by violent radicalism (Brussels); member of the Scientific Council on Radicalisation of the Ministry of National Education and Higher Education (France)
2–3 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i>	Round table on “The role of non-governmental organisations as promoters of positive practices in care and accommodation for refugee and migrant minors” in the context of the parliamentary campaign to end immigration detention of children, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ivana Milanovic-Djukic, Child Protection Programme Manager, Danish Refugee Council (Serbia)• Kristina Marku, Child Protection Coordinator, <i>Hope for Children</i>, CRC Child Policy Centre (Cyprus)• Kalliopi Gkliva, Project Manager, Refugee Emergency Relief Programme, <i>SOS Children’s Villages</i> (Greece)
2–3 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Not open to the press</i>	► Open discussion on current issues, exchange of views on recent developments in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turkey• Jordan• Syria• Egypt ► Exchange of views on the “Political consequences of the new Israeli Settlement Regulation Law” with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Majed Bamyá, First Counsellor, Palestinian Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations, New York

Tuesday 25 April 2017

<p>9–10 am Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press (tbc)</i></p>	<p>Joint hearing on “Prosecuting and punishing the crimes against humanity or even possible genocide committed by Daesh”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadia Murad, Yazidi survivor of ISIS, winner of the 2016 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize (by video link) • Ewelina Ochab, legal researcher, PhD scholar, University of Kent
<p>8.30–10 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “The status of journalists in Europe”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Elvira Drobinski-Weiss (Germany, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc Gruber, media and communication expert, Strasbourg (France) • Renate Schroeder, Director, European Federation of Journalists, Brussels (Belgium)
<p>8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Parental authority conflicts”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), with the participation of Juliane Hirsch, Consultant on Private International Law and International Family Law</p> <p>► Hearing on “Detention of Palestinian minors in Israeli prisons”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a statement by <i>UNICEF</i> (video and written statement) • Khaled Quzmar, General Director, “Defense for Children International - Palestine (DCIP)”; • Sarit Michaeli, International Advocacy Officer, “B'Tselem - the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories”
<p>8.30–10 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Human rights implications of the European response to transit migration across the Mediterranean”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Miltiadis Varvitsiotis (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of an expert (tbc)</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Defenders or violators? Lack of independence of judicial officials and prosecution of human rights defenders in member states of the Council of Europe”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), organised by the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, with the participation of human rights defenders, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Konstantin Baranov, Sergey Golubok (Russia) • Anar Mammadli, Rasul Jafarov (Azerbaijan) • Harry Hummel (Netherlands)
<p>1–2 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Freedom of religion or belief and the persecution of Christians in the world today”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and organised by Open Doors France, an NGO supporting persecuted Christians, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michel Varton, Director, <i>Open Doors France</i> • Guillaume Guennec, lawyer, <i>Open Doors France</i>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on the 40th anniversary of the Council of Europe Museum Prize</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) • Jacques Martial, President of <i>Mémorial ACTe</i>, the Caribbean center of expressions and memory of the slave trade and slavery (MACTe), Guadeloupe (France), winner of the 2017 Council of Europe Museum Prize • Basil Kerski, Director of the European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk (Poland), winner of the 2016 Council of Europe Museum Prize

Tuesday 25 April 2017**8.30 pm
Town Hall, Strasbourg**Committee on Culture,
Science, Education and Media*Open to the press***Presentation ceremony of the 2017 Council of Europe Museum Prize**

Speakers:

- Pedro Agramunt, PACE President
- Roland Ries, Mayor of the City of Strasbourg
- Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)
- Jacques Martial, President of *Mémorial ACTe*, the Caribbean center of expressions and memory of the slave trade and slavery (MACTe), Guadeloupe (France), winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2017

Wednesday 26 April 2017**1–2 pm
Room 5, Palais***Open to the press***“Ending abuse of Interpol’s Red Notices: how to implement the recommendations of the PACE Legal Committee”**Side-event sponsored by Bernd Fabritius (Germany EPP/CD), co-organised by the *Open Dialogue Foundation* and *Fair Trials International*

with the participation of:

- William Browder, founder of *Hermitage Capital Management*
- Ana Ursachi, Moldovan lawyer and human rights activist
- Mukhtar Ablyazov, Kazakh opposition politician, victim of abusive use of Interpol’s Red Notices
- Tomás Navarro Blakemore, Spanish attorney-at-law, *Destination Justice*
- Lyudmyla Kozlovska, President of the *Open Dialog Foundation*
- Libby McVeigh, Legal and Policy Director, *Fair Trials*

**2–3.30 pm
Room 6, Palais**Committee on Culture,
Science, Education and Media*Open to the press***► Exchange of views on “The need for better international sports governance”**

in the context of the report being prepared by Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of:

- Howard Shaw, Chair of the ISO Technical Committee on Governance of Organizations (ISO TC 309) and Chair of the British Standards Institute (BSI) Anti-Bribery Committee, London (United Kingdom)
- Filippo Cecchi, Director of the Communication and Public Affairs at the Standard Ethics Office, Florence (Italy)

► Exchange of views on “Education and culture: new partnerships to support personal development and cohesion”

in the context of the report being prepared by Thomas Feist (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Rolf Witte, Head of International Cultural Education at BKJ (the German Federation for Cultural Youth Education)
- Jörg Maas, CEO of *Stiftung Lesen*, the German partner of *EU Read*

**2.30–3.30 pm
Room 9, Palais**Committee on Political Affairs
and Democracy*Not open to the press***Exchange of views on “Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress”**

in the context of the report being prepared by Michele Nicoletti, (Italy, SOC)

Thursday 27 April 2017

<p>8.30–10 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The new asylum law in Hungary”</p> <p>with the participation of an expert (tbc)</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “The activities of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees
<p>9–10 am Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press (tbc)</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Strengthening the rule of law in South-East European countries through targeted reform of the legal system (including Reference 4255 “New threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member States”)”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Bernd Fabritius (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireneusz Kaminski, Chair of European and International Law, Institute of Legal Studies, Warsaw (Poland) • Jean-Claude Scholsem, Venice Commission alternate member, Professor Emeritus, University of Liège (Belgium)
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Recent developments in Azerbaijan”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ADLE), organised by the <i>Institute for Reporters’ Freedom and Safety</i></p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 14, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Legal issues, related to the realisation by Ukrainian citizens, convicted on the territory of occupied Crimea and transferred to serve their sentences on the territory of the Russian Federation, of the right to serve their sentences on the territory of Ukraine”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Serhiy Sobolev (Ukraine, EPP/CD)</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on the “Charter of equal Participation in Political and Public Life” for migrants</p> <p>in the context of the colloquy held in Lyon on 11 October 2016 on “Challenges of immigration” organised by the <i>European Association of Former Members of Parliament of the Member States of the Council of Europe (FP-AP)</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ilona Graenitz, Vice-President of FP-AP • Uwe Holtz, Honorary President of FP-AP
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Joint hearing on “Setting minimal standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florian Grotz, Chair of Comparative Politics, Institute of Political Science, Helmut Schmidt University of Hamburg • Marilisa D’Amico, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Milan; • Ana Rusu, Senior Election Adviser, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
<p>2.30–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Designation of the 2017 winners of the Europe Prize, Plaques of Honour, Flag of Honour and European Diplomas</p> <p>(The winner of the 2017 Europe Prize will be announced at the beginning of the sitting, at 3.30 pm)</p>

NB. This list includes non-plenary events organised or held under the auspices of Assembly committees, national delegations or political groups, or involving the Assembly’s President, rapporteurs or other members. It is not necessarily exhaustive, and may be subject to last-minute changes.