



PACE Autumn Session (9-13 October 2017)
Events

Monday 9 October 2017	
<p>1–2 pm Room 6, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Role of political leaders to combat antigypsyism and to stop forced evictions of Roma in Europe”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Tobias Zech (Germany, EPP/CD), rapporteur on “Promoting the inclusion of Roma and Travellers”, organised by the <i>Central Council of German Sinti and Roma</i>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elvira Kovacs (Serbia, EPP/CD), rapporteure on “Growing hate speech and role of the political leaders in fighting hate crime: follow-up to ECRI Recommendations”, member of the <i>No Hate Parliamentary Alliance</i>• Nicole Garbin, European Roma Rights Centre• Michael Guet, Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Roma Issues• Jonathan Mack, <i>Central Council of German Sinti and Roma</i>
<p>1–2 pm Room 14, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Recent events in Azerbaijan”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), organised by the Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety (IRFS), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yuri Dzhibladze, President of the <i>Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights</i>• Olga Zakharova, Director of the <i>Freedom Files Analytical Centre</i>• Arif Mammadov, former Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the Council of Europe (2007-2012), co-Chair of <i>AND</i> (movement for democracy in Azerbaijan)• Emin Huseynov, <i>Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety</i>
<p>2–3 pm Room 5, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Women and breast cancer”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donata Lerda, European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC), <i>Joint Research Centre</i>• Elizabeth Bergsten Nordström, President of the Swedish Breast Cancer Association and Former President of <i>Europa Donna</i>, European Breast Cancer Coalition (Sweden)
<p>2–3 pm Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on the Draft Protocol amending the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (CETS No. 108) and its Explanatory Report</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jean-Philippe Walter Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data

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<p>3–3.30 pm Chamber <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Award ceremony for the 2017 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the ceremony by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly • Video on the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize • Speech by the President of the Assembly • Presentation of the Trophy and Diploma of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize to the prizewinner • Presentation of a Diploma to the two finalists • Statement by the prizewinner <p>The shortlisted candidates are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murat Arslan (Turkey), in detention since 2016, former Rapporteur of the Turkish Constitutional Court and President of the now dissolved Association for the Union of Judges and Prosecutors, supporter of the independence of the judiciary. • Hungarian Helsinki Committee, NGO carrying out a broad range of activities in the area of human rights with a particular focus on access to justice and the rights of asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons. • Father Georg Sporschill (Austria), who has devoted his life to the care of the most vulnerable, notably children, and has set up the association <i>Elijah</i>, which carries out projects in Austria, Bulgaria, Republic of Moldova and Romania.
<p>7 pm Forecourt of the Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Breast cancer awareness raising event – Pink lighting of the building in the presence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, former rapporteur on optimizing breast cancer services across Europe • PACE President • Wojciech Sawicki, PACE Secretary General • Thorbjørn Jagland, Council of Europe Secretary General (tbc) • Gabriella Battaini, Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General (tbc)
Tuesday 10 October 2017	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 1, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on Resolution 2172 (2017) on “The situation in Belarus” (8.30–9 am) in the context of the follow-up to the report by Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • members of the National Assembly of Belarus, one from the majority and one from the opposition • Ales Bialiatski, <i>Viasna Human Rights Centre</i> • Vital Rymasheuski, Belarusian Christian Democracy Party <p>► Enlarged debate on “The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017” (9–10 am) in the context of the report being prepared by Alfred Heer (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of delegations of national parliaments of OECD member States which are not members of the Council of Europe, and of the European Parliament.</p>
<p>8.30–10 am Room 3, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Hearing on “Women in the economy: promoting gender equality and women’s access to STEM education and careers (science, technology, engineering and maths)” 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"> • Kathleen Noonan, Director, Philanthropies and Education Communications, <i>Microsoft Europe</i> • Julian Lambertin, Managing Director Europe, Middle-East and Africa (EMEA), <i>KRC Research</i>, Cologne <p>► Hearing on “Gender equality and child maintenance” in the context of the report being prepared by Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sumi Rabindrakumar, Research Officer, <i>Gingerbread</i>, London • Amalia Fernández Doyague, Attorney, Chair of the Association of Women Lawyers <i>Themis</i>, Madrid

Tuesday 10 October 2017

<p>8.30–9.30 am 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 “Situation of refugees in Jordan”, with members of the Jordanian Partner for Democracy delegation to the PACE</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Diversity is a reason to smile – Presentation of the ADAMI Media Prize”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Elvira Drobinski-Weiss (Germany, SOC) and Thomas Feist (Germany, EPP/CD)</p> <p>This Prize rewards audio-visual journalists and media professionals in the EU Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine) and programmes which cover the themes of migration, integration and cultural diversity.</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Freedom of association in Europe: the shrinking space for human rights defence”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina Agaltsova, Human Rights Defense Center <i>Memorial</i>, which was awarded the 2009 Sakharov Prize of the European Parliament (Russia) • Ales Bialiatski, 2013 PACE Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize, Human Rights Centre <i>Viasna</i> (Belarus) • Anar Mammadli, 2014 PACE Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize, Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Center (Azerbaijan) • Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, ALDE), ALDE Group Vice-President
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, and Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Joint hearing on “Migrants and media”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marco Nassivera, News Director, <i>ARTE</i>, Strasbourg • Lutz Tillmanns, Secretary General, German Press Council, Berlin (via video conference, tbc) • Robert McNeil, Head of Media and Communications, Migration Observatory, University of Oxford • Tom Law, Director of Campaigns and Communications, Ethical Journalism Network, London
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Tobias Zech (Germany, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Springer, founder of the non-profit organisation <i>Orientehelfer</i>

Wednesday 11 October 2017

<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“500th Anniversary of Reformation – impact on cultural, social and political life of Europe”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Pavlo Unhurian (Ukraine, EPP/CD) and Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD)</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 11, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>What kind of Syria after Daesh?”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Hişyar Özsoy (Turkey, UEL), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdulkarim Omer, International Secretary of the Federal Region of North Syria • Mohamad Kadwa, Secretary General of the Syria Democratic Left Party • Akram Fahan, Member of the Political Committee of the Democratic Syrian Council

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1–2 pm Room 14, Palais <i>Open to the press</i>	“The Balfour Declaration and prospects for a two-state solution” Side-event sponsored by Bernard Sabella (Palestine), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sir Richard Dalton, former member of the British Diplomatic Services• Afif Safieh, Palestinian diplomat
2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, in the framework of the <i>Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children</i> <i>Open to the press</i>	► Presentation of the Study of immigration detention practices and the use of alternatives to immigration detention of children , with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athanassia Sykiotou, Professor, Democritus University of Thrace, Faculty of Law, Greece ► Presentation of Parliamentary Monitoring Guide on “Visiting places where children are deprived of their liberty as a result of migration procedures”, elaborated by the Council of Europe’s Children Right’s Division with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julien Attuil Kayser, Juvenile Justice Officer, Defence for Children, Belgium• Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Council of Europe Secretary General on Migration and Refugees• Regina Jensdóttir, Head of the Children’s Rights Division, Children’s Rights Coordinator, Council of Europe
2–3.30 pm Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on “The need to shed light on the background of the murder of Boris Nemtsov” in the context of the report being prepared by Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zhanna Nemtsova, daughter of Boris Nemtsov, journalist, founder of the <i>Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom</i>• Vadim Prokhorov, attorney at law, legal representative of Zhanna Nemtsova• Vladimir Kara-Murza, collaborator of Boris Nemtsov
2.30–3.30 pm Room 3, Palais Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on “Shelters for victims of gender-based violence” with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anne-Marie Von Arx-Vernon, former Director of the accommodation Centre <i>Le Cœur des grottes</i> and expert on action against trafficking in human beings, Geneva• Rosa Logar, President and co-founder of <i>Women against Violence Europe</i> (WAVE)
Thursday 12 October 2017	
8.30–9.30 am Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i>	Exchange of views with participants in the study session for young refugees on “Empowering Young Refugees” (9-14 October, European Youth Centre, Strasbourg), organised by <i>Voices of Young Refugees in Europe</i> (VYRE) and the EYC (Budapest/Strasbourg)

Thursday 12 October 2017

<p>8.30–10 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The case for drafting a European Convention on the profession of lawyer”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Sabien Lahaye-Battheu (Belgium, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurent Pettiti, Chair of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), Permanent Delegation to the European Court of Human Rights, Suresnes (France) • Piers Gardner, member of the CCBE Permanent Delegation to the European Court of Human Rights, London (United Kingdom) • Ayse Bingol Demir, Turkish lawyer, Legal Officer, <i>Media Legal Defence Initiative</i>, London (United Kingdom) <p>► Exchange of views on “CPT – Public statement concerning Belgium”</p> <p>Exchange of views concerning the public statement issued by the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) on 13 July 2017, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hendrik Daems, Chairperson of the Belgian delegation to PACE • Mark Kelly, 2nd Vice-President of the CPT and Head of CPT delegation which carried out the most recent periodic visit to Belgium
<p>9–10 am Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Gender Equality of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, and Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on the contraception atlas of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina Davidashvili, Senior Policy Officer, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPF), Brussels
<p>1–2 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“The Council of Europe and its relationship with the European Union”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Marieluise Beck (Germany, ALDE), with the participation of the authors of the book <i>“The Council of Europe - its Law and Polices”</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marten Breuer, professor at the Konstanz University • Stefanie Schmahl, professor at the University of Würzburg
<p>1–2 pm Room 11, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Information occupation – Crimean journalists and media in the ‘Procrustean bed’ of Russian legislation”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Serhiy Sobolev (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mustafa Dzhemiliev (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Member of the Ukrainian delegation to PACE • Roman Martinovsky, lawyer, expert of the <i>Regional Center for Human Rights</i> • Tatiana Rihun, Crimean journalist • Dariya Sviridova, lawyer, <i>Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union</i> • Tatiana Perchenko, lawyer, expert on negotiation processes in conflict areas
<p>1–2 pm Room 14, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Frozen conflicts in Europe – An overview for the Transnistrian conflict”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Marian Lupu (Republic of Moldova, SOC) and Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexandru Postica, Director of the Human Rights Programme at the <i>Promo Lex Association</i> • Cornel Ciurea, member of the Council of the <i>Foundation for a Modern Democracy</i>

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.