



## PACE Winter Session (22-26 January 2018)

### Events

Monday 22 January 2018	
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Joint side-event on the Holocaust organised by the Moldovan and Italian delegations</b> sponsored by Marian Lupu (Republic of Moldova, SOC), Chairperson of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova to PACE, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC), PACE member</li><li>• Gabriela Heinrich (Germany, SOC), PACE General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance</li><li>• Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li><li>• Aliona Grossu, Jewish Community of the Republic of Moldova</li></ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Follow up on the topic of the Imralı Island Prison”</b> Side-event sponsored by Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and Hişyar Özsoy (Turkey, UEL), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ibrahim Bilmez, Abdullah Öcalan's lawyer</li><li>• Öztürk Türkdogan, President of the Human Rights Association <i>IHD</i></li><li>• Alastair Lyon, barrister (United Kingdom)</li></ul>
<p><b>1– 1.45</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“The assassination of Maltese investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia”</b> Side-event sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Caruana Galizia's three sons Matthew, Andrew and Paul</li><li>• Julie Majerczak, Head of the <i>Reporters without Borders</i> Brussels Office</li></ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 14, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“The Danish-German minority arrangement – an inspiration for Europe”</b> Side-event sponsored by the Danish and the German delegations to PACE, organised by the <i>Association of South Schleswig</i>, the <i>Federation of North Schleswig</i> and the <a href="#">Federal Union of European Nationalities</a> (FUEN) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the Chairpersons of the Danish and the German delegations to PACE</li><li>• Jon Hardon Hansen, Chairman of the <i>Association of South Schleswig</i></li><li>• Hinrich Jürgensen, Chairman of the <i>Federation of North Schleswig</i></li><li>• Tove Malloy, Director of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) and Danish member of the <a href="#">Advisory Committee</a> on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities</li></ul>

## Tuesday 23 January 2018

<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights of 2014 regarding the <i>Ilgar Mammadov v. Azerbaijan</i> case – <u>Not open to the press</u></b></p> <p>► <b>Hearing on “How can inappropriate restrictions on NGO activities in Europe be prevented?”</b> <i>Rapporteur: Yves Cruchten (Luxembourg, SOC)</i> and <b>“Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States”</b> <i>Rapporteur: Egidijus Vareikis, (Lithuania, EPP/CD)</i> – (9.15–10 am) <u>Open to the press</u></p> <p>in the context of the above reports being prepared, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Konstantin Baranov, member of the board of the International Youth Human Rights Movement (Russia)</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Joint hearing of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence and the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance on “Sexist hate speech and violence against women”,</b> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jurgita Pečiūrienė, Programme Co-ordinator, gender-based violence, <i>European Institute for Gender Equality</i> (EIGE)</li> <li>• Isabel Ventura, member of the European Women's Lobby, <i>Portuguese Women's Studies Association/Women without borders</i> (APEM/MSF)</li> </ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Human rights in Georgia</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Tamar Chugoshvili (Georgia, SOC), Chairperson of the Georgian delegation to PACE, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nino Lomjaria, Public Defender of Georgia</li> </ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Government against the rule of law, civil society and independent media in Poland”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) and Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), organised by the NGO <a href="#">Open Dialog Foundation</a> (ODF), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lyudmyla Kozlovska, President of the <i>Open Dialog Foundation</i></li> <li>• Paweł Kasprzak, leader of <i>Obywatele RP</i> (the <i>Citizens of the Republic of Poland</i> civil movement)</li> <li>• Antonio Stango, President of the <i>Italian Federation of Human Rights</i> (FIDU)</li> <li>• Anna Prus, civil society activist for <i>Polish Women on Strike</i></li> <li>• Marcin Wyrwał, journalist for <i>Onet.pl</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Screening room, Palais</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Screening of a documentary film about Boris Nemtsov</b>, directed by Vladimir Kara-Murza, Vice-Chairman of the NGO <i>Open Russia</i></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD)</p> <p>This documentary (in Russian, with English subtitles) will be followed by a discussion with Vladimir Kara-Murza.</p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isabelle Chevalley, Member of the National Council, Parliament of Switzerland, Bern</li> </ul>

Wednesday 24 January 2018	
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Hate. Stops. Here. – Addressing human rights violations against LGBTI people in the South Caucasus and Russia”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored par Piet De Bruyn (Belgium, NI) and Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), organised by <a href="#">ILGA-Europe</a> (European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Association)</p>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Lawyers under threat: the end of the rule of law in Europe?”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Sabien Lahaye-Battheu (Belgium, ALDE), in the context of her report entitled “The case for drafting a European convention on the profession of lawyer”, to be debated on the same day, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antony Mokry, President of the <a href="#">Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe</a> (CCBE)</li> <li>• Laurent Pettiti, Chair of the CCBE Permanent Delegation to Strasbourg</li> <li>• Ramazan Demir, lawyer from Turkey</li> <li>• Alayif Hasanov, lawyer from Azerbaijan</li> <li>• Michiel Pestman, lawyer at <i>Prakken d'Oliveira</i> from The Netherlands</li> <li>• Veaceslav Turcan, lawyer from the Republic of Moldova</li> <li>• Piers Gardner, expert of the CCBE Permanent Delegation to Strasbourg</li> </ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 14, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Nord Stream 2: the true cost of Putin’s gas”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Marianne Mikko (Estonia, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nataliya Arno, President and founder of the <i>Free Russia Foundation</i> (FRF)</li> <li>• Evgeniya Chirikova, environmentalist and activist from Russia, Goldman Environmental Prize winner, co-ordinator of environmental portal <a href="#">www.activatica.org</a></li> <li>• Mikhail Korchemkin, Head of <i>East European Gas Analysis</i>, Malvern, Pennsylvania (USA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.45–3.30</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b> Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Hearing on the provision of palliative care in Europe</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Rónán Mullen (Ireland, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philip Larkin, Professor of Clinical Nursing (palliative care), University College Dublin and Our Lady’s Hospice and Care Services</li> <li>• Tiina Saarto, Professor of Palliative Medicine, Chief Physician, Palliative Care Center, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Helsinki University Hospital, Helsinki University</li> <li>• Henri de Rohan-Chabot, Executive Director, <i>Fondation France Répit</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>2–2.45</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b> Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Joint hearing on “The legal and practical requirements for extra-territorial processing of asylum claims”</b> [Rapporteur: Domagoj Hajduković (Croatia, SOC)] and on <b>“Human rights impacts of the external dimension of European Union asylum and migration policy: out of sight, out of rights?”</b> [Rapporteur: Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC)]</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Batchelor, Director of the Division of International Protection, UNHCR (<i>via video conference</i>)</li> <li>• Leonello Gabrici, Head of Division for Migration and Human Security, European External Action Service, European Commission (<i>via video conference</i>)</li> <li>• Othman Belbeisi, Head of the IOM Mission in Libya (<i>via video conference</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b> Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views on the situation in Kosovo*</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Jordi Roca (Spain, EPP/CD)</p> <p>► <b>Hearing on “A commitment to introduce rules to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Cheryl Gillan (United Kingdom, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan Renwick, Deputy Director of the Constitution Unit, Department of Political Science, <i>University College London</i></li> <li>• Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)</li> </ul>

\* 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.

Thursday 25 January 2018	
<p><b>9–10 am</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views with the Advisory Council of Youth (CCJ)</b></p>
<p><b>9.15–10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Ombudsman Institutions in Europe - the need for a set of common standards”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Lord Richard Balfe (United Kingdom, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan Helgesen, member of the Venice Commission in respect of Norway and Chair of the Venice Commission's Scientific Council</li> </ul>
<p><b>1 pm</b> <b>Forecourt of the Palais de l'Europe</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Ceremony to mark the international day of commemoration in memory of the victims of the holocaust</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory remarks by Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Address by Alexander Van der Bellen, President of Austria</li> <li>• Address by Carmel Shama-Hacohen, Ambassador of Israel to the international institutions in France</li> <li>• Address by Miranda Vuolasranta, President of the European Roma and Travellers Forum</li> <li>• Address by Denis Erhart, President of <i>Les Oublié(e)s de la Mémoire</i>, an organisation devoted to the memory of those deported for their homosexuality</li> <li>• Closing remarks by the PACE President</li> <li>• Laying of wreaths in front of the commemorative stone</li> <li>• Lighting of candles by young people</li> </ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“The trade and use of tools of torture in the Council of Europe”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Vusal Huseynov (Azerbaijan, EPP/CD), in the context of his report entitled “Strengthening international regulations against trade in goods used for torture and the death penalty”, to be debated in plenary session on Friday 26 January. This side-event will be organised by the <a href="#">Omega Research Foundation</a>, which is launching a new report on this issue. With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Crowley, Research Associate, <i>Omega Research Foundation</i></li> <li>• Ara Marcen, naval advocate, advisor for arms control and human rights, <i>Amnesty International</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 14, Palais</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Current situation of deputies: detained or in exile, its effects on political life and democracy in Turkey”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Ertuğrul Kürkçü (Turkey, UEL), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), PACE member</li> <li>• Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), PACE member</li> <li>• Faysal Sariyildiz, Turkish parliamentarian, member of the HDP party</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on the “Creation of the position of ‘Internet Ombudsman’ in charge of assessing the legal or illegal nature of internet content through screening procedures’</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Shefet, lawyer at the Paris Court of Appeal</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.30-3.15 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Nuclear safety and security in Europe”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Emine Nur Günay (Turkey, EC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yves Desbazeille, Director General of FORATOM</li> <li>• Jean Barbaud, Director of FORATOM's ENISS (<i>European Nuclear Installations Safety Standards Initiative</i>) Programme</li> </ul>

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.