



PACE Summer Session (25-29 June 2018)

Events

| Monday 25 June 2018 | |
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| <p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>“The situation in Iraqi Kurdistan after the independence referendum”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Ertuğrul Kürkçü (Turkey, UEL) and Lotta Johnsson Fornarve (Sweden, UEL), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sherko Hamaamin Qadr, Member of the Kurdish Parliament• Salar Mahmood Murad Ali, Member of the Kurdish Parliament |
| <p>1–2 pm Room 11, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>“The state of play of the anti-corruption drive in the Council of Europe”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arif Mammadov, Azerbaijani diplomat |
| <p>1–2 pm Room 14, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> | <p>“Attacks against human rights defenders and shrinking civil society space: what can the Council of Europe do?”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Yves Cruchten (Luxembourg, SOC) in the framework of his report on <i>New restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States</i> and the report on <i>Protecting human rights defenders in Council of Europe member States</i> being prepared by Egidijus Vareikis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), and organised by the Human Rights House Foundation (HRHF). Participants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Konstantin Baranov, Youth Human Rights Movement• Barış Altıntaş, Media and Law Studies Associate• Emin Huseynov, Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety (IRFS) |
| <p>2–3 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> | <p>Exchange of views on “Democracy hacked? How to respond?”</p> <p>in the framework of the report being prepared Frithjof Schmidt (Germany, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary, Council of Europe Venice Commission, on the issue of security in elections• Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Council of Europe's Information Society Department, on the issue of information disorder |
| <p>2–3 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)</p> | <p>► Exchange of views on “The Cultural Routes programme of the Council of Europe”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stefano Dominioni, Executive Secretary of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, DGII - Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe <p>► Exchange of views on “European heritage strategy for the 21st century”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ana Schoebel, Programme Manager Strategy 21, Culture and Cultural Heritage Division, Council of Europe |

Tuesday 26 June 2018

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| 8.30 –10 am Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights | Hearing on “New challenges in the fight against organised crime and money laundering – the need to improve international co-operation” in the framework of a report being prepared by Mart van de Ven (Netherlands, ALDE), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Radu, Executive Director of the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP), Bucharest• Maira Martini, Knowledge and Policy Co-ordinator, Transparency International |
| 9 –10 am Room 5, Palais Joint meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons | Joint hearing on “Migrant invasion: breaking the myth” with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yannis Kotsifos, member of the European Federation of Journalists Steering Committee on “Media Against Hate”, Brussels (<i>via video</i>);• Karolin Schwarz, fact-checker, founder of Hoaxmap.org, Berlin;• Conclusions by Gabriela Heinrich (Germany, SOC), Co-ordinator of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance |
| 1–2 pm Room 11, Palais <i>Open to the press</i> | “Resisting ill democracies in Europe” Side-event sponsored by Petra de Sutter (Belgium, SOC) and Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), organised by the Human Rights Houses Foundation (HRHF), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ivan Novosel, Human Rights House Zagreb, Croatia• Malgorzata Szuleka, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland• Kristina Todorovic, Lawyers’ Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM), Serbia• David Vig, Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Hungary |
| 1–2 pm Room 14, Palais <i>Open to the press</i> | “The education status of young immigrants in Turkey and the implications of migration on Turkey-Europe relations” Side-event sponsored by Akif Çağatay Kiliç (Turkey, EC), organised by COJEP International (<i>Conseil pour la Justice, l’Egalité et la Paix</i>). |
| 2–3.30 pm Room 3, Palais Sub-committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination (of the Committee on Equality and Discrimination) | Hearing on “Combating discrimination in access to employment” in the context of a report on <i>For a disability-inclusive workforce</i> , prepared by Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD), and of a report on <i>Discrimination in access to employment</i> , prepared by Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE), With the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kimberly McIntosh, Policy Officer, Runnymede Trust, United Kingdom• James Crowe, President of the Executive Committee of the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)• Aletta Gräfin von Hardenberg, Director of the German Diversity Charter Initiative (by video). |
| 2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media | Hearing on “The information society, democracy and human rights” in the framework of the reports <i>Internet governance and human rights</i> being prepared by Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD), <i>Social media: social threads or threats to fundamental freedoms?</i> being prepared by José Cepeda (Spain, SOC), <i>Towards an Internet Ombudsman institution</i> being prepared by Frédéric Reiss (France, EPP/CD) and <i>Media education in the new media environment</i> being prepared by Nino Gogvadze (Georgia, EC). With the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Jean-Gabriel Ganascia, President of the CNRS Ethics Committee (COMETS), Université Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC), Paris• Professor Francisco Segado Boj, Director of the Research Group “Communication and Digital Society”, Universidad Internacional de la Rioja (UNIR), Spain• Dan Shefet, Lawyer at the Court of Appeal of Paris |

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| 2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development | Exchange of views on “The role of national parliaments in successful decentralisation processes” in the framework of a report prepared by Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alba Dakoli Wilson, Director of Foundation for Local Autonomy and Governance (FLAG), Albania;• Tomás Font i Llovet, Emeritus Professor in Administrative Law, University of Barcelona, Spain;• Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe |
| 2–3.30 pm Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights | Hearing on “Deal-making in criminal proceedings: the need for minimum standards for trial waiver systems” in the framework of a report prepared by Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Werner Beulke, Professor emeritus (University of Passau, Germany), practicing defence lawyer;• Ralph Bunche, Regional Director of the Brussels Office, Fair Trials Europe |

Wednesday 27 June 2018

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| 1–2 pm Room 2, Palais <i>Open to the press</i> | “Women’s contribution to global peace in implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women and peace in security” Side-event sponsored by Sirkka-Liisa Anttila (Finland, ALDE), organised by the Council of Europe Conference of INGOs, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anwarul K. Chowdhury, former United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, initiator of UNSC Resolution 1325.• Rajaa Altalli, member of the Syrian Women Advisory Board for the UN special envoy to Syria• Roeland Böcker, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe• Maria Hadjipavleu and Biran Mertan, members of the Cypriot Gender Advisory Team |
| 1–2 pm Room 5, Palais <i>Open to the press</i> | “The colonisation of Crimea as a Kremlin neo-imperial policy tool” Side-event sponsored by Mustafa Dzhemiliev (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mustafa Dzhemiliev, Ukrainian MP, Deputy Head of Ukraine’s PACE delegation• Refat Chubarov, Ukrainian MP, Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People• Sergiy Zayets and Roman Martynovskyy, both lawyers and experts with the Regional Centre for Human Rights (Регіональний центр прав людини) |
| 1–2 pm Room 14, Palais <i>Open to the press</i> | “Azerbaijan: new waves of repression” Side-event sponsored by Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD) and organised by the Institute for Reporters’ Freedom and Safety (IRFS) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emin Huseynov, founder and Chairman of the Institute for Reporters’ Freedom and Safety (IRFS), Baku• Ganimat Zayidov, editor-in-chief of the Azerbaijani newspaper <i>Azadliq</i> (Freedom)• Hajili Rashid, lawyer and chairman of the Azerbaijani NGO Media Rights Institute |
| 1–2 pm Room G4, Agora <i>Open to the press</i> | “Search and rescue NGOs in the Mediterranean: exchange of views with Sea-Watch” Side-event sponsored by Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC) in the context of the Assembly’s joint debate on migration and refugee issues, organised by the Council of Europe Amicale, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruben Neugebauer, spokesperson and co-founder of the “Sea-Watch” NGO, currently operating rescues in the Mediterranean |

Wednesday 27 June 2018

2–3.30 pm
Room 6, Palais

Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media)

Hearing on “Time to act: Europe’s political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions”

with the participation of :

- Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Harri Syväsalmi, Secretary General, Finnish Centre for Integrity in Sports, Finland
- Friedrich Martens, Head of the Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, Lausanne, Switzerland (by video link)
- Joao Paulo Almeida, Director General, Olympic Committee of Portugal

2–3.30 pm
Room 8, Palais

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

► **Statement by Stéphane Lopez, Ambassador of La Francophonie to the EU**

► **Exchange of views on “Family reunification in Council of Europe member States”**

in the framework of the report being prepared by Ulla Sandbæk (Denmark, UEL), with the participation of:

- Sophie Magennis, Head of the Political and Legal Unit of the UNHCR Bureau for Europe

2.30–3.30 pm
Room 9, Palais

Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Exchange of views on “The situation in Syria and its effects upon surrounding countries”

in the context of the report being prepared by Theodora Bakoyannis, (Greece, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Rajaa Altalli, Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Center for Civil Society and Democracy in Syria

Thursday 28 June 2018

8.30 –10 am
Room 10, Palais

Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

► **Hearing on “Co-operation with United Nations human rights mechanisms – a challenge for the Council of Europe and its member States”**

in the framework of the report being prepared by Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), with the participation of:

- Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law, Council of Europe

► **Hearing on “Protecting human rights during transfers of prisoners”**

in the framework of a report being prepared by Emanuel Mallia (Malta, SOC), with the participation of:

- James McManus, expert of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture, former Professor of Criminal Justice, Glasgow Caledonian University, United Kingdom
- Heather McGill, Researcher, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Programme, Amnesty International, London

2 - 3.30 pm
Room 8, Palais

Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Exchange of views on “Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe”

in the framework of the report being prepared by Daphné Dumery (Belgium, NR), with the participation of:

- Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe
- Ruben Neugebauer, Spokesperson and co-founder of the “Sea Watch” NGO, Berlin

Thursday 28 June 2018

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| 2.30 - 3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media | Exchange of views on “Jewish cultural heritage preservation” in the framework of the report being prepared by Raphaël Comte (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yoav Rossano, Head of Heritage, Israelite Consistory of the Bas-Rhin, France |
| 4.30 – 6 pm Room 1, Palais Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize <i>Open to press</i> | Ceremony with the Mayors of cities which have received Europe Prize awards this year |

Note:

This list includes non-plenary events organised by 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. Events organised by Assembly committees appear in grey.

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