



'Side events' list
PACE Spring Session (7-11 April 2014)

Monday 7 April 2014	
2–3 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on the “Parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict” in the context of the report being prepared by Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maouelainin Ben Khalihanna Maoulainin, Secretary General of the Royal Advisory Council for Saharan Affairs (CORCAS)• Khatri Adduh, President of the Saharawi National Council
Tuesday 8 April 2014	
8.30–10 am Room 8, Palais Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society <i>Open to the press</i>	► Exchange of views on “The protection of media freedom in Europe” in the context of the report being prepared by Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jocelyne Caballero, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe• Johann Bihl, Director, Europe and Central Asia, <i>Reporters without Borders</i>• Andrei Aliaksandrau, Belarusian Association of Journalists ► Consideration of the opinion on the legislation on defamation in Italy, adopted by the Venice Commission (6-7 December 2013), in the framework of the follow-up to PACE Resolution 1920 (2013) on the state of media freedom in Europe, and exchange of views with the Vice-President of the Venice Commission, Herdis Thorgeirsdottir.
9.15–10 am Room 10, Palais Sub-Committee on Human Rights <i>Not open to the press</i>	Exchange of views on “Individual applications to the European Court of Human Rights from Crimea: jurisdictional issues” with Michael O’Boyle, Deputy Registrar of the Court
1–2 pm Room 1, Palais Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs <i>Open to the press</i>	“Investigative journalism and the role of national parliaments in combating corruption” First meeting of the PACE anti-corruption platform, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PACE President Anne Brasseur• Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), Vice-chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society• Nataša Vučković, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs• Khadija Ismayilova, investigative journalist (Azerbaijan), Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty• Paul Radu, investigative journalist (Romania), Executive Director of the <i>Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP)</i>• Johann Bihl, <i>Reporters without Borders</i>, Director of the Press Desk for Europe and Central Asia
1–2 pm Room 8, Palais <i>Open to the press</i>	“A threat to the human rights of minority religious groups” Side-event sponsored by Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aaron Rhodes, human rights activist, university lecturer and essayist, former Executive Director of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (IHF)

Tuesday 8 April 2014	
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Sexual violence against refugee children” in the framework of the 17th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gert Westerveen, UNHCR representative to the European institutions in Strasbourg • Sara Abbas, Head of Office for the International Organization for Migration (IOM), France
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on mass surveillance, 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"> • Edward Snowden, by live video-link • Hansjörg Geiger, former Head of <i>Bundesnachrichtendienst</i> (Federal Intelligence Service), former State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Justice (Berlin) • Douwe Korff, Professor of International Law, London Metropolitan University
<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 new trends in museum governance and practice, with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) • Hanna Pennock, General Director <i>ad interim</i> of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) • Hüsamettin Koçan, founder of the Baksi Museum (Turkey), winner of the 2014 Council of Europe Museum Prize
<p>8.30 pm Palais Rohan</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> <p><i>(journalists are invited to collect their invitations from the Protocol Service, Palais, Office No 0.155, upon presentation of a press badge)</i></p>	<p>Presentation ceremony of the 2014 Council of Europe Museum Prize to the Baksi Museum (Turkey), represented by its founder, Hüsamettin Koçan, with speeches by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE President Anne Brasseur • Mayor of the City of Strasbourg Roland Ries • Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)
Wednesday 9 April 2014	
<p>1–2 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Life long prison sentence for journalist Fusun Erdogan: an example of persecution of journalists in Turkey”, side-event parrainé par Pieter Omtzigt (Pays-Bas, PPE/DC)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melda Onur, Turkish MP, member of the People’s Republic Party (<i>CHP</i>) • Duygu Sarisoy, Fusun Erdogan’s lawyer • Ercan Ipekci, President of Turkey’s Journalist Union from 2004 to 2013 • Fayik Yagizay, representative of the Peace and Democracy Party (<i>BDP</i>) • Sengul Tanriverdi, Fusun Erdogan’s sister
<p>2–3.30 pm 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 “Optimum care for women with breast cancer”, in the context of the preparation of the report by Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) on this issue</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Alberto Costa, Scientific Director and CEO, European School of Oncology • Prof Nereo Segnan, Head of Department of the cancer screening and the cancer epidemiology Unit, University Hospital <i>Città della Salute e della Scienza</i>, Turin (Italy)
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Theatre show “Wounded to death”, by the Italian writer and television host Serena Dandini</p> <p>in the framework of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network “<i>Women Free from Violence</i>”</p> <p>PACE President Anne Brasseur; Deputy Secretary General Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni; Tatiana Pârnu, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe and former Thematic Coordinator on Gender Equality and Trafficking; the photographer Carole Mathieu Castell; and members of the Network, will read short stories of women who have lost their lives as a result of gender-based violence.</p> <p>The show will be followed by a debate with the author.</p>

Wednesday 9 April 2014	
<p>2.15–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, and of UNHCR</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Joint hearing on “The need to eradicate statelessness”, which will focus on stateless children and will review good practices, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Goodman, Deputy Director UNHCR Bureau for Europe (Geneva) • Mark Manly, Head of UNHCR’s Statelessness Unit, Division for International Protection (Geneva) • Vice-Prefetto Luigia Contini, Senior Official of the Citizenship Department, Italian Ministry of Interior • Laura van Waas, Steering Committee member of the European Network on Statelessness (ENS), Manager of the Statelessness Programme, Tilburg Law School (Netherlands)
Thursday 10 April 2014	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Abortion legislation: developments in Spain and the rest of Europe”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicky Claeys, Regional Director of the <i>International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPFEN)</i> • Régis Brillat, Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe European Committee of Social Rights
<p>8.30–10 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 and IDPs from Crimea”,</p> <p>with the participation of Mykola Tochytskyi, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the Council of Europe</p>
<p>9.00–10 am 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 political transition in Tunisia » in the context of the preparation of the report by Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD) on this issue</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE President Anne Brasseur • Mohamed El Arbi Abid, 2nd Vice-President of the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia • Hasna Marsit, Deputy Rapporteur of the Committee on rights and freedoms, National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia • Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Joint hearing with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on “Removal of children from their families: legislation and practice” in the context of the report being prepared by Olga Borzova (Russian Federation, EDG) on this issue</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Herczog, Rapporteur of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (Hungary) • Karen Reid, Registrar of the Filtering Section, European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg) <p>► Designation of the winners for the Europe Prize, the Plaques of honour, the Flags of honour and the European Diplomas</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.