



PACE Autumn Session (29 September–3 October 2014)
Events

Monday 29 September 2014	
10.30 am Room 1, Palais <i>Open to the press</i>	Press conference by PACE President Anne Brasseur
12.30 pm Chamber <i>Open to the press</i>	Award ceremony for the 2014 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of the ceremony by PACE President Anne Brasseur• Video on the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize• Speech by PACE President Anne Brasseur• Presentation of the Trophy and Diploma to the prizewinner• Presentation of a Diploma to the two finalists• Statement by the prizewinner
2–3 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on “Threats posed by the ‘Islamic State’ (IS) and violence against humanity” in the context of the urgent debate due to take place on Thursday 2 October in the plenary session, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gert Westerveen, representative of the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to the European Institutions in Strasbourg• Salih Muslim Muhammad, Chairman of the Democratic Union Party (Syria)
Tuesday 30 September 2014	
8.30–10 am Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i>	► Hearing on the situation of refugees and internally displaced persons in Ukraine in the context of the report prepared by Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC) on the subject, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elena Styazhkina, Head of the Committee of Patriotic Forces of Donbas• Svetlana Gannushkina, Head of the Civic Assistance Committee (Moscow)• Gert Westerveen, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg ► Hearing on “European standards and guidelines for guardians to address gaps in the protection of unaccompanied children in Europe” , with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Martine Goeman, Programme Manager, <i>Defence for Children</i> This hearing will be preceded by a statement by Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC).
8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on the protection of the right to bargain collectively in the context of the report prepared by Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) on this issue, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Klaus Lörcher, former Legal Adviser to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and former Legal Secretary to the EU Civil Service Tribunal (Germany)
8.30–10 am Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media <i>Not open to the press</i>	Exchange of views on freedom of religion and religious practices in the framework of the report prepared by Rafael Huseynov (Azerbaïdjan, ADLE), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rabbi Moché Lewin, Executive Director of the Conference of European Rabbis• Mag. Elizabeta Kitanović, Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Communication of the Church and Society Commission, Conference of European Churches (CEC)

Tuesday 30 September 2014	
<p>1–5.30 pm Lobby of the Chamber, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p> <p>(continues on Wednesday 1 October from 10 am to 5.30 pm)</p>	<p>Living Library - “No Hate, No Extremism”</p> <p>Organised by the PACE Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, in co-operation with the Council of Europe Youth Service, this will function exactly like a traditional library, that is to say “readers” (PACE members, CoE staff members, all people with access to the Palais) can borrow “books” for 20 minutes.</p> <p>The only difference with a Living Library is that the “books” are human beings – in this case, people who have been victims of racist violence and hate speech (including refugees and Roma); members of associations active in the fight against extremism, anti-semitism, racism and homophobia; and two former neo-Nazis, who will each speak about their experiences and answer questions.</p> <p><i>It will be inaugurated at 1 pm in the presence of PACE President Anne Brasseur, the Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, Olemic Thommessen, and the Council of Europe Secretary General, Thorbjørn Jagland, who will deliver speeches.</i></p> <p>On the same day, the report by Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) on “Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism” will be debated in the plenary session.</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Witnesses of the Maidan – Debate on the documentary ‘Celestial hundred’”</p> <p>Side-event organised by the ALDE Group, bringing together those who witnessed the violence on Kyiv’s Maidan Square in February, and showing clips from the documentary film “Celestial Hundred”. With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), President of the ALDE Group at PACE • Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE), co-rapporteur of the PACE Monitoring Committee on Ukraine • Ivanna Pinyak, co-ordinator of the <i>PromoUkraine</i> initiative
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport</p> <p><i>Meeting held in camera</i> <i>Access restricted to PACE members only</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on the reform of football governance</p> <p>with the participation of two investigative journalists from the <i>Sunday Times</i>, Jonathan Calvert and Heidi Blake, who will talk on the recent scandal involving bribes allegedly received by some members of the FIFA Executive Committee to vote in favour of Qatar as host country for the FIFA 2022 World Cup (so called “Qatargate”).</p>
<p>2.15–3.15 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Drones and targeted killings: the need to uphold human rights”</p> <p>in the context of the report being prepared by Arcadio Diaz Tejera (Spain, SOC) on this subject, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Emmerson, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (London) • Irmína Pacho, Head of Strategic Litigation Programme, <i>Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights</i> (Warsaw) • Markus Wagner, Associate Professor, School of Law, University of Miami, Florida (USA)
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on sexual violence against women in armed conflicts</p> <p>in the framework of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network “<i>Women Free from Violence</i>”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monika Hauser, Director of <i>medica mondiale</i> and recipient of the 2012 North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, Cologne (Germany) • Hana Ayele, member of the NGO <i>Survivors Speak OUT</i> (United Kingdom) • April Pham, Inter-Agency Standing Committee Global Gender Capacity Advisor (Switzerland) • Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
<p>2.30–3.30 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development)</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on water governance and related legal frameworks, with the participation of Jean-Benoit Charrin, Executive Director of <i>WaterLex International</i> (Switzerland)</p> <p>in the context of preparations for the parliamentary debate on water governance during the IPU session (15 October 2014) and the parliamentary contribution to the 7th World Water Forum (12-17 April 2015) in the Republic of Korea</p>

Wednesday 1 October 2014	
<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Political denial of the existence of islamophobia in francophone countries”</p> <p>This side-event, sponsored by Reha Denemeç (Turkey, EDG), will deal with the rise of islamophobia in Europe with focus on the francophone countries.</p> <p>It will examine the official political opinions on islamophobia in the given countries, and will also address anti-muslim rhetoric in francophone media and anti-muslim speech in some political groups.</p> <p>What steps that have to be made to change the public perception of Islam?</p> <p>At the beginning of the discussion, the 2014 Yearly Report on Islamophobia in Francophone Countries by the Organisation <i>Racism Islamophobia Watch</i> will be presented.</p>
<p>1–1.45 pm Room 3, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Abusive use of the Interpol system”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) and Kimmo Sasi (Finland, EPP/CD), in the context of the motion for resolution tabled on 2 July by a group of parliamentarians.</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, the Equality Committee and GRECO <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Gender dimensions of corruption”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthias Kopetzky, member of the Board of Institute Internal Audit, Leader of the Anti-Fraud Study Group (Austria) • Helena Lišuchová, GRECO Gender Equality Rapporteur and Bureau member, Head of International Co-operation Department, Ministry of Justice (Czech Republic)
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on organised crime and migrants</p> <p>in the framework of the report prepared by Irakli Chikovani (Georgia, ALDE), with the participation of a representative of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)</p> <p>► Exchange of views on the follow-up to PACE Resolution 2000 (2014) on “The large-scale arrival of mixed migratory flows on Italian shores”, in the context of the report prepared by Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gert Westerveen, UNHCR Representative to the European Institutions in Strasbourg • a representative of Amnesty International
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Increasing transparency of media ownership”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Peggy Valcke, University of Leuven (Belgium) <p>► Exchange of views on student mobility</p> <p>in the framework of the report prepared by Christian Barilaro (Monaco, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emanuel Alfranseder, member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe
Thursday 2 October 2014	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 6, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “The over-sexualisation of children in society”, in the framework of the 20th meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy Emmerson, coordinator, <i>Sex Education Forum</i> (United Kingdom) • Nadine Schirtz, chief editor and project manager, <i>Bee Secure</i>, National Youth Service (Luxembourg) <p>► Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign with Gabriella Battaini Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>10 a.m.– 5.30 pm Lobby of the Chamber, Palais <i>Open to the press</i> <i>(will continue on Friday 3 October)</i></p>	<p>In the context of breast cancer awareness month and the report by Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) on “Towards optimum breast cancer services across Europe”, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development will set up an exhibition stand (from Wednesday 1 October to Friday 3 October), with the distribution of pink ribbons and the participation of representatives of advocacy group <i>Europa Donna</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Benn, Head of Public Affairs • Roswitha Britz, Vice-President • Nicole Zernik, Board member (France)

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<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Unprecedented repression in Azerbaijan” Side-event organised by <i>International Media Support (IMS)</i> and <i>Human Rights House Foundation (HRHF)</i> and sponsored by Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL), Michael McNamara (Ireland, SOC), Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maran Turner, <i>Freedom Now</i> • Giorgi Gogia, <i>Human Rights Watch</i> • Florian Irminger, <i>Human Rights House Foundation</i>
<p>1.30–3. 30 pm Room 5, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, and the Committee of Experts on the rights of people with disabilities <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing entitled “One of us? The right of persons with disabilities to live in the community” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Gerard Quinn, Director of the <i>Centre for Disability Law and Policy</i>, University of Galway (Ireland) • Karina Chupina, Senior Trainer for the European Youth Centre, former President of the Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People • Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe • Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on the humanitarian situation in Ashraf/Liberty refugee camps with the participation of representatives of the National Council of Resistance for Iran and representatives of UNHCR</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views “Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue” in the context of the report prepared by Gérard Terrier (France, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Kerr, <i>Citizenship Foundation</i> (United Kingdom) • Pascale Mompoint-Gaillard, representative of the <i>ad hoc</i> Group on Competences for Democratic Culture and Intercultural Dialogue of the Council of Europe <p>► Exchange of views on “Promoting city diplomacy in the field of culture” in the framework of the report prepared by Alexander the Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Wood, expert in local community development and cultural relations, United Kingdom
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on breast cancer services across Europe in the context of the report prepared by Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) to be debated on Friday in plenary, with the participation of Karen Benn, Head of Public Affairs for the breast cancer advocacy group <i>Europa Donna</i></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.