



PACE Winter Session (26–30 January 2015)
Events

Monday 26 January 2015	
<p>12–1 pm Chamber <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Commemoration ceremony of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• opening speech by PACE President Anne Brasseur• speech by Ida Grinspan, Holocaust survivor• speech by Samuel Pisar, Holocaust survivor and Unesco Special Envoy for Holocaust Education• speech by Jane Braden-Golay, President of the European Union of Jewish Students
<p>1-2 pm Room 5, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Human Rights in Iran Side-event sponsored by Joe Benton (United Kingdom, SOC), Brian Binley (United Kingdom, EC) and Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC)</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 1, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, and of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caroline Fourest, journalist, former associate at <i>Charlie Hebdo</i>• Driss Ajbali, sociologist
<p>2.15–3 pm Room 10, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Adoption of the report by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) on “Mass Surveillance”</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Adoption of the report by Olga Borzova (Russian Federation, NR) on “Social services in Europe: legislation and practice of the removal of children from their families in Council of Europe member States”</p>

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<p>8–10 am Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on the “Situation in Hungary following the adoption of Assembly Resolution 1941 (2013)” in the context of the preparation of the report by Robert Walter (United Kingdom, EC) on this subject, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • members of the Hungarian delegation to PACE • Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe • Thomas Markert, Secretary of the Venice Commission
<p>8.30–10 am Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on the “Humanitarian consequences of the threats posed by the terrorist group called ‘Islamic State’” in the context of the preparation of the report by Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD) on this issue, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mehmet Güllüoğlu, representative of the Red Crescent in Turkey • a representative of the UNHCR <p>► Hearing on the “Feasibility study on the codification of European immigration detention rules”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Alberto Achermann, Centre for Migration Law, University of Berne (Switzerland) • Markus Jaeger, Head of Migration Coordination, Council of Europe <p>► Adoption of the report by Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD) on “Chinese migration to Europe: challenges and opportunities”</p>
<p>8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Access to justice” in the context of the preparation of the report by Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) on “Equality and non-discrimination in the access to justice”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stéphane Leyenberger, Secretary of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)
<p>8.30–10 am Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Adoption of the report by Michael Connarty (United Kingdom, SOC) on “The reform of football governance”</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Media freedom: extended crackdown on journalists in Azerbaijan” Side-event organised by <i>International Media Support (IMS)</i> and <i>Human Rights House Foundation (HRHF)</i>, sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and Jacob Lund (Denmark, SOC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights • Aidar Botagarov, Adviser to the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media • Kenan Aliyev, Director, Azerbaijani service RFE/RL • Gulnara Akhundova, <i>International Media Support</i> • Florian Irminger, <i>Human Rights House Foundation</i>
<p>1–2 pm Room 12, Palais <i>Open to the press (tbc)</i></p>	<p>“The contribution of parliamentary institutions to restoring confidence in Europe” Round table sponsored by Sergey Naryshkin (Russian Federation, NR)</p>

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<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 “Supporting the recovery of survivors of sexual violence against children”</p> <p>in the framework of the 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"> • Domagoj Štimac, psychiatrist, Child Protection Centre (Croatia) • Anka Krug, psychologist, <i>Wildwasser</i> NGO (Germany) <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>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 “Media responsibility and media ethics in a changing media environment”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Craufurd Smith, Faculty of Law, University of Edinburgh <p>► Adoption of the report by Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) on “Increasing transparency of media ownership”</p>
Wednesday 28 January 2015	
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Political prisoners, territorial annexation, support of terrorism – Russia’s violation of international laws in Ukraine crisis”</p> <p>Side-event organised by the <i>Open Dialog Foundation</i>, sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and by Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Feygin, lawyer of Nadia Savchenko (Ukrainian pilot, member of the Ukrainian Parliament and nominated to Ukrainian delegation to PACE, held captive in Russia) • Lyudmyla Kozlovska, President of the <i>Open Dialog Foundation</i>
<p>1.30 – 2.45 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Networking for Youth initiative: an informal networking opportunity fostering contacts between young parliamentarians and Advisory Council on Youth members (reception in front of Room 6, 1.30–2 pm), followed by the meeting of the sub-committee at 2 pm.</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “Young people as a key to conflict resolution and peace building in Europe”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE President Anne Brasseur • Paulo Pinheiro, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) • Matej Manevski (CID), Kumanovo, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” • Ragip Zik, trainer and running reconciliation projects between Armenia and Turkey • Iryna Brunova-Kalisteska, Ukraine (Ukraine/Russia conflict resolution initiatives) • Tamara Gojkovic, Secretary General, <i>Youth Exchange and Understanding</i>
<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 “Equality and shared parental responsibility: the rights of fathers”</p> <p>in the framework of the report prepared by Françoise Hetto-Gasch (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) on this issue, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leslie Shaw, former applicant to the European Court of Human Rights in the case <i>Shaw v. Hungary</i> • Grégory Thuan Dit Dieudonné, Attorney-at-Law, Strasbourg
<p>2–2.45 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 Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe”, in the context of the preparation of the report by Agustín Conde (Spain, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian Zeqiri, Executive Director of the <i>European Centre for Minority Issues</i> in Kosovo (ECMI) <p><small>*All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.</small></p>
<p>2–3 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 the “Protection of the right to bargain collectively including the right to strike”</p> <p>in view of the plenary debate to be held, on the basis of the report by Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL), with the participation of Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)</p>

Thursday 29 January 2015

<p>8.30–10 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Launch of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance</p> <p>Statements by PACE President Anne Brasseur and Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>► Exchange of views on combating anti-Semitism in Europe</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maurice Sosnowski, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Jewish Organisations in Belgium • Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe • Jane Braden-Golay, President of the European Union of Jewish students
<p>8.30–9.40 am 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 “Increasing co-operation against cyberterrorism and other large-scale attacks on the Internet”</p> <p>in the framework of the preparation of the report by Hans Franken (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert-Jaap Koops, Professor in Technology and Law, University of Tilburg (Netherlands)
<p>9–9.55 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 “Improving the protection of whistleblowers”</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Bamieh, former UK Prosecutor at EULEX and whistleblower • John Kiriakou, former CIA agent (statement from prison read by his lawyer Ms Radack) • Jesselyn Radack, Attorney, former ethics adviser to the United States Department of Justice and whistleblower (by video-link)
<p>2–3 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “The impact of demography on migration”</p> <p>with the participation of an expert</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.