



PACE Summer Session (23-27 June 2014)
Events

Monday 23 June 2014	
1 pm Lobby of the Chamber <i>Open to the press</i>	Signature ceremony for the granting of the status of Partner for democracy to the Kyrgyz Parliament, with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PACE President Anne Brasseur• Speaker of Kyrgyz Parliament Asilbek Jeenbekov
1–2 pm Room 6, Palais <i>Open to the press</i>	“Azerbaijan’s Council of Europe chairmanship: A Case for Human Rights” Side-event sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) and Robert Biedron (Poland, SOC)
2–3 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on Anti-semitism in the context of the preparation of the report by Marietta de Pourbaix-Lundin (Sweden, EPP/CD) on this issue, with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gideon Botsch, Moses Mendelssohn Centre for European Jewish Studies, University of Potsdam (Germany)
2–3 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on “Equality and the crisis – the impact of the economic crisis on vulnerable groups” in the context of the preparation of the report by Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alejandro Cercas, European deputy, rapporteur on the “Role and operations of the Troika with regard to the euro area programme countries - Employment and social aspects of the role and operations of the Troika”• Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Tuesday 24 June 2014	
8.30–10 am Room 11, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on “Social rights and social dialogue in times of crisis” in the context of the preparation of reports by Maria de Belém Roseira (Portugal, SOC) “Towards a new European Social Model: which social vision for Europe of tomorrow?” and Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) on the “Protection of the right to bargain collectively” with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veronica Nilsson, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)• Régis Brillat, Head of the Department of the European Social Charter, Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media <i>Open to the press</i>	Exchange of views on the “Protection of media freedom in Europe” in the context of the preparation of the report by Gvozden Srećko Flego (Croatia, SOC) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• William Horsley, Association of European Journalists• Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Tuesday 24 June 2014	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 1, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views with Asilbek Jeenbekov, Speaker of the Kyrgyz Parliament (8.30-9 am) following the granting, on 8 April 2014, of the status of Partner for Democracy to the Kyrgyz Parliament – Follow-up to PACE Resolution 1984 (2014)</p> <p>► Exchange of views on “The aftermath of elections to the European Parliament” (9-10 am) with Michel Rocard, former member of the European Parliament, Deputy, Senator and Prime Minister of France, in the presence of PACE President Anne Brasseur</p>
<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 with the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic (9 am) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asilbek Jeenbekov, Speaker of Parliament • Asiia Sasykbaeva, Deputy Speaker of Parliament • Nurgazi Aidarov, Member of Parliament <p>► Exchange of views on “The situation of IDPs and refugees in Ukraine” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jutta Seidel, Senior Legal Associate, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg • Mykola Podoliako, Head of the NGO <i>Union of the IDPs</i> <p>This exchange of views will be preceded by a statement by Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC)</p>
<p>1–1.40 pm Room 7, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Ukraine – the shadow of war and the search for a better future” Side-event sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Igor Sobolev, Head of the Lustration Committee of Ukraine, one of the leaders and initiators of EuroMaidan, journalist
<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“The fate of critically ill prisoners in Turkish prisons” Side-event sponsored by Nazmi Gür (Turkey, UEL)</p>
<p>2–2.45 pm Room 7, Palais Sub-Committee on Public Health <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Presentation by Catherine Ritter – independent expert in public health and addictions – of the conclusions of the Pompidou Group’s mission of experts to Ukraine in order to assess the situation concerning Opiate substitution treatment.</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 1, Palais Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Improving the protection of whistleblowers” in the context of the preparation of the report by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) on the subject, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Snowden, by video-link • Anna Myers, expert on whistleblower protection, Whistleblower Information Network (WIN), London
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Violence against women with disabilities” in the framework of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network “<i>Women Free from Violence</i>” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gill Hague, Professor of Violence Against Women Studies, Centre for Gender and Violence Research, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol (United Kingdom) • Ana Peláez Narváez, member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Director of International Relations at the Spanish National Organisation of the Blind (ONCE) – by videoconference

Wednesday 25 June 2014	
<p>12.30 pm Chamber</p> <p><i>Open to the press (visitors' gallery)</i></p>	<p>Commemoration ceremony of the 100th anniversary of the First World War, with speeches by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE President Anne Brasseur • Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe • representatives of the political groups
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Side-event on the “Current situation with human rights in Ukraine” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valeriya Lutkovska, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights • Mustafa Dzhemilev, leader of the Crimean Tatar People • Oleksandra Romantsova, NGO <i>Center for Civic Liberties; Mobile Human Rights Monitoring Groups initiative</i>
<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>“Shale gas: what Europe can learn from the US experience of shale gas exploration and fracking”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by David Davies (United Kingdom, EDG)</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 11, 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 “Youth participation: a means of preventing sexual exploitation”, in the framework of the 19th 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"> • Eugenia Maxim, youth representative for Eastern Europe and CIS region in ECPAT International Child and Youth Advisory Committee (Republic of Moldova) • Roma Thomas, Research fellow, International Centre: Researching Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking, University of Bedfordshire (United Kingdom) <p>► Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign by Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm 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 “The long-term future of the European Convention on Human Rights system” (2–2.45 pm)</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Yves Pozzo di Borgo (France, EPP/CD) entitled “The effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights : the Brighton declaration and beyond”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vit Schorm, Chairperson of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), Government Agent to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of the Czech Republic • Morten Ruud, Chairperson of Committee of Experts on the Reform of the Court (DH-GDR), Senior Advisor to the Norwegian Ministry of Justice <p>► Exchange of views with Yuriy Lutsenko, former Minister of Interior of Ukraine (2.45 pm)</p> <p>in the context of the preparation of the report by Marieluise Beck (Germany, ALDE) on “Threats to the Rule of Law in Council of Europe member states: asserting the Parliamentary Assembly’s authority”</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Promoting city diplomacy in the field of culture”, in the context of the preparation of the report by Alexander, The Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Wood, expert in local community development and cultural relations (United Kingdom)

Thursday 26 June 2014

8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Open to the press</i>	Exchange of views on “Ensuring children with attention problems are properly cared for” , in the context of the preparation of the report by Sílvia Eloïsa Bonet Perot (Andorra, SOC) on this matter with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celso Arango López, Head of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Service, Gregorio Marañón Hospital (Madrid)
9–10 am Room 8, Palais Joint meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, and of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on “Reporting on corruption: journalists and parliamentarians investigating together” with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claudio Fava, journalist, member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, Vice-President of the Commission of inquiry into the phenomenon of the Mafia and other criminal organisations• Tamás Bodoky, journalist, member of the <i>Organised crime and corruption reporting project</i>• Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
1–2 pm Room 5, Palais <i>Open to the press</i>	“Human Rights in Georgia: success and challenges” Side-event sponsored by Tinatin Khidasheli (Georgia, ALDE) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ucha Nanuashvili, Public Defender of Georgia• Paata Beltadze, Deputy Public Defender of Georgia• Tamar Khidasheli, Team Leader, EU project• Natia Katsitadze, Head of the Justice Department, Office of the Public Defender of Georgia• Nika Kvaratskhelia, Head of the Monitoring Department, Office of the Public Defender of Georgia• Irakli Surmava, Public Relations Department
2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on “Discrimination against transgender people in Europe” in the context of the preparation of the report by Deborah Schembri (Malta, SOC), with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anna Grodzka, member of the Polish Parliament
2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i>	Hearing on “Mass arrivals of irregular migrants on Europe’s southern shores” with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giorgos Kosmopoulos, representative of Amnesty International• Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights• Theofilos Zafirakos, diplomatic adviser to the Permanent Representation of Greece to the Council of Europe
3.30–4.30 Room 5, Palais Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize <i>Open to the press</i>	Official presentation ceremony of the European Diplomas , to the 15 mayors of the winning cities, in the presence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

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.