



'Side events' list
PACE Winter Session (23-27 January 2012)

Monday 23 January 2012	
<p>1 pm Lobby of the Hemicycle, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Handover ceremony between the PACE outgoing President Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu and the PACE newly elected President</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Parliamentary Project Support Division in co-ordination with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Presentation of the Inter-Parliamentary Union publication: "Gender-sensitive parliaments"</p> <p>After the opening of the meeting by José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), former Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Kareen Jabre, Manager of the IPU Gender Partnership Programme, will present the IPU publication: "Gender-sensitive parliaments". This presentation will be followed by an exchange of views with the PACE members and the Council of Europe agents.</p>
<p>1–2.20 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>The murder of Sergei Magnitsky and the Russian government cover-up</p> <p>On the invitation of Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), William Browder (CEO of Hermitage Capital Management) will talk about the on-going cover-up of the torture and murder of Sergei Magnitsky by the Russian Government.</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on the situation in Belarus</p> <p>With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaksandr Milinkievic, The Movement for Freedom, • Anatoly Liabedzka, United Civic Party, • Alexander Feduta, 'Tell the Truth' Campaign, • And Anatoli Mikhailov, European Humanities University.
<p>2.30–3 pm Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Situation in Belarus</p> <p>Exchange of views with Lyubou Kavaliouva, mother of alleged terrorist, Mr Kavaliov, condemned to death in 2011</p>
Tuesday 24 January 2012	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on: Austerity measures – a danger for democracy and social rights</p> <p>With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heiner Flassbeck, Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), • Rebeca Mayorga Fernández, audiovisual journalist and student, Madrid (member of the <i>Indignado</i> movement), • and Sonia Mitrailia, Women's Initiatives against Debt and austerity measures, Committee against Debt, CADTM (Greece).

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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>6th meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p> <p>Exchange of views on the theme: “Means to redress and eliminate sexual violence against children”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, • Eric Ruelle, Judge and Chairperson of the Committee of the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention, • Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, who will also present achievements and prospects of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign, • and a representative of the Congress of local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe.
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “lobbying activities and situations of conflict of interest in the Parliamentary Assembly”</p> <p>With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dick Marty, former Chairperson of the PACE Monitoring Committee (2010-2011), former PACE rapporteur • Göran Lindblad, former Chairperson of the PACE Political Affairs Committee (2008-2009), former PACE rapporteur • Jean Huss, former PACE rapporteur • Christian D. de Fouloy, Chair, Association of Accredited Lobbyists to the European Union (AALEP) • José Lalloum, Chair, European Public Affairs Consultancies’ Association (EPACA) • Gregor Puppink, Director, European Centre for Law and Justice
<p>5.30 pm Place de la République</p>	<p>Ceremony of the laying of a wreath at the war memorial of Strasbourg by the President</p>

Wednesday 25 January 2012

<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>Hearing on so-called “honour crimes”</p> <p>Organised on the occasion of the meeting of the Network of contact parliamentarians committed to combating violence against women, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqueline Thibault, President of the Foundation “Surgir” (Switzerland), • Hannana Siddiqui, Policy and Research officer at the NGO Southall Black Sisters (United Kingdom), • and Johanna Nelles, Programme advisor at the Justice and Human Dignity Directorate of the Council of Europe.
<p>2–3 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Improving user protection and security in cyberspace</p> <p>Exchange of views with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Carr, OBE, Secretary of the Children’s Charities’ Coalition on Internet Safety, London • Dr Catarina Katzer, President of the Association against Cyber Mobbing, Cologne • Stefan Herwig, Partner, Mindbase Strategic Consulting, Gelsenkirchen
<p>2.45–3 pm Forecourt of the Palais</p>	<p>Ceremony on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, organised by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>With the President of Finland, PACE President, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Representative of the Israeli parliamentary delegation to the PACE</p>

Thursday 26 January 2012

<p>8.30–10 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► The promotion of active citizenship in Europe Exchange of views with Tamara Flanagan, Director of European and Statutory Funding, Community Service Volunteers (CSV)</p> <p>► Evaluation of the partnership for democracy with the Parliament of Morocco Exchange of views with the Moroccan delegation</p>
<p>9–10 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>The situation of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member states</p> <p>Exchange of views with Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights and hearing with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanya Lokshina, Deputy Director, Human Rights Watch (Russia), • Brigitte Espuche, General Delegate, Anafé (<i>Association nationale d'assistance aux frontières pour les étrangers / National Association of Assistance for Foreigners at the Borders</i>), • and Milan Antonijevic, Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights (Serbia).
<p>2–3.30 am Room 10, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on political prisoners</p> <p>With the participation of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eynulla Fatullayev, journalist (Baku), • Eldar Zeynalov, Chair of the Human Rights Center of Azerbaijan, • Murad Sadaddinov, Chair of the Azerbaijan Foundation of Democracy Development and Human Rights Protection, • Ramiz Sevdimaliyev, Professor and researcher in international Affairs at Baku State 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>► The need to combat match-fixing Exchange of views with Christel Schaldemose, member of the European Parliament (Denmark, Socialist group) (tbc)</p> <p>► Good governance and ethics in sport Exchange of views with Walter De Gregorio, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, "Fédération Internationale de Football Association" (FIFA)</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 3, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>The role of UN Women in promoting women's rights</p> <p>Exchange of views with Michelle Bachelet, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women</p>

NB. This list includes non-plenary events organised by Assembly committees or involving Assembly rapporteurs. It is not necessarily exhaustive, and may be subject to last-minute changes.