



'Side events' list
PACE Spring Session (23-27 April 2012)

Monday 23 April 2012	
<p>1–2 pm Screening Room, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Première in English of the television documentary <i>Deserted Sea</i>, in the framework of the report “Lives lost in the Mediterranean Sea: who is responsible?”</p> <p>This documentary, produced and directed by Emiliano Bos and Paul Nicol of RSI-Radiotelevisione Svizzera – and shown in the presence of Emiliano Bos – traces the tragic incident in March 2011 in which 63 people attempting to flee the conflict in Libya died at sea after their appeals for rescue were ignored, including by armed forces operating in the area. The report by Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC), which looks into who is responsible for these deaths, will be debated on Tuesday 24 April at 10 am, during the PACE plenary session.</p> <p>A second screening is scheduled for Tuesday 24 April at 1 pm.</p>
<p>1.30–3 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “The situation in Syria”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohamed Hatem Drak Sibai, member of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, • Suhair Atassi, Syrian civil society activist, • Malaz Alatassi, founder and board member of the <i>Syrian Sunrise Foundation</i>, • Joseph Bahout, political expert, Center for International Studies and Research, Sciences-Po (Paris), • Alain Délétriz, Vice-President Europe, International Crisis Group (Brussels).
<p>2–3 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “The rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons (LGBTs)”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelyne Paradis, Executive Director, ILGA-Europe (<i>International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association</i>), • Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, • Kate Jones, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Council of Europe.
Tuesday 24 April 2012	
<p>9–10 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Lives lost in the Mediterranean Sea: who is responsible?” in the framework of the report by Tineke Strik (Netherlands, SOC)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girma Halefom, survivor, • Father Mussie Zerai, priest, • Maarten Den Heijer, Amsterdam Center for International Law.
<p>12.30–2 pm Room 11, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><i>Side-event</i> on “Human rights issues in Azerbaijan in the run-up to the Eurovision Song Contest”</p> <p>organised by Human Rights Watch and other NGOs, and held under the auspices of Viola von Cramon (Germany, SOC).</p>

Tuesday 24 April 2012	
<p>1–2 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Side-event on the work of the International Tracing Service (ITS)</p> <p>Sponsored by Jim Hood (United Kingdom, SOC) and organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross, in co-operation with the International Tracing Service and the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons. With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Eleanor Fuller, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Council of Europe, • Sir Andrew Burns, UK Envoy for post-Holocaust issues, • Jean-Luc Blondel, Director of ITS, • Susanne Urban, Head of Historical Research, ITS. <p>The International Tracing Service, based in Bad Arolsen in Germany, serves victims of Nazi persecutions and their families by documenting their fate through the archives it manages. The ITS presentation, focusing on the issues of missing and displaced persons, will illustrate the relevance of the ITS for contemporary issues such as migration and respect for human rights.</p>
<p>1–2 pm Screening Room, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Screening of the television documentary <i>Deserted Sea</i>, in English translation, in the framework of the report “Lives lost in the Mediterranean Sea: who is responsible?”</p>
<p>2–4 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Women in the Arab Spring”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Claude Mignon, PACE President, • Bassima Hakkaoui, Minister of Solidarity, Family, Women and Social Development of Morocco, • Meherzia Labidi Maïza, First Vice-Speaker of the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia, • Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE), Chair of the Equality Committee, • Pietro Marcenaro (Italy, SOC), Chair of the Political Affairs Committee, • Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, • Gamila Ismail, political activist and journalist (Egypt), • Sara Maziq, activist, Representative of <i>Women4Libya</i> and founder of the <i>Libyan Civil Society Organization</i> (Libya), • Rima Flihan, activist and writer (Syria), • Sarah Ahmed, co-founder of <i>Support Yemen</i>, activist and researcher (Yemen), • Afef Mbarek, <i>Lam Echami Association</i>, Tunis (to be confirmed).
<p>2.30–3 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 the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2012</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Klaus Schneider, Director of the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum (Cologne), winner of the 2012 Prize, • Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF).
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>7th meeting of the PACE Network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p> <p>Exchange of views on “The obligation to report suspected sexual violence against children?”, and presentation of the results of a survey by the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD). With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deirdre Clune, contact parliamentarian for Ireland, • Johannes-Wilhelm Rörig, Independent Representative on Questions of Sexual Abuse of Children (Germany), • Catherine Bonnet, Psychiatric Consultant for children and adolescents in France and the United Kingdom. <p>Parliamentarians will also hold an exchange of views with Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the “Achievements and prospects of the ONE in FIVE Council of Europe Campaign”.</p>

Tuesday 24 April 2012	
<p>8.30 pm Palais Rohan, Strasbourg</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Presentation ceremony of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2012</p> <p>in the presence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE President Jean-Claude Mignon, • Mayor of Strasbourg Roland Ries, • Goranka Horjan Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF), • Prof. Dr. Klaus Schneider, Director of the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum (Cologne), winner of the 2012 Prize. <p>Official invitations for members of the press can be collected from Isabelle Flecksteiner, Protocol Office (Office 0.155).</p>
Wednesday 25 April 2012	
<p>1-1.40 pm Palais Main Hall</p> <p>3-4.50 pm Room 17, Palais</p> <p>5pm Palais Main Hall</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Visit of delegation from Perm (Russia) and exhibition on “The Cultural Heritage of the Perm Region – preservation and fostering of traditions”</p> <p>A ceremony at 1 pm to open the exhibition, sub-titled “Perm on its way to becoming a European cultural capital”, will be followed by a round table at 3 pm on the topic “The importance of culture for European integration and building a Europe without dividing lines”.</p> <p>Media are invited to meet the delegation at 5 pm in the main hall of the Palais.</p> <p>Participants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oleg Chirkunov, Governor of the Perm Region, • Konstantin Kosachev, Head of the Russian Co-operation Agency and Special Presidential Representative for CIS Affairs, • Alexey Pushkov, Head of the Russian parliamentary delegation, • Alexander Alexeev, Permanent Representative of Russia to the Council of Europe, • Igor Sapko, Mayor of Perm.
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Political transition in Tunisia”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sihem Bensedrine, Spokeswoman of the National Council for Freedom in Tunisia, • Afef Mbarek, <i>Association Lam Echami</i> (Tunis), • Thomas Markert, Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law, • representatives of political parties and other political figures from Tunisia.
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on the police response to women who have been victims of violence</p> <p>in the framework of a meeting of the Parliamentary Network for Women’s Right to Live Free from Violence, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Lepage, psychologist at the Office for Police Assistance to Victims, Brussels (Belgium), • Christian Binetruy, honorary police commander, Departmental Directorate of Public Safety, Bas-Rhin (France), • Karmela Martinović Grčić, Head of the Juvenile Delinquency Department of the Osječko-Baranjska County Police Department (Croatia), • Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe.
<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>Exchange of views on “The young generation sacrificed: social, economic and political consequences of the financial crisis”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General, Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy, • Prof. Luigi Campiglio, Vice-Rector of Milan Catholic University, • Sergio Belfor, Vice-Chairman of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth.

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<p>2.30–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Round table on “Media freedom on the Internet ”</p> <p>co-organised by the British Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers and <i>Index on Censorship</i> (London), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Eleanor Fuller, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the Council of Europe, • Kirsty Hughes, Chief Executive, <i>Index on Censorship</i> (London) • Bill Echikson, Head of <i>Free Expression</i>, Google Europe, • Simon Milner, Director of Policy, Facebook UK • Felix Treguer, Director of Institutional and Legal Affairs, <i>La Quadrature du Net</i>, (Paris)
<p>4 pm Screening Room, Palais</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Advance screening of the ARTE documentary “Sport, mafia and corruption”</p> <p>This documentary, screened in the presence of its Director Hervé Martin Delpierre, Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) and Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, deals with the abuse of online sports betting, a social phenomenon which threatens the rules and spirit of sport. A report on “The need to combat match-fixing”, by Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE), will be debated during the plenary session on the same day in the morning.</p>
Thursday 26 April 2012	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Monitoring Committee</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on the respect of obligations and commitments by Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina.
<p>11.50 am Lobby of the Chamber</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Pan-European Best Practice Award for Coastal Towns 2012: announcement of the winners</p> <p>PACE President Jean-Claude Mignon and the President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Keith Whitmore, will announce the winners of the Pan-European Best Practice Award "Regeneration of European Coastal Towns" 2012.</p> <p>An initiative of the Local Government Association (UK), the programme recognises, awards and disseminates best practice in the improvement and development, at local and regional level, of coastal areas. The programme has been included among the activities implemented under the UK Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers. The award ceremony takes place on 9 May 2012 in Blackpool, United Kingdom.</p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “The rise of populist movements in Europe and its dangers for democracy”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Goodwin, School of Politics and International Relations, Nottingham University (United Kingdom), • Dr Aydin-Duzgit, Department of International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University (Istanbul), • Alessandro Campi, Professor of the History of Political Movements, University of Perugia (Italy).

NB. This list includes non-plenary events organised or held under the auspices of Assembly committees or national delegations, or involving the Assembly's President, rapporteurs or other members. It is not necessarily exhaustive, and may be subject to last-minute changes.