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## Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

### Draft Agenda<sup>1</sup>

**BLUE HIGHLIGHTING INDICATES CHANGES SINCE THE LAST ISSUE OF THE AGENDA**

**for the meeting to be held in a hybrid manner  
on 4 April 2022 from 9.30am – 12 noon<sup>2</sup> and from 2.30pm – 5pm  
CEST (Central European Summer Time)**

Paris, (Council of Europe Office) – for those attending in person)

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#### 1. Agenda

[AS/Jur (2022) OJ 02 Rev]

Adoption of the agenda

#### 2. Minutes

[AS/Jur (2022) PV 01]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held and in a hybrid manner in Strasbourg on 25,26 and 27 January 2022

#### 3. How to put confiscated criminal assets to good use?

*Rapporteur: Mr André Vallini, France, SOC*

[AS/Jur (2022) 03]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution and a draft recommendation

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<sup>2</sup> For budgetary reasons linked to interpretation the morning session can be extended by 1 hour until 1pm only if 80% of the interventions are made by attendees in the room. We will avail ourselves of this possibility if at all feasible in order to have time to effectively deal with all points of the agenda. Otherwise the morning session will finish at 12 noon.

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**This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Committee and their alternates,  
is the convocation to the meeting**

Copy to Secretaries of national delegations, of observer and partner for democracy delegations and of political groups

**4. Fighting and preventing excessive and unjustified use of force by the law enforcement officers**

Rapporteur: *Mr Oleksandr Merezhko, Ukraine, EC/DA*  
[AS/Jur (2022) **06**]

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**5. References transmitted to the committee**

[Appointment procedure document

Rapporteur table

[Doc. 14652](#)

[Doc. 15413](#)

[Doc. 15331](#)

[Doc. 15420](#)

[Doc. 15446](#)

[Doc. 15419](#)]

**Appointment of a Rapporteur:**

- Misuse of the Schengen system by Council of Europe member States as a politically-motivated sanction ([Doc. 14652](#))

Replacement of the former rapporteur Ms Irina Rukavashnikova, Russian Federation, NR

**For information:**

- The need to ensure free access to historical documents ([Doc. 15413](#))

**Call for candidates for Rapporteur for report:**

- 1) Possible fusion of two references and call for candidates for Rapporteur for report:
  - Cases of torture and inhumane treatments in Azerbaijani prisons ([Doc. 15331](#))
  - Allegations of systemic torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in places of detention in Council of Europe member States ([Doc. 15420](#))

For consideration of possible merger of above references and call for candidates

- 2) **Examining the legitimacy and legality of the ad hominem term-limit waiver for the incumbent President of the Russian Federation ([Doc.15446](#))**

**Call for candidates for Rapporteur for opinion:**

- 1) Countering SLAPPs: an imperative for the democratic society ([Doc. 15419](#))  
Rapporteur for the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC)

**6. Appointment of representative of the Committee**

Appointment of a substitute<sup>3</sup> to represent the Committee at meetings of Moneyval in 2022 in the framework of the Assembly's institutional representation (proposal to be submitted to the Bureau)

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<sup>3</sup> Ms Maria-Gabriela Horga (Romania, EPP/CD) was elected as substitute at the last meeting but withdrew her candidature after the meeting, hence the appointment of a new substitute.

**Hearing:**

**7. Legal and human rights aspects of the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine**

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Sergei Guriev, Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics at Sciences Po, Paris  
Professor Bill Bowring, Birkbeck College, University of London, United Kingdom  
Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Director, Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Strasbourg

*Lunch break*

**8. Safeguarding and promoting genuine democracy in Europe<sup>4</sup>**

Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Vladimir Vardanyan, Armenia, EPP/CD  
Rapporteur for the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz France, EPP/CD  
[AS/Jur (2022) 08  
[Doc.15486](#)]

Approval of the Committee's opinion

**Hearing**

**9. Political prisoners in the Russian Federation**

*Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*  
[AS/Jur (2020) 27]

Hearing with the participation of:

Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza, Founding Chairman of the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom, 2016-2021  
Mr Vladimir Milov, Advisor to Mr Alexei Navalny  
Ms Vera Chelischeva, Reporter and Head of the Judicial Department of Novaya Gazeta

**10. Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance**

*Rapporteur: Mr Pieter Omtzigt, Netherlands, EPP/CD*  
[AS/Jur (2022) 04]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

**11. European Convention on Human Rights and national constitutions**

*Rapporteur: Mr George Katrougalos, Greece, UEL*  
[AS/Jur (2022) 07]

Consideration of an introductory memorandum

**12. Hearings during the next meeting**

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<sup>4</sup> New title proposed by the rapporteur the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz France, EPP/CD, previous title "Fostering healthy democracies in Europe"

**13. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022: call for nominations**

[\[Václav Havel Human Rights Prize website\]](#)

Václav Havel information sheet]

**14. Other business**

- Sub-committees
- Invitation to the elected representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community to attend its meetings during the Assembly's 2022 Ordinary Session
- Invitation by the Swiss delegation to hold an "annual ticket" meeting in Bern and Neuchâtel

**15. Next meetings**

*Plenary Committee:*

- during the Assembly's 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of 2022 (25-29 April 2022)
- 23 May 2022, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly's 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of 2022 (20-24 June 2022)
- 14 September 2022, t.b.c.
- during the Assembly's 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of 2022 (10-14 October 2022)
- 14 November 2022, t.b.c.
- 12 December 2022, t.b.c.