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## Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

### Revised draft agenda

of the meeting to be held in Budapest (**physical presence only**)

14:30 – 17:30 on 3 November 2021, and 09:30 – 17:30 on 4 November 2021 (CET)

National Assembly (Országgyűlés), Delegation Hall

Entrance: Gate XII Kossuth Lajos tér 1-3., 1055 Budapest

Wednesday 3 November 2021, 14:30 – 17:30

Welcome address by Mr László Kövér, Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the agenda

2. **Minutes**

[AS/Pol (2021) PV 07]

Approval of the minutes of the meetings held in a hybrid manner from 27 to 30 September 2021

3. **Democracy: trends, challenges and opportunities**

[\[Annual report of activities 2020\]](#)

Hearing with the participation of Mr Gianni Buquicchio, President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

4. **Fighting corruption: General principles of political responsibility<sup>1</sup>**

*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*

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Consideration and approval of a draft opinion

5. **Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation**

*Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*

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Consideration of a preliminary draft report

<sup>1</sup> Subject to the adoption of the draft report by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on 5 November 2021.

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

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Meeting documents are published on the Parliamentary Assembly extranet website  
(restricted area for national delegations): <http://assembly.coe.int/extranet>.

**6. Protecting the pillars of democracy during health crises**

*Rapporteur: Ms Marietta Karamanli, France, SOC*  
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Consideration of an outline for report

**7. Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: What consequences for Europe?**

*Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*  
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Consideration of an outline for report

**Thursday 4 November 2021, 09:30 – 17:30**

**8. Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Jordan**

*Rapporteur: Mr George Loucaides, Cyprus, UEL*  
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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

**9. Exchange of views with the Hungarians authorities [at 10am]**

With the participation of Mr Péter Sztáray, State Secretary for Security Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**10. Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans [at 10.40am]**

*Rapporteur: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC*  
[Doc. 15374, AS/Pol/Inf (2021) 13, AS/Pol/Inf (2021) 14]

Hearing with the participation of Mr Olivér Várhelyi, European Union Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, and delegations from the region

**11. The impact of Brexit on Human Rights on the island of Ireland**

*Rapporteur: Mr George Katrougalos, Greece, UEL*  
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Consideration of an introductory memorandum

13:00 – 14:30      *Lunch break followed by a guided tour of the Hungarian National Assembly*

**12. Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture**

*Rapporteur: Mr Andreas Nick, Germany, EPP/CD*  
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12.1. Hearing with the participation of:

- . Professor Michele Nicoletti, University of Trento (Italy), Former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- . Mr Alexey Gromyko, Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences

12.2. Consideration of a revised outline for report

**13. Replies from the Committee of Ministers**

- . [Recommendation 2181 \(2020\)](#) "Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence"  
*Former Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Bergamini, Italy, EPP/CD*  
[Doc. [15346](#)]
- . [Recommendation 2199 \(2021\)](#) "The Assembly's vision on the strategic priorities for the Council of Europe"  
*Former Rapporteur: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL*  
[Doc. [15371](#)]

**14. Authorisations to carry out fact-finding visits**

- . Call for Famagusta's return to its lawful inhabitants  
*Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC*  
[Doc. [15333](#)]
- . The political situation in Tunisia  
*Rapporteur: Mr Claude Kern, France, ALDE*  
[Doc. [15384](#)]

**15. World Forum for Democracy on " Can Democracy Save the Environment?" (Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2021)**

[[Website](#), [Concept note](#)]

Appointment of Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL) to participate in the Forum

**16. Other business**

**17. Next meetings**

*Plenary Committee*

6 December 2021, Hybrid mode (*place tbc*)

*Sub-Committee on External Relations*

22-23 November 2021, United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA