



## Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

### Revised draft agenda 2

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

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### of the meetings to be held in Strasbourg on:

- . Monday 23 January 2023, 14:15 – 15:15, room 9
- . Tuesday, 24 January 2023, 8:30 – 10:00, room 9
- . Wednesday, 25 January 2023, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9
- . Thursday, 26 January 2023, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9

#### Please also note meetings of the Sub-Committees<sup>1</sup>

Thursday, 26 January 2023, 8:30 – 9:30, room 3: Sub-Committee on External Relations  
(separate draft agenda)

Thursday, 26 January 2023, 9:30 – 10:00, room 3: Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World  
(separate draft agenda)

#### A. Monday, 23 January 2023, 14:15 – 15:15, room 9

##### 1. Opening of the meeting by the eldest member present

##### 2. Election of the Bureau of the Committee

[List of the members of the Committee]

- Election of the Chairperson
- Election of the Vice-Chairpersons

##### 3. Agenda

[AS/Pol (2023) OJ 01rev]

Adoption of the agenda

##### 4. Minutes

[AS/Pol (2022) PV 13]

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Paris on 13 December 2022

<sup>1</sup> Subject to their constitution by the Committee.

**5. Reconstitution of Sub-Committees**

- Sub-Committee on External Relations
- Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World
- Sub-Committee on Democracy

**6. The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges**

Rapporteur: Ms Fiona O'Loughlin, Ireland, ALDE  
[[Doc. 15681](#), AS/Pol (2023) XX]

Approval of an addendum to the report and consideration of amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee

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

Rapporteur: Mr Piero Fassino, Italy, SOC  
[AS/Pol (2023) 04]

Statement by the Rapporteur

**8. Call for candidates for the Institutional representation of the Committee**

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE)
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

**B. Tuesday, 24 January 2022, 08:30 – 10:00, room 9**

**9. The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges**

Rapporteur: Ms Fiona O'Loughlin, Ireland, ALDE  
[[Doc. 15681](#) and Addendum, Amendments]

Consideration of amendments

Deadline for amendments: Monday 23 January 2023, 16:00  
Debate in the Assembly: Tuesday 24 January 2023, afternoon sitting

**10. Assessing the functioning of the partnership for democracy**

Rapporteur: Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Netherlands, EPP/CD  
[AS/Pol (2023) 01, AS/Pol/Inf (2022) 15]

Consideration of a draft report and adoption of a draft resolution

**11. Safeguarding peace and stability in the East Mediterranean Sea**

Rapporteur: Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Netherlands, EPP/CD  
[AS/Pol(2023)03, AS/Pol/Inf (2022) 16]

- Statement by the rapporteur following her fact-finding visit to Ankara on 3 November 2022 and to Athens on 9 - 10 November 2022
- Consideration of an introductory memorandum

**12. Composition of Sub-Committees**

[Lists of candidates]

Approval of the composition of Sub-Committees

**13. Appointment of the institutional representatives of the Committee**

- Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (CDE)
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

**14. Open discussion on current political issues**

**C. Wednesday, 25 January 2023, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9**

**15. Call for a national political reform process in Belarus**

Rapporteur: Mr Kimmo Kiljunen, Finland, SOC

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Pavel Sapelka, human rights defender, Viasna Human Rights Centre

**16. The challenge of far-right ideology to democracy and human rights in Europe**

Rapporteur: Mr Samad Seyidov, Azerbaijan, EC/DA

[AS/Pol (2022) 02]

- Hearing with the participation of:
  - Dr Cynthia Miller-Idriss, Founding Director, Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab, American University, Professor, School of Public Affairs and School of Education, Washington (USA) (online intervention)
  - Mr Nicholas Potter, journalist and researcher of the far right, at the Amadeu Antonio Foundation, Berlin
- Consideration of an outline report

**D. Thursday, 26 January 2023, 14:00 – 15:30, room 9**

**17. The situation in Iran (Open to the public<sup>2</sup>)**

Hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Javaid Rehman, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (online intervention)
- Mr Erwin van Veen, Senior research fellow, head of the Middle East research programme, Clingendael Conflict Research Unit
- Ms Mina Khani, Political Analyst and Freelance Writer

**18. Work programme**

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**18.1. Appointment of Rapporteurs for report**

- Interconnections between the Council of Europe and the European Political Community [[Doc. 15635](#)]
- Political consequences of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine [Bureau decision]
- Foreign interference: a threat to democratic security in Europe [[Doc. 15605](#)]

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<sup>2</sup> Subject to a decision by the Committee.

**18.2. Consultation of the Committee on the follow-up to be given**

Preventing abuse of the right to veto in the Security Council: a perspective by the member States of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe [[Doc. 15628](#)]

**18.3. Replies by the Committee of Ministers**

Consideration of the Committee of Ministers replies to [Recommendation 2226 \(2022\)](#) “Beyond the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening the strategic partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Union” [[Doc. 15667](#)]

**19. Other business**

[\[Press release\]](#)

Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2023: call for nominations

**20. Next meetings**

- 20 March 2023, Paris
- April part-session (24-28 April 2023), Strasbourg
- 11-12 May 2023, Seville (Spain), subject to the authorisation of the Bureau
- June part-session (19-23 June 2023), Strasbourg
- 12-13 September 2023, Paris (*tbc*)
- October part-session (9-13 October 2023), Strasbourg
- 12 December 2023, Paris