



'Side events' list
PACE Autumn Session (30 September – 4 October 2013)

Monday 30 September 2013	
<p>12.30 pm Hemicycle</p>	<p>Václav Havel Human Rights Prize Award Ceremony</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Side event on “Human Rights, Democracy and Camp Ashraf” sponsored by Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC) and Brian Binley (United Kingdom, EDG) with the participation of Maryam Radjavi, opponent of the regime of the Islamic Republic of Iran, President-elect of the Iranian Resistance.</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais <i>Open to the press (tbc)</i></p>	<p>Side event on “e-Parliament in Russia: trends and challenges” sponsored by Igor Lebedev (Russian Federation, EDG)</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 8, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Side event on “The rights and situation of Hungarians in Voivodina (Serbia)” sponsored by Tamás Gaudi Nagy (Hungary, NR)</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 1, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “The Situation in Syria”, in the context of the debate under urgent procedure due to be held on Thursday 3 October with the participation of Jean-Pascal Zanders, disarmament consultant at <i>The Trench</i> and Former Senior Research Fellow at the EU Institute for Security Studies</p>
Tuesday 1 October 2013	
<p>8.30–10 am Room 6, Palais Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “State interference with privacy on the Internet”, in the context of the follow-up to the current affairs debate of 27 June 2013 with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorothée Belz, Vice-President of Legal and Corporate Affairs, <i>Microsoft Corporation Europe</i> • Lawrence Early, jurisconsult of the European Court of Human Rights • Duncan Campbell, journalist, Brighton (United Kingdom)
<p>8.30–10 am Room 8, Palais Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Hearing on “Political participation and territorial autonomy” in the context of the report prepared by Ferenc Kalmár (Hungary, EPP/CD) on “The situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Francesco Palermo, Director of the Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism at the European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen and 1st Vice Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities • Dr Stefan Wolff, Professor of International Politics, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom) <p>► Adoption of the report by José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) on “Violence against women in Europe”</p>

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<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Side-event on “Human Rights in Azerbaijan”, organised by the <i>Human Rights Club</i> (Azerbaijan) and the <i>Helsinki Committee for Human Rights</i>, co-sponsored by Robert Biedroń (Poland, SOC), Paul Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC) and Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights • Emin Huseynov, Institute for reporters’ freedom and safety • Rasul Jafarov, <i>Human Rights Club</i> • Emma Hughes, <i>Platform</i>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 5, Palais Sub-committee on racism and xenophobia <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on « Recent developments in Greece and Sweden »</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anastasia Tsoukala, criminologist and associate professor at the University of Paris XI (France), member of the National Human Rights Commission of Greece, who will talk about the situation in Greece, following the killing of the rapper Pavlos Fyssas • Agneta Broberg, Equality Ombudsperson of Sweden, who will talk about the police database on Roma in Sweden
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>On the occasion of the launching of the guide for parliamentarians on visiting immigration detention centres, an exchange of views will be held,</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Pierre Restellini, member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) • Mark Thomson, Secretary General of the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)
<p>3–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “The situation in Kosovo* and the role of the Council of Europe”, in the context of the follow-up of PACE Resolution 1912 (2013) and Recommendation 2006 (2013)</p> <p>with the participation of Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p><i>*All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.</i></p>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Monitoring the fight against sexual violence against children at European and national levels”, in the framework of the 15th meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Ruelle, Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee • Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), contact parliamentarian for Switzerland
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais Joint meeting of the <i>Ad hoc</i> Sub-Committee on the Reform of International Football and of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “Reform of the governance of FIFA”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Pieth, Chairman of the Independent Governance Committee of FIFA • Domenico Scala, President of the Audit and Compliance Committee of FIFA

Wednesday 2 October 2013

<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Side event “Should three-parent babies be born in Europe?” (assisted human reproduction technique in which the DNA of three parents is used to create a healthy embryo)</p> <p>Organised by the EPP/CD Group, the NGO <i>Care for Europe</i>, the European Centre for Law and Justice, the NGO <i>Comment on Reproductive Ethics</i> (CORE), and sponsored by Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC) and Terence Flanagan (Ireland, EPP/CD)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calum MacKellar, <i>Scottish Council for Human Bioethics</i> • Josephine Quintavalle, <i>Comment on Reproductive Ethics</i> (CORE) • Stuart Newman, <i>New York Medical College</i> (recorded video)
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<p>1–2 pm Room 6, Palais</p>	<p>Side event on “Facts on missing persons in Cyprus”, sponsored by Tuğrul Türkeş (Turkey, EDG), in the context of the debate on the report by Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC) on missing persons from Europe’s conflicts, which will be held on Thursday 3 October.</p>
<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 (only for the exchange of views)</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Optimum care for women with breast cancer”, in the context of the report prepared by Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD)</p> <p>with the participation of Susan Knox, Executive Director, <i>Europa Donna</i>, the European Breast Cancer Coalition</p> <p>► Adoption of a draft opinion on the “Draft Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs” based on the report by Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC)</p>
<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 “Violence against women: does the rehabilitation of perpetrators work?”</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee and the Parliamentary Network “<i>Women Free from Violence</i>”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frédéric Matwies, author of the book “There was a monster in me” • Rosa Longar, co-founder of <i>Women against Violence Europe (WAVE)</i> • Thangam Debbonaire, Research Manager, <i>Respect</i> (United Kingdom) • Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC), who is preparing a report on “Focusing on the perpetrators to prevent violence against women”
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?”, in the context of the report prepared by Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thierno Diallo, young migrant • Sergio Belfor, Deputy Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe <p>► Adoption of the report by Christopher Chope (United Kingdom, EDG) on “The arrival of mixed migratory flows to Italian coastal areas”</p>
<p>2–2.45 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p>Exchange of views on “The situation in Belarus”, in the context of the report by Andres Herkel (Estonia, EPP/CD)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natallia Radzina, Editor in chief of the independent Belarusian news site <i>Charter97.org</i>, Warsaw (Poland) • Alaksandr Lahviniec, Vice-Chairperson of the <i>Movement for Freedom</i>, Minsk (Belarus)
Thursday 3 October	
<p>9.15–10 am Room 5, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, and of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press (tbc)</i></p>	<p>Hearing on “Failures to implement Strasbourg Court provisional measures”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clara Burbano Herrera, Senior Research Fellow, Human Rights Centre, Ghent University (Belgium) • Vincent Berger, former jurisconsult of the European Court of Human Rights, lawyer, Paris (France)

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