



List of events linked to the 2015 April part-session (20-24 April)

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Monday 20 April 2015	
<p>1–2 pm Room 8, Palais</p>	<p>“Secret Drones War: Why Europe should care” Side-event sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), and organised by <i>Open Society Justice Initiative</i> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amrit Singh, Senior Legal Officer, <i>Open Society Justice Initiative</i>• Christopher Rogers, Program Officer, <i>Open Society Foundations</i>
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p>	<p>“Russia and Council of Europe Values: challenges and new paradigms” Side-event organised by the ALDE Group, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mikhail Kasyanov, co-chair of the Russian opposition party RPR-Parnas and former Prime Minister of the Russian Federation• Sergei Guriev, Professor of Economics at Science Po Paris and former rector of the <i>New Economic School</i> in Moscow• Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), Chairperson of the ALDE Group
<p>1–5.30 pm Lobby of the Chamber, Palais</p> <p>(continues on Tuesday 21 April from 10 am to 5.30 pm)</p>	<p>Living Library - “Ending Immigration Detention of Children” Launching of the Parliamentary Campaign to end immigration detention of children</p> <p>with the participation of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the PACE• Ms Doris Fiala (Switzerland, ALDE), general rapporteur on ending immigration detention of children• Ms Leeanne Torpey, co-ordinator of the global campaign• Ms Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe <p>The Living Library aims to raise awareness of the issue and urges States which have not done it so far to adopt alternatives to detention that fulfill the best interests of the child and allow children to remain with their family member and/or guardians in non-custodial, community-based contexts at the time when their immigration status has not yet been resolved.</p> <p>Organised by the PACE Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, in co-operation with the Council of Europe Youth Department, this will function like a traditional library, that is to say “readers” (PACE members, CoE staff members, all people with access to the Palais) can borrow “books” for a specified period. The only difference with a Living Library is that the “books” are human beings who can share their experiences about the subject with “readers”.</p>
<p>2–3 pm Room 1, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs</p>	<p>► Joint Hearing “Corrupt elites as a threat to democracy”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory statement by Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on <i>Corruption as governance regime: a barrier to institutional efficiency and progress</i>, and member of the Parliamentary Assembly’s Anti-corruption Platform;• Statements by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">. Mr Raffaele Cantone, President of the Italian Anti-Corruption Authority, Rome. Mr Sergei Guriev, Professor of economics at the Paris Institute for Political Studies

<p>8.30–10 am Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Assessing the need for a comprehensive review of the Dublin regulation and its implementation”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Alexandra Cupsan-Catalin, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs (HOME), European Commission • Mr Kris Pollet, Senior Legal and Policy Officer, European Council for Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) <p>► Exchanges of views on the “Global campaign to end immigration detention of children”</p> <p>in the context of the follow-up to the report on “The alternatives to immigration detention of children” by Ms Tinatin Bokuchava (Georgia, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Leeane Torpey, Coordinator of the Global Campaign to End Child Detention
<p>8.30–10 am Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Hearing on “The Situation in Belarus”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of parliamentarians and representatives of the opposition and of civil society.</p>
<p>8.30–10 am Room 11, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Recognising and preventing neo-racism”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jean-Paul Lehnens, member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
<p>10 am–5.30 pm Lobby of the Chamber, Palais</p>	<p>Living Library “Ending Immigration Detention of Children”– continues (see description above)</p>
<p>1–1.45 pm Room 10, Palais</p>	<p>“The Roma between memory and rights” Side-event sponsored by Michele Nicoletti (Italy, SOC)</p>
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p>	<p>“Transgender Rights in Europe”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), organised by <i>Transgender Europe</i>, with the participation of civil society activists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kemalita Ördek, <i>Red Umbrella</i> (Turkey) • Yuri Frank, <i>Insight</i> (Ukraine) • Clémence Zamora Cruz, <i>Acceptess-T / Inter-LGBT</i> (France) • Sam Blanckensee, <i>Transgender Equality Network Ireland – TENI</i> (Ireland) • Tomas Raskevicius, <i>Lithuanian Gay League – LGL</i> (Lithuania) <p>Deborah Schembri (Malta, SOC) will moderate the debate.</p>

<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais</p>	<p>“For a Europe without political prisoners – The case of Azerbaijan”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) and organised by <i>European Stability Initiative (ESI)</i> and <i>Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC)</i>, in co-operation with <i>Forum 18</i> and the <i>International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)</i> with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights • Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL) • Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD) • Alexandra Stiglmeier, <i>European Stability Initiative</i> • <i>FIDH</i> Honorary President Souhayr Belhassen, laureate of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe • Dinara Yunus, daughter of political prisoners Leyla and Arif Yunus, Azerbaijan • John Kinahan, <i>Forum 18</i>
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Towards a European framework of competences for democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Jacques Legendre, France (EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe • Mr Joseph Sheils, former Head of the Department of Language Education and Policy of the Council of Europe <p>► Exchange of views on “The libraries and museums of Europe in times of change”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared Lady Diana Eccles, United Kingdom (EC) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF) • Mr Peter Keller, International Council of Museums (ICOM) • Mr Zeev Gourarier, Scientific Director of the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MuCEM) of Marseille, winner of the Council of Europe Museum Prize 2015
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Countries of transit: meeting new migration and asylum challenges”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Ms Tineke Strik (Netherlands SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Franck Düvell, Senior Researcher & Associate Professor, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford • Mr Othman Belbeisi, Chief of Mission in Lybia, IOM • Mr Samer Haddadin, Chief of Mission in Lybia, UNHCR
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p>	<p>► Announcement of Winners of the 2015 Europe Prize, Plaques of Honour, Flags of Honour and European Diplomas</p>

Tuesday 21 April 2015	
<p>8.30 pm</p> <p>Palais Rohan, 2 Place du Château, Strasbourg</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Presentation ceremony of the 2015 Council of Europe Museum Prize</p> <p>to the Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilisations (MuCEM), Marseille, France, represented by Mr Zeev Gourarier, Scientific director, with speeches by:</p> <p>Ms Anne Brasseur, PACE President Mr Roland Ries, Mayor of the City of Strasbourg Ms Goranka Horjan, Chairperson of the European Museum Forum (EMF)</p>
Wednesday 22 April 2015	
<p>1–2 pm Room 5, Palais</p>	<p>“Annexation of Crimea: first anniversary”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Volodymyr Arieiev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mustafa Dzhemilev (Ukraine, EPP/CD), leader of Crimean Tatars or Refat Chubarov, leader of Crimean Tatar's Mejlis • Volodymyr Arieiev (Ukraine, EPP/CD), Chairman of the Ukrainian delegation to PACE, PACE Vice-President • Carl Bildt, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden (tbc) • Galyna Coynash, human rights researcher in Crimea, <i>Kharkiv Human Rights Group</i> (tbc)
<p>1–2 pm Room 3, Palais</p>	<p>“Women's rights and Surrogacy”</p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gregor Puppink, Director of the <i>European Center for Law and Justice</i>: “The legal situation on surrogacy in Europe” • Anne Schaub, Belgian psychotherapist, family systemics: “Mother child bonding in context of surrogacy” • Laura Tedeschi, Research Assistant for <i>Core UK</i>: “Surrogacy : the British experience”
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 8, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination/ Sub-committee on disability and inclusion</p>	<p>► Hearing on “the political participation of people with disabilities”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Martha Stickings, Research Support Officer, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p>	<p>► Joint hearing on “Ukraine: prospects for peace and humanitarian challenges”</p> <p>in the context of the reports prepared by Mr Jim Sheridan (United Kingdom, SOC) on “The humanitarian situation of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons” and by Ms Kristýna Zeliénková (Czech Republic, ALDE), on the “Political consequences of the crisis in Ukraine”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Armen Harutyunyan, Head of UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine • Ms Svitlana Zakrevska, President, Centre Alliance, Kyiv, Ukraine • Ms Oleksandra Matvichuk, Head of the Board of Center for Civil Liberties of Ukraine

Wednesday 22 April 2015	
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “Freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Rafael Huseynov, Azerbaijan (ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Jean-Paul Willaime, Director of Studies at the Ecole pratiques des hautes études (EPHE) of Paris
Thursday 23 April 2015	
<p>8.30–10.00 am Room 6, Palais</p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development with the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</p>	<p>► 22nd meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children <u>and joint meeting</u> with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p>. Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>. Exchange of views on the theme “Sex and relationship education as a means of preventing sexual violence against children” with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Attila Andics, teacher trainer, psychologist, brain researcher, Hungarian Academy of Sciences - Eötvös University Budapest • Ms Sanderijn van der Doef, Technical Advisor on the Sexual Health of Young people and Children, RutgersWPF NGO (Netherlands)
<p>2–3.30 pm Room 9, Palais</p> <p>Sub-Committees on External Relations and on the Middle East and the Arab World of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p>Sub-Committees on Education, Youth and Sport and on Culture, Diversity and Heritage of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Joint meeting on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the North South Centre of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Exchange of views on “The present and prospective role of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe” and on “Enhancing co-operation between the North-South Centre and the Parliamentary Assembly, namely in the framework of the Council of Europe Neighbourhood Policy”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anne Brasseur, PACE President • Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe • Ms Souhayr Belhassen, Honorary President of the International Federation for Human Rights (Tunisia) and 2011 North-South Prize Winner • Mr Jose Frederico Ludovice, Executive Director of the North-South Centre • Mr Jean-Marie Bockel (France, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on “Political transition in Tunisia” • Mr Luis Javier Gil Catalina, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Spain
<p>2.30–3.30 pm Room 7, Palais</p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence</p>	<p>► Hearing on “Forced marriages”</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe • Ms Lucy Monaghan, Head of the Forced marriage Unit, Ministry of the Interior, United Kingdom; • Ms Ellen Høvik, Campaign manager, Plan Norway.

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