



## PACE Winter Session (23-27 January 2017)

### Events

Monday 23 January 2017	
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Turkey: post-monitoring commitments buried under debris”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by the Group of the Unified European Left (UEL), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Faysal Sariyıldız, Turkish MP, Şırnak</li><li>• A. Fehim Işık, journalist, Istanbul</li><li>• Ahmet Aziz Nesin, journalist, Istanbul</li></ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Tortured, disappeared, persecuted: Crimea is asking for justice”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Georgii Logvynskyi (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dzhemilev Mustafa, Ukrainian MP, Commissioner of the President of Ukraine for the Affairs of Crimean Tatars</li><li>• Eskender Bariiev, Head of the Board, <i>Crimean Tatar Resource Center</i></li><li>• Olga Skrypnyk, Chair of the Board, <i>Crimean Human Rights Group</i></li><li>• Igor Kotelianets, brother of political prisoner Evgeny Panov</li><li>• Nikolai Polozov, Russian lawyer of political prisoners Akhtem Chiyhoz and Ilmi Umerov</li></ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b> Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Breaking the glass ceiling: the role of gender equality and family policies”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paola Profeta, Associate Professor of Public Finance, Department of Policy Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi University, Milan (Italy)</li><li>• Lella Golfo, President of the Marisa Bellisario Foundation, Rome (Italy) – by video conference</li></ul>
<p><b>2.20–3 pm</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b> Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “The political transition in Egypt”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE) with the participation of Mohamed El Sadat and Mr Akmal Kortom, members of the Egyptian House of Representatives</p>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b> Monitoring Committee <i>in camera</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views with Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, on the situation in Turkey</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by the co-rapporteurs, Ingebjørg Godskesen (Norway, EC) and Marianne Mikko (Estonia, SOC), following their fact-finding mission (9-13 February 2017)</p>
Tuesday 24 January 2017	
<p><b>8.30–9.15 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b> Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons <i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Detention of migrants: current intergovernmental work and follow-up to <a href="#">Recommendation 1900 (2010)</a> on the detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in Europe”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hindpal Singh Bhui, Inspection Team Leader, HM Inspectorate of Prisons, London</li><li>• Jean-Sébastien Blanc, Detention Advisor, <i>Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)</i></li><li>• Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director, Directorate of Human Rights, Council of Europe</li></ul>

## Tuesday 24 January 2017

<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Hearing on Belarus only open to the press (at 9 am)</i></p>	<p>► <b>Exchange of views with Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the “Fight against terrorism: follow-up to texts adopted in 2016”</b></p> <p>► <b>Hearing on the “Situation in Belarus” (9 am)</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrei Naumovich, Head of the Standing Committee on Human Rights, National Relations and the Media</li> <li>• Anna Kanopatskaya, Member of the Standing Committee on Economic Policy</li> <li>• Valiantsin Stefanovic, Deputy Chairperson of the Human Rights Center <i>Viasna</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>9–10 am</b> <b>Room 10, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Human Rights in the North Caucasus: what follow-up to <a href="#">Resolution 1738 (2010)</a>?”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Michael McNamara (Ireland, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bjørn Engesland, Norwegian Helsinki Committee/Natalia Estemirova Documentation Center, Oslo (Norway)</li> <li>• Tanya Lokshina, Russia Program Director, <i>Human Rights Watch</i>, Moscow (Russian Federation)</li> <li>• Kirill Koroteev, Senior Lawyer, <i>Memorial Human Rights Centre</i>, Moscow (Russian Federation)</li> </ul>
<p><b>1 pm</b> <b>Forecourt of the Palais de l’Europe</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Ceremony to mark the international day of commemoration in memory of the victims of the holocaust</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory remarks by Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Address by Níkos Anastasiádis, President of the Republic of Cyprus</li> <li>• Address by Klaus Werner Iohannis, President of Romania</li> <li>• Address by Carmel Shama-Hacohen, Ambassador of Israel to the international institutions in France</li> <li>• Address by Miranda Vuolasranta, President of the European Roma and Travellers Forum</li> <li>• Address by Denis Erhart, President of <i>Les Oublié(e)s de la Mémoire</i>, association civile homosexuelle du devoir de mémoire</li> <li>• Closing remarks by PACE President Pedro Agramunt</li> <li>• Laying of wreaths in front of the commemorative stone</li> <li>• Laying of candles by young people</li> </ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 5, Palais</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Children of Donbas and war”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Volodymyr Arieu (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mariia Ionova, Ukrainian MP, Deputy Chairperson of the <i>Verkhovna Rada</i> Committee on European Integration</li> <li>• Nadiya Volkova, legal expert, Lawyer of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union</li> </ul>
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“The PKK in Europe and security issues”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC) and organised by <a href="#">COJEP International</a>, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Şakir Çolak</li> <li>• Recep Yılmaz</li> <li>• Enes Bayraklı</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Reshaping the role of education for ‘digital citizens’”</b></p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou, Cyprus, SOC), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Konstantin Scheller, Policy Officer, DG EAC.B3, European Commission</li> <li>• Hans Martens, Digital Citizenship Programme Manager, <i>European Schoolnet/Transforming education in Europe</i></li> </ul>

**Tuesday 24 January 2017****2.15–3.30 pm**  
**Room 7, Palais**Committee on Social Affairs,  
Health and Sustainable  
Development*Open to the press***Hearing on “The use of new genetic technologies in human beings”**

in the context of the report prepared by Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), with the participation of:

- Mair Crouch, Geneticist and Academic Lawyer, University of Glasgow (United Kingdom)
- Anne Forus, representative of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)
- Cor Oosterwijk, Secretary General of the Patients Network for Medical Research and Health (EGAN), Belgium

**2–3.30 pm**  
**Room 9, Palais**Committee on Political Affairs  
and Democracy*Not open to the press***Exchange of views on “The situation in Syria: follow-up to [Resolutions 1878 \(2012\)](#) and [2138 \(2016\)](#)”**

with the participation of:

- Salam Kawakibi, Deputy Director, *Arab Reform Initiative*
- Ziad Majed, Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Paris

**Wednesday 25 January 2017****1–2 pm**  
**Room 3, Palais***Open to the press***“Donbas today”**

Side-event sponsored by Andriy Lozovoy (Ukraine, NR), with the participation of:

- Patriarch Filaret, Head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate
- Bishop Antony, Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate
- Oleh Liashko, Ukrainian MP, Chairman of the Radical Party
- Ihor Mosiichuk, Ukrainian MP
- Serhii Rybalka, Ukrainian MP
- Dmytro Linko, Ukrainian MP, Commander of special battalion in the war in Donbas
- Oleksii Koshevets, Deputy commander of special battalion in the war in Donbas
- Viktor Vovk, Ukrainian MP, member of the Ukrainian delegation to PACE
- Georgii Logvynskyi, Ukrainian MP, Deputy Chairman of the Ukrainian delegation to PACE
- Tetiana Perchenko, moderator

**1–1.45 pm**  
**Room 9, Palais***Open to the press***“Turkey: restoring democracy or reinventing dictatorship”**

Side-event sponsored by the Group of the Unified European Left (UEL), with the participation of:

- Jean-Paul Costa, former President of the European Court of Human Rights
- Rıza Türmen, former judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Turkey, former MP, member of the CHP Party
- Mithat Sançar, Turkish MP, member of the HDP Party

**1–1.45 pm**  
**Room 10, Palais***Open to the press***“Egregious human rights abuses and impunity in Northern Caucasus, Russian Federation”**

Side-event sponsored by Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg, ALDE) and Frank Schwabe (Germany, SOC), with the participation of:

- Tanya Lokshina, Russia Program Director, *Human Rights Watch*
- Kirill Koroteev, Legal Director, *Human Rights Centre Memorial*
- Bjørn Engesland, Secretary General, *Norwegian Helsinki Committee*

**2–3 pm**  
**Room 5, Palais**Committee on Equality and  
Non-Discrimination*Open to the press***Hearing on “Yazidi women and rehabilitation of victims of violence”**with the participation of Farida Abbas, Yazidi woman survivor of ISIS violence, author of “The girl who beat ISIS”, and Michael Blume, Head of the *Special Quota Project*, Land of Baden-Württemberg (Germany)**2.15–3.15 pm**  
**Room 7, Palais**Committee on Social Affairs,  
Health and Sustainable  
Development*Not open to the press***Exchange of views on “The need for a citizenship income”**

in the context of the report prepared by Nunzia Catalfo (Italy, NR), with the participation of Daniel Percheron, Senator (France)

**Wednesday 25 January 2017****2–3.30 pm**  
**Room 8, Palais**Committee on Migration,  
Refugees and Displaced  
Persons*Not open to the press***► Hearing on “Migration as an opportunity for European Development”**

in the context of the report prepared by Andrea Rigoni (Italy, ALDE), with the participation of:

- Lorraine Cook, Policy Manager, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) Migration, Population and Diversity Team, Edinburgh
- Nawel Rafik-Elmrini, Deputy-Mayor of Strasbourg in charge of European and International relations and Human Rights
- Farès Nahlawi, Syrian refugee

**► Exchange of views on “The situation of migrants and refugees in Calais and Grande-Synthe, France”**

with the participation of:

- Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees (*to be confirmed*)

**Thursday 26 January 2017****8.30–10 am**  
**Room 6, Palais**Committee on Culture,  
Science, Education and Media*Open to the press***Exchange of views on “The legitimacy crisis in international sports governance”**

in the context of the report prepared by Mogens Jensen (Denmark, SOC), with the participation of:

- Andreas Selliaas, freelance researcher (Norway)

**8.30–9.30 am**  
**Room 8, Palais**Committee on Migration,  
Refugees and Displaced  
Persons*Not open to the press***► Hearing on “A comprehensive humanitarian and political response to the migration and refugee crisis in Europe”**

in the context of the report prepared by Duarte Marques (Portugal, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Lisa Matos, Researcher, William James Centre for Research – ISPA

**► Exchange of views on “Recent developments in the migratory flows between Morocco and Spain”**with the participation of parliamentarians of the Moroccan Delegation enjoying the status of Partner for Democracy with PACE, and Spanish parliamentarians (*to be confirmed*)**8.30–10 am**  
**Room 9, Palais**Committee on Political Affairs  
and Democracy*Not open to the press***Exchange of views on “Setting minimal standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections”**

in the context of the report prepared by Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), with the participation of:

- Michael Krennerich, Chair in Human Rights and Human Rights Politics at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany)
- Gianni Buquicchio, President of the Venice Commission

**8.30–10.15 am**  
**Room 10, Palais**Committee on Legal Affairs  
and Human Rights*Open to the press***► Hearing on the Venice Commission’s “Rule of Law Checklist” (8.30-9.45 am)**

in the context of the report prepared by Philippe Mahoux (Belgium, SOC) with the participation of:

- Kaarlo Tuori, First Vice-President of the Venice Commission
- a member of the Venice Commission

**► Exchange of views on the “White paper on prison overcrowding” (9.45-10.15)**

with the participation of:

- Mauro Palma, Commissioner for rights of detainees (Italy, former President of the CPT)

**1–2 pm**  
**Projection room, Palais***Open to the press***“The social reintegration of prisoners”**

Side-event sponsored by Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and Jordi Xuclà (Spain, ALDE), rapporteur on “25 years of the CPT, achievements and improvements needed”, with the screening of the documentary “Second Chance”, in the presence of the director, Gabriel González-Andrío. PACE President Pedro Agramunt and Torbjörn Haak, Ambassador of Sweden, will address participants.

**Thursday 26 January 2017**

<p>1–2 pm <b>Room 5, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Sahrawi prisoners in Morocco: what do PACE resolutions say?”</b></p> <p>This side-event, sponsored by Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), aims to confront PACE resolutions on the evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy with the Moroccan Parliament and on Western Sahara, with the reality of Sahrawi political prisoners' lives, while a trial is due to open in Rabat on 23 January. The film <i>“Dites-leur que j'existe”</i> on the life of the prisoner Naàma Asfari will be screened at this meeting.</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manuel Tornare, PACE member, Chairman of the Switzerland-Sahara Parliamentary Intergroup in the Swiss Parliament</li><li>• Eric David, Belgian lawyer, Professor of International Law, expert on the Sahrawi question</li><li>• Oubi Bouchraya, representative of the President of the Sahrawi Parliament</li><li>• H��l��ne Legeay, jurist at ACAT (Action of Christians Against Torture) who has been defending for several years the rights of Sahrawi prisoners (by Skype from Paris)</li><li>• an observer present at the trial (by Skype from Rabat)</li></ul>
<p>1–2 pm <b>Room 8, Palais</b> <i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>“Occupied territories of Ukraine: state responsibility for human rights violations in the context of European Court of Human Rights cases”</b></p> <p>Side-event sponsored by Georgii Logvynskyi (Ukraine, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sergiy Zayets, legal expert, Lawyer of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union</li><li>• Nadiya Volkova, legal expert, Lawyer of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union</li><li>• Gennadiy Tokarev, legal expert, Director of the Strategic Litigation Centre of the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group</li></ul>

*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.*