

## Information documents

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### **Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly at the 1401<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies<sup>1</sup> (14 April 2021)**

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<sup>1</sup> This document covers past activities of the Assembly since the meeting of the Bureau on 18 March 2021 (videoconference) and the future activities up to the meeting of the Bureau on 16 April 2021 (videoconference).

## **I. Decisions taken by the Bureau on 18 March 2021**

### **A. Second part-session of 2021 (19-22 April 2021)**

On 18 March 2021, the Bureau decided to hold this part-session in a hybrid format and drew up the draft agenda of the part-session (Appendix I).

Subsequently, two requests for a debate under urgent procedure were put forward by the leaders of the Assembly's five political groups, respectively, on "The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021" and on the "Functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey".

The Assembly received the lists of candidates for the posts of judges to the European Court of Human Rights with respect to Belgium and Poland.

### **B. Observation of elections**

**Bulgaria: parliamentary elections (4 April 2021):** the Bureau approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2) and took note of the statement by the pre-electoral mission.

**Albania: parliamentary elections (25 April 2021):** the Bureau approved the final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 3).

**Palestine: parliamentary elections (22 May 2021):** the Bureau approved the updated list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections and appointed Mr Claude Kern (France, ALDE) as its Chairperson (Appendix 4).

### **C. Other decisions**

**Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2021:** the Bureau approved the nominations as set up in Appendix 5, with the exception of the proposals stemming from the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights which decided to reconsider them.

The revised proposals stemming from the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, will be considered by the Bureau of the Assembly at its meeting on 16 April 2021.

**Participation of members in Parliamentary Assembly plenary sessions and committee meetings in 2020:** the Bureau took note of the information memorandum on the participation, established in accordance with Resolution 1583 (2007), and decided to publish the statistics relating to the participation of national delegations on the Assembly's website.

**Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** the Bureau re-appointed as members of the Selection Panel Ms Marie-Louise Bemelmans-Videc, for a third term of two years starting from 1 June 2021, as well as Ms Anne Brasseur and Mr Nils Muižnieks, for a second term of two years starting from 1 June 2021.

**Awarding the title of Honorary Secretary General of the Assembly:** The Bureau decided to confer the title of Honorary Secretary General to Mr Wojciech Sawicki, former Secretary General of the Assembly, with effect from the date that he ceased to be Secretary General of the Assembly.

## **II. Standing Committee – 19 March 2019**

On 19 March 2021, meeting by videoconference, the Standing Committee:

- held an exchange of views with Mr Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Special Representative of the Federal Government for the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- heard of statement by Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on "Covid-19 and the role of the Council of Europe";

- held current affairs debates on “Democracies facing Covid-19: the way forward” and “Recent developments in Turkey concerning parliamentary democracy”;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

<b>Recommendation 2195 (2021)</b>	<b>Urgent need to strengthen financial intelligence units – Sharper tools needed to improve confiscation of illegal assets</b>
<b>Resolution 2365 (2021)</b>	<b>Urgent need to strengthen financial intelligence units – Sharper tools needed to improve confiscation of illegal assets</b>
<b>Recommendation 2196 (2021)</b>	<b>Impact of labour migration on left-behind children</b>
<b>Resolution 2366 (2021)</b>	<b>Impact of labour migration on left-behind children</b>
<b>Recommendation 2197 (2021)</b>	<b>The protection of victims of arbitrary displacement</b>
<b>Resolution 2367 (2021)</b>	<b>The protection of victims of arbitrary displacement</b>

### III. Prizes

#### ➤ **Council of Europe Museum Prize**

The winner of the 2021 Museum Prize is the Gulag History Museum of Moscow. Given the sanitary situation in France, the award ceremony, initially scheduled to take place in Strasbourg, will most likely take place remotely on the premises of the winning museum in Moscow (date and time tbc).

#### ➤ **Europe Prize**

The Europe Prize is the highest distinction that can be bestowed on a European town for its actions in the European domain. It includes a trophy, a medal, a diploma and a scholarship to be spent on a study visit within Europe by young people from the winning municipality.

On 15 April 2021, the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize will consider the finalists for the 2021 Europe Prize (Bamberg in Germany, Khmelnytski in Ukraine, Kielce in Poland and Münster in Germany). The applications for the Plaque of Honour, the Flag of Honour and the European Diploma will also be considered at that same meeting.

#### ➤ **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize**

The award ceremony of the 2021 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize will be held in the Assembly Chamber, on Monday, 19 April 2021, at 12.30. The shortlisted candidates will participate by videoconference.

It is recalled that, on 15 January 2021, the Assembly launched a call for nominations for the 2021 edition of the Prize. The deadline for submitting nominations is **30 April 2021**, see [Website](#).

### IV. Conference of Presidents of Parliament (21-22 October 2021, Athens)

The European Conference of Presidents of Parliament, to which Presidents and Speakers of all national parliaments of member States have been invited, will take place on 21-22 October 2021 in Athens. It will address the three following themes:

- ***Democracies facing the Covid-19 public health crisis: sharing experiences***
- ***‘#EnvironmentRightNow’: national parliaments and the right to a healthy and sustainable environment***
- ***Current political issue*** (to be identified ahead of the Conference amongst those suggested by the Presidents of Parliament)

All information is available on [the website of the Conference](#).

## V. Activities of committees and networks, and election observation missions

- On 22 March 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**
  - . held a hearing on *Political prisoners in the Russian Federation*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) with the participation of Mr Mikhail Khodorkovsky, leader of the opposition group Open Russia, and Professor Bill Bowring, Professor of Law at Birkbeck College, University of London, and Barrister.
  - . held a hearing on *The Situation of Human Rights Defenders in Council of Europe member States*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Alexandra Louis (France, ALDE), General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, with the participation of Ms Mary Lawlor, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Mr Nils Muiznieks, Director for Europe, Amnesty International, former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.
- On 25 March 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs:**
  - . held an exchange of views on *Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe for the period 2022-2025 and Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2022-2023* with Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in the framework of the preparation of a report by Mr Tiny Kox (Netherlands, UEL).
- On 26 March 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**
  - . held a hearing on *The observatory on History Teaching in Europe*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Bertrand Bouyx (France, ALDE) with the participation of Ms Maria Luisa de Bivar Black, University History Teacher and Teacher Trainer, Portugal, and consultant for the History Teaching Unit of the Council of Europe; Mr Steven Stegers, Executive Director of the European Association of History Teachers (EuroClio), The Hague; and Mr Matjaž Gruden, Director, Directorate of Democratic Participation, DG II – Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
  - . held a hearing on *The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Constantin Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC) with the participation of Ms Olena Styslavska, Teacher trainer and educational consultant in the field of Democratic Citizenship, Human Rights and Intercultural Education, Poland; Mr Călin Rus, Director of the Intercultural Institute of Timișoara, Romania; Ms Aurora Ailincai, Deputy Head of Division, Roma and Travelers Team, DG II – Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe; and Mr Sixto Molina, Secretariat of the Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe Development Bank;
  - . held a hearing on *Sports policies in times of crisis*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves (Portugal, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Folker Hellmund, Director, European Olympic Committees EU Office, Brussels; Mr Tomasz Frankowski, MEP, member of the European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education; and Mr Joao Paulo Almeida, Director-General, Portuguese Olympic Committee, Lisbon.
- On 29 March 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities and the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance:**
  - . held an online event in the framework of the World Forum for Democracy 2021 on *Environmental rights and climate change in Europe: Hearing the voices of minorities and indigenous peoples* with the participation of Ms Susanna Israelsson, Arctic and Environmental Unit, Saami Council; Mr Florin Botonogu, President, Policy Centre for Roma and Minorities, European Roma Grassroots Organisation (ERGO) Network, Romania; Mr Carl Söderbergh, Director of Policy and Communications, Minority Rights Group International; Ms Natalia Kobylarz, Environmental law specialist and Senior Lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights.
- On 30 March 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**
  - . held a hearing on *Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Titus Corlățean (Romania, SOC) with the participation of Ms Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission, Democracy and

Demography; and Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar, MEP, Chairperson of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (Spain – Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats).

➤ On 12 April 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**

. held an exchange of views on *Climate and Migration*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) with the participation of Ms Seblewongel Negussie, Gender and Social Specialist, Green Climate Fund (GCF);

. held an exchange of views on *Gender mainstreaming of migration policies*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) with the participation of Ms Alyssa Ahrabare, International women's rights consultant, Project Officer of the European Network of Migrant Women.

➤ On 12 April 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**

. held a hearing on *Media freedom, public trust and the people's right to know*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Roberto Rampi (Italy, SOC) with the participation of Mr Marco Beltrandi, Former MP, media expert and member of the General Council of the Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational Transparty, Bologna; Ms Antonella Agnoli, Librarian, writer, Bologna; and Mr Mark O'Neill, Associated Professor, College of Arts, University of Glasgow.

➤ On 12 April 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**

. held an exchange of views on *Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of higher education institutions*, in the context of the follow up to a report prepared by Mr Koloman Brenner (Hungary, NR) with the participation of Mr László Upor, former academic leader of the University of Theatre and Film Arts (SZFE), Budapest; Ms Nóra Aujeszky, student at the SZFE, Budapest; and Mr Sjur Bergan, Head of Education Department, DGII, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe.

➤ On 14 April 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence:**

. intends to hold a hearing on *Strengthening the fight against so-called "honour" crimes*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) with the participation of Ms Jasvinder Sanghera, CBE, Founder of Karma Nirvana and Survivor of Honour Abuse, United Kingdom; Ms Rachel Eapen Paul, GREVIO member in respect of Norway; Mr Hayco Ismaël Beelen, Dutch Police expert on honour crimes and Team Leader, Expert Group Honour Crimes Unit (South-East), Netherlands; Ms Isabelle Gillette-Faye, member of the High Council on Equality between Women and Men, France, Sociologist, General Director, GAMS (Women's group for the abolition of sexual mutilations, forced marriages and other practices affecting women's and children's health), France.

➤ On 14 April 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination:**

. intends to hold a hearing on the *Impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on persons with disabilities* with the participation of Mr Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities; Mr Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, The European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD); Mr Milan Šveřepa, Director of Inclusion Europe; Mr Soufiane El Amrani, easy-to-read and advocacy Officer, Inclusion Europe.

➤ On 15 April 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee):**

. intends to hold an exchange of views on the *Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro, in particular on the opinion on the draft amendments to the Law on State Prosecution Service and the draft law on Prosecutor's Office for organised crime and corruption*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Emanuelis Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/CD) and Mr Damien Cottier (Switzerland, ALDE), with the participation of Mr James Hamilton, former member of the Venice Commission for Ireland and former Director of Public Prosecutions of Ireland.

. intends to hold a hearing on *The honouring of obligations and commitments by Turkey, in particular on the follow-up to [Resolution 2347 \(2020\)](#): recent developments with respect to the rights of the opposition*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Thomas Hammarberg (Sweden, SOC) and Mr John Howell (United Kingdom, EC/DA) with the participation of experts.

➤ **Election observation activities:**

On 4 April 2021, an Assembly election observation delegation observed, within the framework of an International Election Observation Missions (IEOM), the parliamentary elections in Bulgaria (partner organisations: OSCE-PA, ODIHR). [A press release of the ad hoc committee](#) was issued on 5 April 2021.

## **VI. Online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports**

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Azerbaijan***

**Mr Stefan Schennach** (Austria, SOC) and **Mr Richard Bacon** (United Kingdom, EC/DA), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, held an on-line meeting with the delegation of Azerbaijan to the Parliamentary Assembly on **8 April 2021**.

➤ ***Football governance: business and values***

**Lord George FOULKES**, (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* held online meetings with Mr Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA, and FIFA experts (**on 8 April 2021**), and with Mr Jonas Baer-Hoffmann, Secretary general of FIFPro, and FIFpro experts, (**on 9 April 2021**).

➤ ***The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021***

**Mr Jacques Maire** (France, ALDE), rapporteur of the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*, intends to hold online meetings with the competent authorities of the Russian federation, **during the week of 12 April 2021** (date to be confirmed).

➤ ***The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary***

**Mr George Papandreou** (Greece, SOC) and **Mr František Kopřiva** (Czech Republic, ALDE), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, intend to hold on-line meetings with representatives of the media and media authorities of Hungary on **12 and 13 April 2021**.

➤ ***The honouring of obligations and commitments by Armenia***

**Mr Kimmo Kiljunen** (Finland, SOC) and **Ms Boriána Åberg** (Sweden, EPP/CD), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, intend to hold on-line meetings with experts on **13 April 2021**.

## **VII. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly**

➤ On 15 April 2021, by videoconference, the *Sub-Committee on External Relations of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* will participate in the Conference on *Global challenges and threats in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. Terrorism and Violent Extremism*, jointly organised by partner parliamentary assemblies including, notably, the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of the CIS member states, and will organise and moderate a working session on “Democracies facing the Covid-19 Pandemic”.

## **VIII. Relations with the Committee of Ministers**

The triologue (SG, CM and PACE) met on 9 February, 4 March and 25 March 2021.

A meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 26 April 2021.

## **IX. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions**

- On 26 March 2021, meeting by videoconference, the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* held a hearing in the framework of the report on *Sports policies in times of crisis* (Rapporteur: Mr Carlos Alberto Gonçalves, Portugal, EPP/CD) with the participation of Mr Tomasz Frankowski, MEP, member of the European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education, Brussels; Mr Folker Hellmund, Director, European Olympic Committees EU Office, Brussels; and Mr Joao Paulo Almeida, Director-General, Portuguese Olympic Committee, Lisbon.
- On 30 March 2021, meeting by videoconference, the *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy* held a hearing on *Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) with the participation of Ms Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission, Democracy and Demography; and Mr Juan Fernando López Aguilar, MEP, Chairperson of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (Spain – Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats).
- On 12 April 2021, meeting by videoconference, the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, in the framework of the report prepared by Ms Stephanie Krisper (Austria, ALDE) on *Safe third countries for asylum seekers*, intends to hold an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Henrik Nielsen, Head of Asylum Unit, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission.
- On 12 April 2021, meeting by videoconference, the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, intends to hold an exchange of views in the context of the report prepared by Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) on *Voluntary relocation of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in need of humanitarian protection* with the participation of Ms Nacira Boulehouat, Head of Migration Management Support Unit, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, EU Commission, Brussels.

## **X. List of meetings of the committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee**

- . **18 March 2021:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **18 March 2021:** *Bureau*
- . **19 March 2021:** *Standing Committee*
- . **22 March 2021:** *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Sub-Committee on Human Rights*
- . **25 March 2021:** *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **26 March 2021:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **30 March 2021:** *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy*
- . **9 April 2021:** *Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **12 April 2021:** *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport*
- . **12 April 2021:** *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **14 April 2021:** *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination*
- . **15 April 2021:** *Sub-Committee on the European Prize (in camera) and Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*

- . **15 April 2021:** *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **15 April 2021:** *Presidential Committee*
- . **15 April 2021:** *Sub-Committee on External Relations (Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy)*
- . **16 April 2021:** *Bureau of the Assembly*



## Appendix 1



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COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

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01 April 2021

### **Second part of the 2021 Ordinary Session (19-22 April 2021)**

#### **Draft agenda<sup>1</sup>**

Part-session to be held in a hybrid manner.

## Abbreviations

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Bur: Bureau of the Assembly

Per: Standing Committee

Pol: Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Jur: Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

Soc: Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Mig: Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Cult: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Ega: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mon: Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

Pro: Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group

EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party

ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe





EC/DA: European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance

UEL: Group of the Unified European Left

NR: Members not belonging to a political group

## Symbols

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-  Presentation, statement
-  Deadline for tabling documents
-  Lists (speakers, questions)
-  Votes

## Meetings outside the Chamber

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### Joint Committee

Monday 26 April: 09:30-10:30

### Bureau

Friday 16 April: 09:30-12:30

Monday 26 April: 11:00-13:00

### Committees

Monday: 14:00-15:30

Tuesday: 18:00-19:30

Wednesday: 14:00-15:30

Thursday: 08:30-09:00

### Political groups

Monday: 09:00-11:00

Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

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## Monday 19 April 2021

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### Sitting No. 8 (11:30-13:00)

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#### 1. Opening of the part-session

- 1.1. Statement by the President
- 1.2. Examination of credentials
- 1.3. Changes in the membership of committees
- 1.4. Request(s) for current affairs debate or debate under urgent procedure
  - 1.4.1. Urgent procedure debate: "The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021"
  - 1.4.2. Urgent procedure debate: "The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey"
- 1.5. Adoption of the agenda
- 1.6. Approval of the minutes of the Standing Committee (19 March 2021)

#### 2. Debate

- 2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee
  - Presentation by:
    - o Mr Aleksander POCIEJ (Poland, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. ...)
  - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 18 April, 11:30)

#### 3. Prize Award Ceremony (12:30-13:00)

- 3.1. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize<sup>2</sup>

### Sitting No. 9 (16:00-19:30)

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#### 4. Address (16:00-17:00)

- 4.1. Ms Maia SANDU, President of the Republic of Moldova
  - Speech (16:00-16:20)*
  - Questions and replies (16:20-17:00)*
  - Questions (deadline for registration: Sunday 18 April, 16:00)

#### 5. Debate

- 5.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)
  - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 18 April, 11:30)
  - [possibly] Vote

#### 6. Debate

- 6.1. Preserving national minorities in Europe
  - Presentation by:
    - o Ms Elvira KOVÁCS (Serbia, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 15231)
  - List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 18 April, 16:00)
  - Amendments (deadline for tabling: Thursday 15 April, 16:00)
  - Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15231)

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2. See programme published separately (AS/Inf (2021) ...)

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**Sitting No. 10 (09:00-13:00)**

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**7. [Possibly] Elections (09:00-14:00)**

**7.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

**8. Debate**

**8.1. Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro**

Presentation by:

- o Mr Damien COTTIER (Switzerland, ALDE), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15132, Doc. 15132 Add.)
- o Mr Emanuelis ZINGERIS (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Co-Rapporteur AS/Mon (Doc. 15132, Doc. 15132 Add.)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 19 April, 09:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 16 April, 09:00)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15132)

**9. Address (10:00-11:00)**

**9.1. Ms Angela MERKEL, Federal Chancellor of Germany**

*Speech (10:00-10:20)*

*Questions and replies (10:20-11:00)*

Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 19 April, 09:00)

**10. Debate**

**10.1. The Assembly's vision on the strategic priorities for the Council of Europe**

Presentation by:

- o Mr Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15252)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 19 April, 09:00)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 16 April, 09:00)

Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15252)

**Sitting No. 11 (14:30-17:30)**

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**11. Question time (14:30-15:00)**

**11.1. Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 19 April, 14:30)

**12. Debate**

**12.1. Fighting fiscal injustice: the work of the OECD on taxation of digital economy**

Presentation by:

- o Mr Georgios KATROUGKALOS (Greece, UEL), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15251)
- o Ms Selin SAYEK BÖKE (Turkey, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Soc (Doc. ...)

Statement by:

- o Mr Angel GURRÍA, Secretary-General of the OECD

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 19 April, 14:30)

Amendments (deadline for tabling: Friday 16 April, 14:30)

Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15251)

**Sitting No. 12** (10:00-13:00)

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**13. [Possibly] Elections (2nd round)** (10:00-15:00)

**13.1. Judges to the European Court of Human Rights**

**14. Address** (10:00-11:00)

**14.1. Mr David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament**

*Speech* (10:00-10:20)

*Questions and replies* (10:20-11:00)

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 20 April, 10:00)

**15. Joint debate**

**15.1. Urgent need for electoral reform in Belarus**

☐ Presentation by:

- Lord David BLENCATHRA (United Kingdom, EC/DA), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 15253)

**15.2. Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation**

☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Alexandra LOUIS (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 15256)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 20 April, 10:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 19 April, 10:00)

⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15253)

⚖ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15256)

**Sitting No. 13** (16:00-19:30)

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**16. Address** (16:00-17:00)

**16.1. Annual activity report 2020 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights**

☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 20 April, 16:00)

**17. Debate**

**17.1. Discrimination against persons dealing with chronic and long-term illnesses**

☐ Presentation by:

- Ms Martine WONNER (France, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 15208)
- Ms Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. 15230)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 20 April, 16:00)

⊕ Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 19 April, 16:00)

⚖ Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 15208)

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## Thursday 22 April 2021

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### Sitting No. 14 (09:00-13:00)

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#### 18. Address (09:00-10:00)

##### 18.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Michael ROTH, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Special Representative of the Federal Government for the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

📅 Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 21 April, 09:00)

🕒 Written questions (deadline for tabling: Monday 12 April, 11:30)

#### 19. [Possibly] Debate under urgent procedure or current affairs debate<sup>3</sup>

#### 20. Debate

##### 20.1. For a European policy on diasporas

□ Presentation by:

- Mr Paulo PISCO (Portugal, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Mig (Doc. 15250)

📅 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 21 April, 09:00)

🕒 Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 20 April, 09:00)

🗳️ Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 15250)

#### 21. Closure of the part-session

## Appendix 2

### AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN BULGARIA

4 April / avril 2021

### COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES EN BULGARIE

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**Appendix 3**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE  
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN ALBANIA**

*25 April / avril 2021*

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## Appendix 4

### AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE OBSERVATION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN PALESTINE

22 May / mai 2021

### COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DES ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES EN PALESTINE

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Appendix 5 - Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2021

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2021
<b>I. Council of Europe bodies / Organes du Conseil de l'Europe</b>			
European Commission for Democracy through Law Venice Commission  <i>Commission européenne pour la démocratie par le droit - Commission de Venise</i>	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau to attend the sessions of the Commission  <i>Représentants de l'Assemblée désignés par le Bureau pour assister aux sessions de la Commission</i>	Article 2.4 of the Venice Commission Statute (Res CM (2002) 3)  <i>Article 2.4 du statut de la Commission de Venise (Rés CM (2002) 3)</i>	Members: Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) Appointment by the President ..... (AS/Jur) Substitute: .....(AS/Jur)
Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission  <i>Conseil des élections démocratiques de la Commission de Venise</i>	Representatives of AS/Pol, AS/Jur and AS/Mon approved by the Bureau of the Assembly  <i>Représentants de l'AS/Pol, l'AS/Jur et l'AS/Mon approuvés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée</i>	Bureau decision of 10 March 2003  <i>Décision du Bureau du 10 mars 2003</i>	Members: Ms María Valentina Martínez Ferro (Spain, EPP/CD) (AS/Pol) ..... (AS/Jur) Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) (AS/Mon)  Substitutes: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) (AS/Pol) ..... (AS/Jur) Ms Jette Christensen (Norway, SOC) (AS/Mon)
European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity North-South Centre  <i>Centre européen pour l'interdépendance et la solidarité mondiales – Centre Nord-Sud</i>	Two members of the Executive Council - appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly  <i>Deux membres du Conseil exécutif - désignés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée</i>	Article 4.2 (b) of the North-South Centre revised Statute (Res CM (2011) 6)  <i>Article 4.2 (b) du statut révisé du Centre Nord-Sud (Rés CM (2011) 6)</i>	Members: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) (AS/Soc) Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)  Substitutes: Ms Emine Nur Günay (Turkey, EC) (AS/Soc) Lord Alexander Dundee (UK, EC/DA) (AS/Cult)
European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance ECRI  <i>Commission européenne contre le racisme et l'intolérance – ECRI</i>	Representatives of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau (representatives of the following three committees: AS/Pol, AS/Ega and AS/Cult)  <i>Représentants de l'Assemblée désignés par le Bureau (représentants des trois commissions suivantes : AS/Pol, AS/Ega et AS/Cult)</i>	Article 5 of the ECRI Statute (Res CM (2002) 8)  <i>Article 5 du statut de l'ECRI (Rés CM (2002) 8)</i>	Members: Ms Yelyzaveta Yasko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) (AS/Pol) Mr Sos Avetisyan (Armenia, SOC) (AS/Cult) Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) (AS/Ega)  Substitutes: Mr Mehmet Mehdi Eker (Turkey, NR) (AS/Pol) Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) (AS/Ega) Ms Marta González Vázquez (Spain, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)
Group of States against Corruption GRECO  <i>Groupe d'états contre la corruption - GRECO</i>	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau  <i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i>	CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO  <i>Décision du CM lors de la 717ème réunion en 2000 selon l'Article 7.2. du Statut du GRECO</i>	Member: ..... (AS/Jur)  Substitute: ..... (AS/Jur)

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / <i>qui représente l'Assemblée</i>	reference	2021
Committee for Works of Art  <i>Comité des œuvres d'art</i>	Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)  <i>Deux membres désignés par le Bureau de l'Assemblée (actuellement un membre de l'AS/Cult et le rapporteur du Prix du musée)</i>	CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992  <i>Décision du CM lors de la 482ème réunion en 1992</i>	Members:  Lady Eccles (UK, EC/DA) (AS/Cult) Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE), (AS/Cult)
MONEYVAL	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau  <i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i>	Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12  <i>Article 4.1 de la Résolution CM/Res (2010) 12</i>	Member: ..... (AS/Jur)  Substitute: ..... (AS/Jur)
Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property  <i>Convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur les infractions visant des biens culturels</i>	A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau  <i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i>	STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1	
<b>II. Other</b>			
EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage  <i>EUROPA NOSTRA - Fédération paneuropéenne du patrimoine</i>	One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer  <i>Un membre (et son/sa suppléant/e) qui seront désignés par l'Assemblée pour assister aux réunions du Conseil de la Fédération en tant qu'observateurs</i>	Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra	Ms Foteini Pipili (Greece, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)