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Communication by the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly to the 1402nd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies¹ (28 April 2021)

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

I. 2nd part-session of 2021 (19-21 April 2021)

1. The April 2021 part-session was organised in a hybrid manner, with 101 members of the Assembly physically present in Strasbourg. Altogether, 130 members and delegation secretaries travelled to Strasbourg. Given the current epidemiological situation, reinforced sanitary measures have been put in place including onsite antigen tests for members and delegation secretaries as well as PCR tests for delegations traveling back home. Thanks to the excellent co-operation with the French authorities, 567 tests were made (484/73 antigen / PCR). No one was tested positive. As compared to January 2021, access to the Assembly Chamber was reopened to Permanent Representatives who expressed the wish to be physically present during debates.

2. Statistics show a steady increase in the physical participation of members, as compared to the 2021 January part-session (84 members physically present in January, as compared to 101 in April). Therefore, in anticipation of an even higher physical participation in June 2021, the seating capacity of the Assembly will be increased, within the limits of sanitary standards in force.

A. Personalities

3. The following personalities addressed the Assembly (in chronological order):

- Ms Maya SANDU, President of the Republic of Moldova
- Ms Angela MERKEL, Federal Chancellor of Germany (by videoconference)
- Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Angel GURRÍA, Secretary-General of the OECD (by videoconference)
- Mr David SASSOLI, President of the European Parliament (by videoconference)
- Ms Duna MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- 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 (by videoconference)

Their speeches can be found on the Assembly's website: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

B. Debates under urgent procedure

4. The Assembly held two debates under urgent procedure on *The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021* and on *The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey*

C. Current affairs debates

5. The Assembly held two current affairs debates on *Covid passports or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications* and on *Armenian prisoners of war, other captives and displaced persons*.

D. Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

6. On 20 April 2021, the Assembly elected Mr Frédéric Krenc as judge to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Belgium.

E. Presidential Committee

7. The Presidential Committee of the Assembly met on 15 April 2021 and on 22 April 2021 (by videoconference).

F. Prizes

8. On 19 April 2021, the Assembly held the eighth ceremony of the 2021 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize of the Council of Europe during which the Prize was awarded to Saudi women's rights activist Ms Loujain Alhathloul.

9. On 15 April 2021, the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development approved the proposals submitted by its Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize awarding the Europe Prize 2021 to the city of Khmel'nitski (Ukraine), 5 plaques of honour, 4 flags of honour and 6 European diplomas (Appendix 1).

G. Media coverage

10. The spring part-session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe generated an important media coverage. The second part-session organised in hybrid mode, with some 10 media accredited for the session in Strasbourg to report on it, generated more than 514 articles (provisional figures) in the international press. More than 150 of them were published in the Russian media, 55 in Ukrainian, 45 in international, 37 in Armenian and 33 in German media.

11. The main focus of the media attention was the address by Chancellor Angela Merkel, followed by a question-and-answer exercise, with articles in major international media outlets (Politico, Reuters, AFP, The Washington Post, AP, Euronews, The Independent, Bloomberg, DW, Agence Europe, The Parliament Magazine, Prime News, Sputnik, TASS, UNIAN, AzerNews, Turan, Der Spiegel, DPA, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Deutschlandfunk, EPD, Handelsblatt, n-TV, Zeit Online, ANSA, SIR, SwissInfo, SDA/ATS, EFE, Infobae, Agencia Lusa, Correio da Manhã, Liberal.gr and scores of regional and local media in Germany). The address of the Federal Chancellor was broadcast live on agencies such as Associated Press, Reuters and AFP, distribution networks such as EBU (Eurovision) and ENEX (commercial broadcasters, Luxembourg) as well as on several media websites such as the Austrian TV ORF, German news channel NTV, Der Spiegel and a report on Euronews.

12. The eighth ceremony of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, awarded to Saudi women's rights activist Ms Loujain Alhathloul, received impressive media coverage (Radio Prague, France TV Info, Euronews, Les Echos, L'Obs, Tribune de Genève, Deutschlandfunk), as did the urgent debate on the arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny. Numerous articles mention the Assembly resolution inviting the Committee of Ministers to ensure the execution of the European Court of Human Rights' judgment ordering Mr Navalny's release from prison (FAZ, DPA, Focus Online, Puls 24, ANSA, Il Fatto Quotidiano, EFE, SwissInfo, Gazeta Wyborcza, Radio Svoboda, TASS, Interfax, Kommersant, Parlamentskaya gazeta, RBC, scores of Russian outlets).

13. On social media, this part-session saw record figures on Twitter, with 1.9 million 'impressions' across the week – largely due to a single viral tweet on the Václav Havel Prize winner, which received 1.3 million impressions and has been re-tweeted 528 times so far. The second most popular tweet concerned the Navalny debate, with 165,000 impressions and 222 retweets so far. The main Facebook page saw 6,700 'post engagements', while the Assembly's YouTube Channel, which broadcast each sitting live, received 3,300 views across the week, amounting to 346 hours of 'watch time'.

H. Adopted texts and follow-up to the second part-session of 2021 (Strasbourg, 19-22 April)

14. The Assembly adopted the following texts:

No.	Title
Resolution 2368 (2021)	Preserving national minorities in Europe
Recommendation 2198 (2021)	Preserving national minorities in Europe
Resolution 2369 (2021)	The Assembly's vision on the strategic priorities for the Council of Europe
Recommendation 2199 (2021)	The Assembly's vision on the strategic priorities for the Council of Europe
Resolution 2370 (2021)	Fighting fiscal injustice: the work of the OECD on taxation of digital economy
Resolution 2371 (2021)	Urgent need for electoral reform in Belarus
Recommendation 2200 (2021)	Urgent need for electoral reform in Belarus
Resolution 2372 (2021)	Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation
Recommendation 2201 (2021)	Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation
Resolution 2373 (2021)	Discrimination against persons dealing with chronic and long-term illnesses
Resolution 2374 (2021)	Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro
Resolution 2375 (2021)	The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021
Recommendation 2202 (2021)	The arrest and detention of Alexei Navalny in January 2021
Resolution 2376 (2021)	The functioning of democratic institutions in Turkey

15. All these texts can be found on the web site of the Assembly: <http://assembly.coe.int>.

16. As far as the follow-up to the part-session is concerned, on 26 April 2021, the Bureau

- as regards the current affairs debate on the *Covid passports or certificates: protection of fundamental rights and legal implications*: decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on the same subject, with a view to an Assembly debate during the June part-session.
- as regards the current affairs debate on *the Armenian prisoners of war, other captives and displaced persons*: decided to refer this issue to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons to be taken into account in the preparation of its report on *Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan*.

I. Hearings and events organised by committees during the part-session

During this part-session, the activity of Committees was mainly concentrated on activities related to the debates included in the agenda of the part-session. However, the following hearings and exchanges of views were organised during this part-session.

Monday 19 April 2021	
<p>Videoconference</p> <p>Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “the interim opinion on the Russian constitutional amendments and the procedure for their adoption”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Axel Schäfer, (Germany, SOC) and Ms Ria Oomen-Ruijten (Netherlands, EPP/CD) with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Claire Bazy Malaurie, Member of the Venice Commission
Tuesday 20 April 2021	
<p>Videoconference</p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p>	<p>► Exchange of views on “European Union Pact on migration and asylum: a human rights perspective”</p> <p>in the context of the report prepared by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Elspeth Guild, Professor ad Personam, Queen Mary University of London, and Emeritus Professor, Radboud University, Netherlands; • Ms Nicolette Busutil, Doctoral Researcher (School of Law, Queen Mary University of London) and Visiting Lecturer in Refugee Law (Westminster Law School, University of Westminster).
Wednesday 21 April 2021	
<p>Videoconference</p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p>	<p>► Hearing on “OCEAN Project – Open Council of Europe Academic Networks ”</p> <p>with the participation of Mr Michele Nicoletti, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Professor at the Department of Letters and Philosophy, School of International Studies, University of Trento, Italy.</p>

II. Elections

➤ Bulgaria: parliamentary elections (4 April 2021):

On 16 April 2021, the Bureau took note of the statement by the observation mission. Eighteen Members of Parliament, as well as an expert from the Venice Commission, observed the parliamentary elections in Bulgaria ([see statement on the Assembly website](#)).

➤ Albania: parliamentary elections (25 April 2021):

On 16 April 2021, the Bureau approved the revised final list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2). Eighteen Members of Parliament, as well as an expert from the Venice Commission, observed the parliamentary elections, in the framework of the International Election Observation Mission ([see statement on the Assembly website](#)).

➤ Palestine: parliamentary elections (22 May 2021):

On 26 April 2021, the Bureau decided to suspend the preparation of the observation of these elections, pending the organisation of a risk assessment mission. The list of members of the ad hoc committee is in annex 3.

➤ Armenia: early parliamentary elections (20 June 2021 - tbc):

On 16 April 2021, the Bureau decided to observe these elections, subject to receiving an invitation, and to set up an ad hoc committee composed of 20 members (SOC-7 ; EPP/CD-6 ; EC/DA-3 ; ALDE-3 ; UEL-1) as well as the two co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring committee.

III. Other decisions taken by the Bureau (Strasbourg, 16 and 26 April 2021)

➤ Election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Belgium and Poland:

On 16 April 2021, the Bureau took note of the report drawn up by the Committee on the election of judges concerning the list of candidates for the posts of judges to the Court in respect of these countries, including its Recommendation to reject the list in respect of Poland, subject to ratification by the Assembly in the Progress report (Doc. 15263 Addendum 2). The rejection of the list was subsequently ratified on 19 April 2021.

➤ European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT):

On 26 April 2021, the Bureau approved the lists of candidates in respect of Croatia, France, Liechtenstein, Malta, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United Kingdom to be forwarded to the Committee of Ministers and approved the recommendation of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to invite the delegation of Cyprus to submit a new list of candidates to the CPT.

➤ Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2021:

On 16 April 2021, the Bureau considered the proposals stemming from the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights. The full list of Institutional Representation of the Assembly, as approved by the Bureau, is contained in Appendix 4.

➤ Standing Committee, 28 May 2021:

The Bureau took note that the meeting of the Standing Committee would be held by videoconference and considered the draft agenda of the Standing Committee.

➤ June 2021 part-session of the Assembly (Strasbourg, 21-24 June 2021):

The Bureau decided to hold this part-session in a hybrid format and drew up the preliminary draft agenda.

➤ **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:**

The Bureau took note of the prolongation of the deadline to submit candidatures to the 2021 edition of the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize, until 30 June 2021.

IV. Activities of Committees and Networks

➤ On 11 May 2021, meeting by videoconference, **the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**

. will hold a hearing on *More participatory democracy to tackle climate change*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC) with the participation of Professor Archon Fung, Professor of Citizenship and Self-Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

➤ On 11 May 2021, meeting by videoconference, the Sub-committee on the Middle East and Arab World of the **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy:**

. will hold a hearing on *Perspectives for peace after the Israeli and Palestinian elections*.

➤ On 17 May 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:**

. will hold a hearing on *Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan*, in the context of the follow-up to the report prepared by Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC), with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed), and will hold a hearing on the *Poisoning of Alexei Navalny* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Jacques Maire, (France, ALDE) with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed).

➤ On 18 May 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination:**

. will hold a hearing on *Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe*, in the context of a report prepared by Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed);

. will hold an exchange of views on the *Application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages of the Council of Europe*, with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed);

. will hold an exchange of views on the *Generation Equality Forum 2021, UN Women, Paris, 30 June to 3 July 2021: Towards a generation of women free from violence*, with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed).

➤ On 21 May 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media:**

. will hold a hearing on *The role of the media in times of crises* in the context of a report prepared by Ms Annicka Engblom (Sweden, EPP/CD), with the participation of Ms Giuliana Tiripelli, Senior Lecturer in Digital Journalism and Media Discourse, Leicester Media School, and Mr Paul Reilly, Senior Lecturer in Social Media and Digital Society, Deputy Director of Learning and Teaching, School of Information, Sheffield University;

. will hold a hearing on *The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education and culture* in the context of a report prepared by Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), with the participation of Ms Isabelle De Voldere, Co-author of the European Parliament expert study on the cultural sectors, IDEA Consult, Brussels, Ms Martina Fraioli, Co-author of the European Parliament expert study on the cultural sectors, IDEA Consult, Brussels, and Mr Sixto Molina, Secretariat of the Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB);

. will hold an exchange of views 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 Joao Paulo Almeida, Director-General, Portuguese Olympic Committee, Lisbon.

➤ On 25 May 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**

. will hold an exchange of views on *Action against trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants*, with the participation of experts (names to be confirmed).

➤ On 3 June 2021, meeting by videoconference, the **Sub-Committee on Diasporas and Integration of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons:**

. will hold a joint webinar with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on *Gender mainstreaming in migration policies*, in the context of a report prepared by Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) (tbc).

V. Hearings and online meetings in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ ***The post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro***

Mr Emmanuel Zingeris (Lithuania, EPP/C) and **Mr Damien Cottier**, (Switzerland, ALDE), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, held, on **23 April 2021**, an online meeting with the Speaker of the Montenegrin Parliament, Mr Aleksa Bečić.

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

Lord George Foulkes (UK, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*, will hold, on **7 May 2021 and 10 May 2021**, online meetings, respectively, with Mr Charlie Marshall, CEO of the ECA, and with ECA experts, as well as with Mr Aleksander Čeferin, President of the UEFA, and with UEFA experts.

➤ ***Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe***

Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will hold, on **18 May 2021**, an online meeting with experts (names to be confirmed).

➤ ***Impact of Covid-19 on children's rights***

Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, held two online meetings: the first one on **27 April 2021** with Ms Dubravka Suica, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography, and the other one on **28 April 2021** with Ms Kopacz, European Parliament Coordinator on children's rights. Baroness Doreen E. Massey will hold, on **20 May 2021**, another online meeting with experts (names to be confirmed).

➤ ***Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly***

The *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*, will hold, on **2 June 2021**, a joint hearing with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, in the framework of the preparation of a report by **Ms Nicole Trisse** (France, ALDE).

➤ ***Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation and a moral duty***

Mr Pier-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, will hold, on **17 June 2021**, an online meeting with experts (names to be confirmed).

➤ ***Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe***

Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out online fact-finding visits to Poland and the Russian Federation (dates to be confirmed).

➤ ***Combating The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport***

Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD), rapporteur of the *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*, will carry out an online fact-finding visit to Switzerland (date to be confirmed).

VI. Fact-finding visits in the framework of the preparation of reports

➤ On 10-12 May 2021, the **Ad hoc Sub-Committee of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons** will carry out a fact-finding visit to Lesbos (Greece).

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

Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) and **Mr Claude Kern** (France, ALDE), co-rapporteurs of the *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Georgia on **1-6 June 2021**.

➤ **Humanitarian consequences of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan**

Mr Paul Gavan (Ireland, UEL), rapporteur of the *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*, will carry out a fact-finding visit to Armenia and Azerbaijan (dates to be confirmed).

VII. Seminars and conferences organised by the Assembly

➤ **16 April, 2021, the Parliament of Cyprus:** Mr Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), rapporteur on *The impact of the covid-19 pandemic on education and culture*, of the *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media* organised a parliamentary debate on the subject in the Parliament of Cyprus, together with Mr Nicos Tornaritis, Chairman of the Cypriot delegation, with the participation, by videoconference, of Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly.

➤ **In June 2021, in Rabat (Morocco):** the **Parliamentary Project support division**, will organise a seminar on *Women in politics: how to progress to equality*, in cooperation with the **Committee on Equality and non-discrimination** and the **Committee on migrations, Refugees and Displaced Persons** (date to be confirmed).

VIII. Relations with the Committee of Ministers

On 21 April 2021, the Presidential Committee, the Bureau of the Ministers' Deputies and the Secretary General held an informal exchange of views.

On 26 April 2021, the Joint Committee met in Strasbourg, by videoconference.

IX. Co-operation with the Venice Commission

➤ On 20 April 2021, the *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights* decided to ask the Venice Commission for an opinion on the Draft Belarus Law on Fight against Extremism, within the framework of the follow-up to the report on *Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation* (rapporteur for follow-up Ms Alexandra Louis, France, ALDE).

X. Co-operation with the European Parliament and other European Union institutions

The President of the European Parliament, **Mr David Sassoli**, addressed the Assembly during the April part-session by videoconference, on **21 April 2021**.

Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), rapporteur of the *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*, held two online meetings within the framework of the report *Impact of Covid-19 on children's rights*: the first one on **27 April 2021** with Ms Dubravka Suica, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography, and the other one on **28 April 2021** with Ms Kopacz, European Parliament Coordinator on children's rights.

XI. List of meetings of the Committees, the Bureau and the Presidential Committee (between 26 April and 18 June 2021)

- . **26 April 2021** : *Joint Committee*
- . **26 April 2021** : *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **27 April 2021** : *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **11 May 2021** : *Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World*
- . **17 May 2021** : *Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*
- . **18 May 2021** : *Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination*
- . **19 May 2021** : *Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)*
- . **20 May 2021** : *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **21 May 2021** : *Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media*
- . **25 May 2021** : *Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons*
- . **27 May 2021** : *Presidential Committee*
- . **27 May 2021** : *Bureau of the Assembly*
- . **28 May 2021** : *Standing Committee*
- . **2 June 2021** : *Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs*
- . **10-11 June 2021** : *Committee on the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights*
- . **17 June 2021** : *Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development*
- . **17 June 2021** : *Presidential Committee*
- . **18 June 2021** : *Bureau of the Assembly*

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

**WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE,
THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR
AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA
FOR 2021**

1. EUROPE PRIZE

The **Europe Prize**, which is the highest distinction, is awarded to:

Ukraine **Khmelnyskyi** (Khmelnyskyi oblast)

2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, is awarded to 5 municipalities:

Germany **Dortmund** (North Rhine-Westphalia)
Memmingen (Bavaria)
Stuttgart (Baden-Württemberg)

Turkey **Edremit** (Marmara Region)

Ukraine **Lviv** (Lviv Oblast)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** is awarded to 4 municipalities:

France **Bayeux** (Normandy)

Italy **Reggio Emilia** (Emilia-Romagna)

Poland **Płońsk** (Mazovian Voivodship)

Turkey **Ahmetbey** (Marmara region)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** is awarded to 6 municipalities:

Germany **Nagold** (Baden-Württemberg)

Italy **Santhià** (Piedmont)

Portugal **Cascais** (Lisbon region)

Turkey **Beşiktaş** (Marmara region)
Kırklareli (Marmara region)
Konak (Aegean region)

Appendix 2 - Albania parliamentary elections (25 April 2021)

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

25 April / April 2021

**COMMISSION AD HOC POUR L'OBSERVATION DES
ELECTIONS LEGISLATIVES EN ALBANIE**

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Ms / Mme Margreet De BOER, Netherlands / Pays-Bas
Mr / M. Antonio GUTIÉRREZ, Spain / Espagne**
Ms / Mme Sibel ARSLAN, Switzerland / Suisse
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Mr / M. Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland / Suisse
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**European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens
et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)**

Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA, Italy / Italie ** (P)
Mr / M. Ulrich OEHME, Germany / Allemagne**

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Andrej HUNKO, Germany / Allemagne** (P)

Venice Commission / Commission de Venise
Ms / Mme Renata TARDIOLI, Member / membre

** has participated in at least 2 missions
(P) pre-electoral mission

Appendix 3 - Palestine parliamentary elections (22 May 2021)

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

22 May / May 2021

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

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Mr / M. Thomas HAMMARBERG, Sweden / Suède
Ms / Mme Róisín GARVEY, Ireland / Irlande
Mr / M. Pierre-Alain FRIDEZ, Switzerland / Suisse **
Mr / M. Lars Aslan RASMUSSEN, Denmark / Danemark

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Mr / M. André VALLINI, France **
Ms / Mme Marina BERLINGHERI, Italy / Italie
Mr / M. Fourat BEN CHIKHA, Belgium / Belgique
Mr / M. Stefan SCHENNACH, Austria / Autriche **
Mr / M. Krzysztof ŚMISZEK, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Didier MARIE, France
Ms / Mme Sibel ARSLAN, Switzerland / Suisse
Ms / M. Bela BACH, Germany / Allemagne
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Ms / Mme Kamila GASIUK-PIHOWICZ, Poland / Pologne
Ms / Mme Marianne MARET, Switzerland / Suisse
Mr / M. Birgir THÓRARINSSON, Iceland / Islande **
Mr / M. Attila TILKI, Hungary / Hongrie **
Mr / M. Frank HEINRICH, Germany / Allemagne

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Mr / M. Reinhold LOPATKA, Austria / Autriche **
Mr / M. Killion MUNYAMA, Poland / Pologne
Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande **
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Ms / Mme Nicole DURANTON, France **
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European Conservatives Group and Democratic Alliance (EC/DA) / Groupe des conservateurs européens et Alliance démocratique (CE/AD)

Mr / M. Alberto RIBOLLA, Italy / Italie **
Mr / M. Ulrich OEHME, Germany / Allemagne **
Mr / M. Axel KASSEGGGER, Austria / Autriche

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL) / Groupe pour la gauche unitaire européenne (GUE)

Mr / M. Georgios KATROUGKALOS, Greece / Grèce **

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Venice Commission / Commission de Venise

Secretariat / Secrétariat

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Appendix 4 – Institutional representation of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2021

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2021
I. Council of Europe bodies / Organes du Conseil de l'Europe			
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 Ms Alexandra Louis (France, ALDE) (AS/Jur) Substitute: Mr Constantinos Efsthathiou (Cyprus, SOC) (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) Mr Antonio Gutiérrez (Spain, SOC) (AS/Jur) Mr Aleksander Pocij (Poland, EPP/CD) (AS/Mon) Substitutes: Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) (AS/Pol) Mr Givi Mikanadze (Georgia, SOC) (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)

Body / Organe	who represents the Assembly / qui représente l'Assemblée	reference	2021
<p>Group of States against Corruption GRECO</p> <p><i>Groupe d'états contre la corruption - GRECO</i></p>	<p>A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau</p> <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>CM decision of 717th meeting in 2000 in accordance with Article 7.2 of the Statute of the GRECO</p> <p><i>Décision du CM lors de la 717ème réunion en 2000 selon l'Article 7.2. du Statut du GRECO</i></p>	<p>Member: Ms Marta González (Spain, EPP/CD) (AS/Jur)</p> <p>Substitute: Ms Gökay Akhbulut (Germany, UEL) (AS/Jur)</p>
<p>Committee for Works of Art</p> <p><i>Comité des œuvres d'art</i></p>	<p>Two members appointed by the Bureau of the Assembly (at present AS/Cult Committee member and Museum Prize rapporteur)</p> <p><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></p>	<p>CM decision of 482nd meeting in 1992</p> <p><i>Décision du CM lors de la 482ème réunion en 1992</i></p>	<p>Members:</p> <p>Lady Eccles (UK, EC/DA) (AS/Cult) Ms Yuliia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine, ALDE), (AS/Cult)</p>
<p>MONEYVAL</p>	<p>A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau</p> <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>Article 4.1 of Resolution CM/Res (2010) 12</p> <p><i>Article 4.1 de la Résolution CM/Res (2010) 12</i></p>	<p>Member: Mr Titus Corlăţean (Romania, SOC) (AS/Jur)</p> <p>Substitute: Sir Edward Leigh (United Kingdom, EC/DA) (AS/Jur)</p>
<p>Council of Europe Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property</p> <p><i>Convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur les infractions visant des biens culturels</i></p>	<p>A representative of the Assembly appointed by the Bureau</p> <p><i>Un représentant de l'Assemblée désigné par le Bureau</i></p>	<p>STCE n°221 CM(2017)32, Chapter V, Article 23.1</p>	
<p>II. Other</p>			
<p>EUROPA NOSTRA Pan-European Federation for Heritage</p> <p><i>EUROPA NOSTRA - Fédération paneuropéenne du patrimoine</i></p>	<p>One member (and substitute) to be nominated by the Assembly - to attend the Federation Council meetings as observer</p> <p><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></p>	<p>Article 21.4 of the Statute of Europa Nostra</p>	<p>Ms Foteini Pipili (Greece, EPP/CD) (AS/Cult)</p>