

### **Terms of reference of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage (AS/Cult/CDH)**

1. The sub-committee shall consider issues relating to culture and cultural heritage and deal with the legal, societal, educational, cultural and ethical challenges raised by diversity, seeking to identify suitable policy responses at European and/or national levels.
2. The sub-committee shall in particular consider:
  - 2.1. cultural rights and policies and their importance for democracy, social cohesion and development;
  - 2.2. cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, including its religious dimension;
  - 2.3. promotion and protection of cultural heritage and landscape.
2. The sub-committee shall keep contacts with the European Museum Forum and provide advice to the Committee on the annual award of the Council of Europe Museum Prize.
4. Within its sphere of competence, the sub-committee shall support rapporteurs' and committee work concerning the initiation and preparation of reports, as well as their follow-up; it may perform other tasks mentioned by the General terms of reference applicable to all Assembly committees, as in Resolution 1842 (2011).

### **Terms of reference of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport (AS/Cult/EYS)**

1. The sub-committee shall consider issues relating to education, youth and sport and deal with the legal, societal, cultural and ethical challenges which emerge in these areas, namely in the context of globalisation and of the economic downturn, seeking to identify suitable policy responses at European and/or national levels.
2. The sub-committee shall in particular consider:
  - 2.1. youth rights and policy responses to increasing difficulties experienced by young people;
  - 2.2. the role of education in building cohesive societies and reinforcing human rights and democratic citizenship;
  - 2.3. higher education and research policies and the developments of the Bologna Process;
  - 2.4. sport policies and society.
3. Within its sphere of competence, the sub-committee shall support rapporteurs' and committee work concerning the initiation and preparation of reports, as well as their follow-up; it may perform other tasks mentioned by the General terms of reference applicable to all Assembly committees, as in Resolution 1842 (2011).

### **Terms of reference of the Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society (AS/Cult/MIS)**

1. The sub-committee shall consider issues related to the freedom of expression and information and deal with the legal, societal, educational, cultural and ethical challenges raised by the development of information and communication technologies (ICT) and of the information society, seeking to identify suitable policy responses at European and/or national levels.
2. The sub-committee shall in particular consider:
  - 2.1. threats to freedom of expression and information, including media freedom and media pluralism/concentration;
  - 2.2. journalists' ethics and media self-regulation;
  - 2.3. internet governance and the protection of human rights in cyberspace;
  - 2.4. social networks and societal impact of the ICT.

3. Within its sphere of competence, the sub-committee shall support rapporteurs' and committee work concerning the initiation and preparation of reports, as well as their follow-up; it may perform other tasks mentioned by the General terms of reference applicable to all Assembly committees, as in Resolution 1842 (2011).

### **Terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment**

**Denomination:** General Rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment

**Term of office:** one year renewable, subject to a maximum of two years

**Subject:** it is the duty of the general rapporteur on Science and Technology Impact Assessment to consider and intervene on issues relating to the ethics of scientific and technological developments as well as to the impact of such developments. He or she shall report periodically to the committee on the information collected and the action taken.

#### **Responsibilities:**

The role of the General Rapporteur is to:

- follow activities of other Assembly committees and liaise with rapporteurs dealing with scientific and technological matters from other perspectives such as their social, economic, health and environmental impact;
- represent the committee on behalf of the Assembly vis-à-vis the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO);
- follow activities and maintain working relations with the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) Network, seeking to give visibility to the work of the Assembly, and advise the Committee on emerging issues and relevant work of the EPTA partners;
- follow activities and maintain working relations with national parliaments as well as with relevant international, intergovernmental, inter-parliamentary or other organisations<sup>1</sup>;
- follow up and promote relevant Assembly resolutions and recommendations in its domain of work.

### **Terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists**

**Denomination:** General Rapporteur on Media Freedom and Safety of Journalists

**Term of office:** one year renewable, subject to a maximum of two years

**Subject:** the General Rapporteur should deal with serious violations of media freedom and the safety of journalists in Europe.

The General Rapporteur should:

- follow-up the alerts posted on the Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of journalists, and report periodically on those cases to the Committee, keeping it informed on action taken, or to be taken, to deal with them;
- represent the Committee on behalf of the Assembly vis-à-vis other Council of Europe bodies and relevant external stakeholders, and cooperate with them as appropriate
- follow activities of other Assembly committees and liaise with rapporteurs dealing with related matters;
- follow-up and promote relevant Assembly resolutions and recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> For example: the European Group on Ethics of science and new technologies (EGE).