



**'Side events' list**  
**PACE Autumn Session (1-5 October 2012)**

Monday 1 October 2012	
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Co-sponsored by Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD), Marina Schuster (Germany, ALDE) and Mats Johansson (Sweden, EPP/CD)</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Lunchtime talk: “Corruption in Russia and the Magnitsky case: the PACE response?”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pieter Omtzigt (Netherlands, EPP/CD)</li> <li>• Marina Schuster (Germany, ALDE)</li> <li>• Mats Johansson (Sweden, EPP/CD)</li> <li>• William Browder, CEO, Hermitage Capital Management</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3 pm</b> <b>Room 1, Palais</b></p> <p>Joint meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy; the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media; and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “The North-South Centre and the Arab countries in transition”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</li> <li>• Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre</li> <li>• Ambassador Luis Filipe Castro Mendes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the Council of Europe, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group “Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment” (GR-C)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 2 October 2012	
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 8, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Hearing on the recent violent attacks on migrants in Europe (9–10 am)</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veronika Szente-Goldston, Advocacy Director for Europe and Central Asia, <i>Human Rights Watch</i></li> <li>• Kondylia Gogou, Researcher, Greece and Cyprus, Europe and Central Asia Programme, <i>Amnesty International</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>9–10 am</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-Committee on Media and Information Society</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on “Improving user protection and security in cyberspace”, in the context of the report prepared by Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD)</b></p> <p>Presentation of a legal background report by Professor Dr Hans Schulte-Nölke (Osnabrück) and of a technical background report by Dr Kei Ishii (Berlin)</p>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 7, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media</p> <p><i>Not open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Possible adoption of the report by Mats Johansson (Sweden, EPP/CD) on “The state of media freedom in Europe”</b></p>

Wednesday 3 October 2012	
<p><b>1–2 pm</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Organised by the EPP/CD Group in collaboration with the NGOs <i>Alliance Defending Freedom</i> and <i>Christian Concern for our Nation</i></p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Side-event “Peril for freedom of thought, conscience and belief in Europe – Case study: A consideration of how Article 9 is being marginalized in the United Kingdom”</b></p> <p>With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew McClintock, a magistrate in the UK</li> <li>• Richard Scott, a medical doctor in the UK</li> <li>• Andrea Williams, head of the NGO Christian Concern for our Nation</li> <li>• Daniel Lipsic, Senior Legal for the NGO Alliance Defending Freedom</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 11, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Tackling racism in the police”</b>, in the context of the report prepared by David Davies (United Kingdom, EDG)</p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deborah Glass, Deputy Chair of the Independent Police Complaints Commission (United Kingdom)</li> <li>• Julien Le Gars, Deputy Director for public liberties, Ministry of the Interior (France)</li> <li>• Chantal Pons-Mesouaki, Deputy Secretary General of the Trade Union for public security officers (France)</li> <li>• Lanna Hollo, Open Society Justice Initiative (France)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2–3.30 pm</b> <b>Room 6, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children</b></p> <p>Exchange of views on “Fighting against sexual violence: empowering children”, with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gorana Hitrec, President of the Coordination of Associations for Children (Croatia)</li> <li>• Dusica Popadić, Director of the <i>Incest Trauma Center</i> (Belgrade, Serbia)</li> </ul>
Thursday 4 October 2012	
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 9, Palais</b></p> <p>Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Exchange of views on the situation in Belarus</b></p> <p>with representatives of civil society:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vladimir Chudentsov, journalist, <a href="http://www.tut.by">www.tut.by</a></li> <li>• Aleh Hulak, Chairman of Belarusian <i>Helsinki Committee</i>, member of <i>Human Rights Defenders for free elections</i></li> <li>• Lidia Sagidulina, Campaign “Tell the Truth”</li> <li>• Valentin Stefanovic, Vice-President of <i>Viasna</i> (Human Rights Centre), member of <i>Human Rights Defenders for free elections</i></li> <li>• Olga Sergeeva, member of <i>Belarusian Union of Women</i>, Deputy Chairperson of the Constitutional Court</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.30–10 am</b> <b>Room 3, Palais</b></p> <p>Sub-committee on gender equality</p> <p><i>Open to the press</i></p>	<p><b>Hearing on “Islamic feminism and the situation of women in the countries of the Arab revolution”</b></p> <p>with the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zahra Ali, researcher, <i>Institut français du Proche Orient</i> (Damascus)</li> <li>• Ahlam Belhaj, President of the <i>Association Tunisienne des femmes democrates</i> (tbc)</li> <li>• Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary of the the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)</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.