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## Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

**Progress report**  
Bureau of the Assembly

### 1. Report of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

The Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights held a meeting in Paris on 12 January 2026, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) in the Chair.

The committee assessed the lists of the candidates to the Court in respect of Cyprus and the Netherlands.<sup>1</sup>

### 2. Conclusions of the committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Cyprus and the Netherlands

#### 2.1. Cyprus

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 12 January 2026.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by a narrow majority, Mr Nicholas Emiliou as the most qualified candidate, over Ms Natasa Mavronicola.

#### 2.2. Netherlands

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 12 January 2026.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by a majority, Mr Sjoerd Bakker as the most qualified candidate.

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1. See Appendix 1 for the lists of candidates submitted by the government concerned. The full lists and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly documents: [Doc. 16312](#) (Cyprus) and [Doc. 16302](#) (Netherlands).



**Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Government of Cyprus and the Netherlands**

**Cyprus**

- Mr Nicholas EMILIOU
- Ms Natasa MAVRONICOLA
- Ms Margarita PAPANTONIOU

**Netherlands**

- Mr Sjoerd BAKKER
- Ms Tamara TROTMAN
- Ms Corinna WISSELS

## **Appendix 2 – Members of the committee who participated in the meeting<sup>2</sup>**

### **Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)**

- Ms Petra BAYR, Austria – Chairperson
- Mr Titus CORLĂȚEAN, Romania
- Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU, Cyprus
- Ms Gökçe GÖKÇEN, Türkiye
- Ms Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER, Austria
- Ms Gala VELDHOEN, Netherlands

### **Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD)**

- Ms Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria
- Mr Pablo HISPÁN, Spain
- Ms Belén HOYO, Spain
- Mr Rónán MULLEN, Ireland
- Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine

### **Group of the European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA)**

- Ms Iwona ARENT, Poland
- Ms Sylvie JOSSERAND, France
- Mr Serhii KALCHENKO, Ukraine

### **Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)**

- Mr Régis BERGONZI, Monaco
- Ms Stephanie KRISPER, Austria
- Ms Elena-Simona SPĂȚARU, Romania

### **Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)**

#### **Ex officio members**

- Lord Richard KEEN, United Kingdom

#### **Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly**

- Ms Despina CHATZIVASSILIOU, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Ms Sonia SIRTORI, Director of Committees – Democracy and Rule of Law
- Mr Guillem CANO PALOMARES, Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

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2. Not all members of the committee participated in the votes.