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Second part of the 2026 Ordinary Session (20-24 April 2026)

Agenda[1]

1. Adopted by the Assembly on 20 April 2026.

Abbreviations

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, International Protection and Economic Co-operation
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)
Rul: Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities
Cdh: Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
Pact: Special Committee on the New Democratic Pact

SOC: Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group
EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
ECPA: European Conservatives, Patriots and Affiliates
ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left
NR: Members not belonging to a political group

Symbols

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

Meetings outside the Chamber

Joint Committee
Monday: 15:00-16:00

Bureau of the Assembly
Monday: 08:00-09:30
Friday: 08:30-10:00

Committees
Monday: 14:00-15:00
Tuesday: 08:30-10:00
Tuesday: 14:00-15:30
Wednesday: 14:00-15:30
Thursday: 08:30-10:00
Thursday: 14:00-15:30

Political groups
Monday: 09:30-11:30
Monday: 17:30-19:30
Wednesday: 08:30-10:00

Monday 20 April 2026

Sitting No. 10 *(11:30-13:00)*

1. Opening of the part-session

1.1. Statement by the President

1.2. Examination of credentials

🗀 List of delegations:
- o (Doc. 16379)

1.3. Changes in the membership of committees (Commissions (2026) 04 + Add1, Commissions (2026) 05)

1.4. Requests for debate:

1.4.1. Debate under urgent procedure: "Request for opinion on the draft additional protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism"

1.4.2. Current affairs debate: "Accountability and justice: a call to step up efforts for the establishment of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine"

1.4.3. Debate under urgent procedure: "Suspension of Israel's observer status with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in light of systemic violations of international law"

1.4.4. Debate under urgent procedure: "Addressing Israel's death penalty law in Occupied Palestinian territories in the context of Council of Europe standards"

1.4.5. Current affairs debate: "The need for the respect of international law, peace and stability in the broader Middle East"

1.5. Adoption of the agenda

2. Progress report

2.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee

🗀 Presentation by:
- o Mr Pablo HISPÁN (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16377, Doc. 16377 Add. 1, Doc. 16377 Add. 2)

2.2. Observation of the early elections to the Assembly of Kosovo*[2] (28 December 2025)

🗀 Presentation by:
- o Mr Yunus EMRE (Türkiye, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Bur (Doc. 16380)

🗐 List of speakers (deadline for registration: Sunday 19 April, 16:00)

Sitting No. 11 *(16:00-17:30)*

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

3.1. Mr Jean-Noël BARROT, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France

🗐 Questions (deadline for registration: Monday 20 April, 09:00)

4. Prize Award Ceremony *(17:00-17:30)*

4.1. 2026 Council of Europe Museum Prize awarded to Young V&A[3]

2. *All reference to Kosovo in this document, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

Tuesday 21 April 2026

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

5. Debate

5.1. Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Elisabetta GARDINI (Italy, ECPA), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16363)
  - Ms Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. 16382)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 April, 16:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)

6. Question time *(12:10-13:00)*

6.1. Mr Alain BERSET, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

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

Sitting No. 13 *(15:30-20:00)*

7. Address *(15:30-16:30)*

7.1. Communication from the Committee of Ministers

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Mihai POPŞOI, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, President of the Committee of Ministers

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

8. Debate (continued)

8.1. Violence and hate speech against politicians: a threat to democracy

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Elisabetta GARDINI (Italy, ECPA), Rapporteur AS/Pol (Doc. 16363)
  - Ms Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur for opinion AS/Ega (Doc. 16382)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Monday 20 April, 16:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)
Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16363)

9. Debate

9.1. Countering discrimination based on religion and protecting freedom of religion or belief in Europe

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Francesco VERDUCCI (Italy, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16373)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 09:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16373)

3. See separate programme, AS/Inf(2026)07rev.

10. Debate

10.1. Procedure for the election of judges to the European Court of Human Rights

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER (Austria, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cdh : Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC) (Doc. 16361)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Monday 20 April, 16:00)
- Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16361)

Wednesday 22 April 2026

Sitting No. 14 *(10:00-13:00)*

11. Joint debate

11.1. Promoting the Istanbul Convention and improving its implementation: building on lessons learnt

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16372)

11.2. Paving the way for a culture of consent

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Ega (Doc. 16370)

- Statement by:
  - Ms Ana REDONDO, Minister for Equality of Spain
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 16:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 10:30)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16372)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16370)

12. Address *(12:00-13:00)*

12.1. H.E. Mr Denis BEĆIROVIĆ, Chairperson of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Questions (deadline for registration: Tuesday 21 April, 16:00)

Sitting No. 15 *(15:30-20:00)*

13. Address *(15:30-16:30)*

13.1. Annual activity report 2025 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights (CommHR(2026)31)

- Presentation by:
  - Mr Michael O'FLAHERTY, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- Questions (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 April, 09:00)

14. Debate

14.1. Towards the universal abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Gala VELDHOEN (Netherlands, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 16375 rev)

- Statements by:
  - Ms Barbara LOCHBIHLER, Commissioner at the International Commission against the Death Penalty
  - Ms Antoinette CHAHINE, International human rights defender
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 April, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16375 rev)

15. Debate

15.1. Tracking the proceeds of the crime denounced by Sergei Magnitsky and holding its perpetrators accountable

- Presentation by:
  - Ms Lesia VASYLENKO (Ukraine, ALDE), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 16362)
- List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 April, 09:00)
- Amendments (deadline for tabling: Tuesday 21 April, 16:00)
- Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16362)

Thursday 23 April 2026

Sitting No. 16 *(10:00-13:00)*

16. Current affairs debate

16.1. Accountability and justice: a call to step up efforts for the establishment of the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)

17. Current affairs debate

17.1. The need for the respect of international law, peace and stability in the broader Middle East

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)

Sitting No. 17 *(15:30-20:00)*

18. Debate under urgent procedure

18.1. Draft additional protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism

Presentation by:
- Mr Constantinos EFSTATHIOU (Cyprus, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Jur (Doc. 16385)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 April, 09:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)
Vote on a draft opinion (Doc. 16385)

19. Debate

19.1. European guidelines to counter social dumping and labour exploitation

Presentation by:
- Ms Valérie PILLER CARRARD (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Soc (Doc. 16371)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 April, 09:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)
Votes on a draft resolution and a draft recommendation (Doc. 16371)

20. Debate

20.1. Copyright enforcement in the artificial intelligence environment

Presentation by:
- Mr Mogens JENSEN (Denmark, SOC), Rapporteur AS/Cult (Doc. 16374)

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 April, 09:00)
Amendments (deadline for tabling: Wednesday 22 April, 16:00)
Vote on a draft resolution (Doc. 16374)

Friday 24 April 2026

Sitting No. 18 *(10:00-13:00)*

21. Free debate

List of speakers (deadline for registration: Thursday 23 April, 16:00)

22. Progress report (continued)

22.1. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (continued)

Addendum:
- (Doc. 16377 Add. 3)

23. Closure of the part-session