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Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (22 June 2026)

Progress report
Bureau of the Assembly

1. Decisions of the Bureau of 22 June 2026 requiring ratification by the Assembly

1.1. References and transmissions to committees

The Bureau considered and approved the following references:

- *Empowering youth in the digital age: towards creative, democratic and competence-based approaches to online participation*, [Doc. 16384](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;
- *Hate crimes against Christians in Europe*, [Doc. 16388](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*;
- *Addressing the issue of drug facilitated sexual violence and the online platforms used by perpetrators*, [Doc. 16390](#), motion for a resolution: transmission to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for information*;
- *Council of Europe action to protect the human rights of migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees*, [Doc. 16387](#), motion for a resolution, and *The Parliamentary Assembly has to play an active role in the process launched by the Secretary General concerning migration, human rights and security*, [Doc. 16391](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for a single report*, and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for opinion*;
- *The Venice Biennale and a framework for Russia's participation in international cultural events*, [Doc. 16392](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for report*;
- *Brain drain and demographic challenges in the Western Balkans*, [Doc. 16393](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*;
- *Human rights challenges in the North Caucasus*, [Doc. 16395](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Reported cases of political prisoners in Europe*, [Doc. 16405](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights *for report*;
- *Migration and Europe's colonial past: towards historical justice and democratic resilience*, [Doc. 16407](#), motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *for report*.



1.2. Modification of a reference

The Bureau approved the following modification of reference:

- *Mainstreaming remembrance: preserving the historical memory of Roma and Travellers to counter Antigypsyism*, Doc. 16300, reference 4930 of 26 January 2026 – validity: 26 January 2028, motion for a resolution: reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report* and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media *for opinion*

1.3. Follow-up to the Standing Committee meeting (Monaco, 22 May 2026)

The Bureau heard a presentation by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to refer to the Committee on Rules, Ethics and Immunities the follow-up to [Resolution 2656 \(2026\)](#) “Restructuring and streamlining of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure” (modalities concerning guests of the Assembly) *to be taken into account* in the preparation of the report *Applying ethical standards to the members of all delegations participating in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly*.

1.4. Composition of the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee)

On the basis of a proposal by the ECPA Group, the Bureau nominated Mr Lőrinc NACSA (Hungary) as member.

The Assembly is invited to ratify these Bureau decisions.

2. Other decisions by the Bureau

2.1. Third part-session of 2026 (Strasbourg, 22-26 June)

2.1.1. Request for a debate under urgent procedure

The Bureau took note of the request presented by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *Women’s access to justice*: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and to refer the matter to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for report*.

2.1.2. Requests for current affairs debates

The Bureau took note:

- of the request tabled by the Committee on Migration, International Protection and Economic Co-operation *Follow-up to the Chişinău Declaration – Council of Europe action in the field of migration*: decided to modify the title into *Migration to Europe*, to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and appointed Ms Sandra Zampa (Italy, SOC) as first speaker;
- of the request tabled by Ms Kearns and 21 members of the Assembly *Jimmy Lai*: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate;
- of the request tabled by the Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group *The functioning of the judicial system and the crackdown on the opposition in Türkiye*: decided to recommend to the Assembly to hold this debate, and appointed Lord David Blencathra (United Kingdom, ECPA) as first speaker;
- of the request tabled by Ms Göka and 19 members of the Assembly *Protecting the right to education in Gaza*: decided to recommend to the Assembly not to hold this debate.

2.1.3. Draft agenda

The Bureau updated the agenda of the part-session and decided to limit the speaking time to two minutes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

2.1.4. Joint Committee

The Bureau prepared the meeting of the Joint Committee.

2.2. Progress report of the Bureau of the Assembly and of the Standing Committee (25 April – 22 June 2026)

The Bureau approved the Progress report ([Doc. 16430](#)).

2.3. Election observation

2.3.1. Hungary: parliamentary elections (12 April 2026)

The Bureau approved the observation [report](#) of the parliamentary elections.

2.3.2. Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections (19 April 2026)

The Bureau approved the observation [report](#) of the early parliamentary elections.

2.3.3. Armenia: parliamentary elections (7 June 2026)

The Bureau took note of the statement of the observation mission.

2.3.4. Assembly of Kosovo¹: early elections (7 June 2026)

The Bureau took note of the statement of the observation mission.

2.3.5. Kazakhstan: early parliamentary elections (August 2026, date tbc)

The Bureau decided to increase the size of the delegation to 20 members (SOC: 7; EPP/CD: 5; ECPA: 4; ALDE: 3; UEL:1) and approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 1).

2.3.6. Morocco: parliamentary elections (23 September 2026)

The Bureau approved the list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 2) and appointed Ms Elisabetta Gardini (Italy, ECPA) as its chairperson and Mr George Loucaides (Cyprus, UEL) as its vice-chairperson.

2.3.7. Bosnia and Herzegovina: general elections (4 October 2026)

The Bureau approved the revised list of members of the ad hoc committee to observe these elections (Appendix 3) and declassified the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly on “*Proposal for testing the feasibility of observing out-of-country voting in the context of the general elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 October 2026)*”.

2.4. Platform for dialogue between the Assembly and Russian democratic forces

The Bureau took note of the declaration which Platform members will be asked to sign, explicitly acknowledging their commitment to the principles and values of the Council of Europe, including respect for diversity and equality (Appendix 4).

2.5. Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

The Bureau took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to re-appoint Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier as member of the Selection Panel.

2.6. European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, 2 August 2026

The Bureau decided to set up an ad hoc committee of the Bureau to participate in this event and invited the committees to designate members.

1. All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council [Resolution 1244](#) and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

2.7. Communications

The Bureau took note of the communication by the President of the Assembly and held an exchange of views with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

The Bureau also thanked the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr Bjørn Berge, for all his work for the Organisation.

Appendix 1 – Revised list of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the early parliamentary elections of Kazakhstan (August 2026, date tbc)

Chairperson / Présidente: Ms / M^{me} Sevilay ÇELENK, Türkiye

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-présidente: Ms / M^{me} Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

- ZZ
- ZZ
- ZZ

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Ms / M^{me} Aysu BANKOGLU, Türkiye
- Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
- Ms / M^{me} Edite ESTRELA, Portugal
- Ms / M^{me} Camilla FABRICIUS, Denmark / Danemark
- Ms / M^{me} Aurora FLORIDIA, Italy / Italie
- Mr / M. Gerardo GIOVAGNOLI, San Marino / Saint-Marin
- Ms / M^{me} Annick LAMBRECHT, Belgium / Belgique
- Ms / M^{me} Iris LUARASI, Albania / Albanie
- Ms / M^{me} Luz MARTINEZ SEIJO, Spain / Espagne
- Mr / M. Fabian MOLINA, Switzerland / Suisse
- Ms / M^{me} Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne
- Mr / M. Ivan RACAN, Croatia / Croatie
- Mr / M. Roberto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

- Ms / M^{me} Boriana ÅBERG, Sweden / Suède**
- ZZ
- ZZ

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Mr / M. Garret AHEARN, Ireland / Irlande**
- Ms / M^{me} Elvira KOVÁCS, Serbia / Serbie**
- Ms / M^{me} Nađa LAKOVIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro **
- Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
- Mr / M. Joseph O'REILLY, Ireland / Irlande
- Mr / M. Tekke PANMAN, Netherlands / Pays Bas**
- Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce**

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) / Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés (CEPA)

- Lord David BLENCATHRA, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni

- Mr / M. Zsolt NÉMETH, Hungary / Hongrie

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Mr / M. Axel KASSEGGER, Austria / Autriche
- Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN, Germany / Allemagne
- Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
- Ms / M^{me} Victoria TIBLOM, Sweden / Suède

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

- Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye
- Mr / M. Claude KERN, France

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Mr / M. Damien COTTIER, Switzerland / Suisse
- Mr / M. Manu DIERICX, Belgium / Belgique
- Ms / M^{me} Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie
- Mr / M. Andries GRYFFROY, Belgium / Belgique
- Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie
- Ms / M^{me} Tamila TASHEVA, Ukraine

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

- Ms / M^{me} Sevilay ÇELENK, Türkiye

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Ms / M^{me} Semra ÇAĞLAR GÖKALP, Türkiye
- Mr / M. Arnaldo LOMUTI, Italy / Italie

Accompanying person / Personne accompagnatrice

- Lady Tara BLENCATHRA, accompanying Lord David BLENCATHRA

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Appendix 2 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the parliamentary elections of Morocco (23 September 2026)

Chairperson / Président·e: ZZ

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-président·e: ZZ

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

- Mr / M. Titus CORLATEAN, Romania / Roumanie
- Ms / M^{me} Edite ESTRELA, Portugal
- Mr / M. Antonio GUTIERREZ-LIMONES, Spain / Espagne
- Ms / M^{me} Saskia KLUIT, Netherlands / Pays-Bas **
- Ms / M^{me} Annick LAMBRECHT, Belgium / Belgique
- Mr / M. Francesco VERDUCCI, Italy / Italie *
- Ms / M^{me} Sandra ZAMPA, Italy / Italie

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Mr / M. Yunus EMRE, Türkiye
- Mr / M. Julian JOSWIG, Germany / Allemagne
- Mr / M. Ivan RACAN, Croatia / Croatie
- Mr / M. Rovertto SPERANZA, Italy / Italie

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

- ZZ
- ZZ
- ZZ
- ZZ
- ZZ

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain / Espagne**
- Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
- Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce
- Ms / M^{me} Albana VOKSHI, Albania / Albanie

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) / Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés (CEPA)

- Ms / M^{me} Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie
- Ms / M^{me} Victoria TIBLOM, Sweden / Suède
- Baroness Thérèse COFFEY, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni **
- Mr / M. Oleksii GONCHARENKO, Ukraine

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Mr / M. Malte KAUFMANN, Germany / Allemagne

- Mr / M. Fabio PIETRELLA, Italy / Italie
- Mr / M. Markus WIECHEL, Sweden / Suède

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

- Ms / M^{me} Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie *
- Mr / M. Claude KERN, France
- Mr / M. Oleksandr MEREZHKO, Ukraine

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye
- Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie
- Ms / M^{me} Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine
- Ms / M^{me} Marijana PULJAK, Croatia / Croatie
- Ms / M^{me} Liliana TANGUY, France
- Ms / M^{me} Tamila TASHEVA, Ukraine

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

- Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre* **

Substitutes / Suppléant·es

- Ms / M^{me} Gabrielle CATHALA, France**
- Ms / M^{me} Sevilay ÇELENK, Türkiye

* Pre-electoral mission / mission préélectorale

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Appendix 3 – List of members of the ad hoc committee for the observation of the general elections of Bosnia and Herzegovina (4 October 2026)

Chairperson / Président: Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Présidente: Ms / M^{me} Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group / Groupe des socialistes, démocrates et verts (SOC)

- Mr / M. Jone BLIKRA, Norway / Norvège *
- Mr / M. Piero FASSINO, Italy / Italie
- Mr / M. Nuno FAZENDA, Portugal
- Mr / M. Mike READER, United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni
- ZZ
- ZZ
- ZZ

Substitutes / Suppléant-es

- Ms / M^{me} Aysu BANKOGLU, Türkiye
- Ms / M^{me} Bisera KOSTADINOVSKA-STOJCHEVSKA, North Macedonia / Macédoine du Nord
- Mr / M. Julian JOSWIG, Germany / Allemagne
- Ms / M^{me} Annick LAMBRECHT, Belgium / Belgique
- Ms / M^{me} Wanda NOWICKA, Poland / Pologne
- Ms / M^{me} Aleksandra VUKOVIĆ KUČ, Montenegro / Monténégro

Group of the European People's Party (EPP/CD) / Groupe du Parti populaire européen (PPE/DC)

- ZZ
- ZZ
- ZZ
- ZZ
- ZZ

Substitutes / Suppléant-es

- Mr / M. Garret AHEARN, Ireland / Irlande
- Mr / M. Ricardo CARVALHO, Portugal
- Ms / M^{me} Marie-Christine DALLOZ, France **
- Ms / M^{me} Andrea EDER-GITSCHTHALER, Austria / Autriche
- Ms / M^{me} Nađa LAKOVIĆ, Montenegro / Monténégro
- Mr / M. Cristian-Augustin NICULESCU-ȚĂGÂRLAȘ, Romania / Roumanie
- Mr / M. Tekke PANMAN, The Netherlands / Pays-Bas **
- Mr / M. Marko PAVIĆ, Croatia / Croatie
- Mr / M. Georgios STAMATIS, Greece / Grèce

European Conservatives, Patriots & Affiliates (ECPA) / Conservateurs européens, Patriotes et Affiliés (CEPA)

- Ms / M^{me} Elisabetta GARDINI, Italy / Italie *
- Mr / M. Fabio PIETRELLA, Italy / Italie
- Mr / M. José María SÁNCHEZ GARCÍA, Spain / Espagne
- Ms / M^{me} Victoria TIBLOM, Sweden / Suède

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) / Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe (ADLE)

- Mr / M. Nikolla CAMAJ, Montenegro / Monténégro
- Ms / M^{me} Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Ukraine
- Ms / M^{me} Lucia PLAVÁKOVÁ, Slovak Republic / République slovaque *

Substitutes / Suppléant-es

- Mr / M. Mehmet AKALIN, Türkiye
- Ms / M^{me} Valentina GRIPPO, Italy / Italie
- Mr / M. Arminas LYDEKA, Lithuania / Lituanie
- Ms / M^{me} Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA, Ukraine
- Ms / M^{me} Tamila TASHEVA, Ukraine

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

- Mr / M. George LOUCAIDES, Cyprus / Chypre * **

Co-rapporteur.es AS/MON (ex officio)

- Mr / M. Pablo HISPÁN, Spain, EPP/CD / Espagne, PPE/DC *
- Ms / M^{me} Oana MURARIU, Romania, ALDE / Roumanie, ADLE *

* Pre-electoral mission / Mission préélectorale

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Appendix 4 – Declaration by Participants of the Platform for Dialogue with Russian democratic forces

As a participant of the Platform, I conduct myself in a manner consistent with [Resolution 2621 \(2025\)](#), and with the values and ethical standards of the Council of Europe.

In particular, I undertake:

to carry out my role responsibly, with integrity and honesty, and with due respect for the principles of human dignity, equality and non-discrimination;

to act in the public interest and refrain from using my participation in the Platform for personal gain or to secure undue advantage for any individual or organisation;

in situations where current or previous personal, professional or organisational affiliations or commitments could raise questions as to their compatibility with the values and ethical standards of the Council of Europe, to disclose them in writing to the secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly;

to respect the confidentiality of information and documents received in the framework of the Platform's work;

to contribute to discussions in a respectful and constructive manner and not act in such a way as to bring the Assembly into disrepute or damage the reputation and integrity of the Assembly or its members.

Name:.....

Date:.....

Signature:.....