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Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

Progress report
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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 14 September 2026, with Mr Sergiy Vlasenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) in the Chair.

The committee assessed the lists of the candidates to the Court in respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Spain and Switzerland.[1]

2. Conclusions of the committee on the lists of candidates submitted by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Spain and Switzerland

2.1. Bosnia and Herzegovina

The committee interviewed all the candidates on 14 September 2026.

The committee recommends to the Assembly, by an overwhelming majority, Ms Svjetlana Milišić-Veličkovski as the most qualified candidate.

2.2. Spain

The committee decided to proceed with interviews with the candidates at its January 2027 meeting.

2.3. Switzerland

The committee decided to proceed with interviews with the candidates at its January 2027 meeting.

1. See Appendix 1 for the lists of candidates submitted by the governments concerned. The full lists and curricula vitae of candidates can be found in Assembly documents: Doc. 16462 (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Doc. 16465 (Spain) and Doc. 16461 (Switzerland).

Appendix 1 – Lists of candidates submitted by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Spain, and Switzerland

Bosnia and Herzegovina

– Ms Svjetlana Milišić-Veličkovski
– Mr Mahir Muharemović
– Mr Predrag Raosavljević

Spain

– Mr Luis Jimena Quesada
– Ms Ana María Salinas de Frías
– Mr Daniel Sarmiento Ramírez-Escudero

Switzerland

– Ms Jeanine de Vries Reilingh
– Ms Julia Hänni
– Mr Giuseppe Muschietti

Appendix 2 – Members of the committee who participated in the meeting[2]

Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group (SOC)

– Ms Shami CHAKRABARTI, United Kingdom
– Mr Titus CORLĂŢEAN, Romania
– Ms Gökçe GÖKÇEN, Türkiye
– Ms Marietta KARAMANLI, France
– Ms Agnes Sirkka PRAMMER, Austria
– Ms Gala VELDHOEN, Netherlands

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

– Ms Regina BASTOS, Portugal
– Mr Benjamin DALLE, Belgium
– Mr Pablo HISPÁN, Spain
– Mr Rónán MULLEN, Ireland
– Ms Christine PASQUIER-CIULLA, Monaco
– Mr Sergiy VLASENKO, Ukraine – Chairperson

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

– Sir Christopher CHOPE, United Kingdom
– Mr Serhii KALCHENKO, Ukraine

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

– Mr Régis BERGONZI, Monaco
– Ms Elena-Simona SPĂTARU, Romania
– Ms Rian VOGELS, Netherlands

Group of the Unified European Left (UEL)

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Ex officio members

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Secretariat 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

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