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For the attention of the members of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media

Synopsis

of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22, 24 and 25 June 2026

The Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, meeting in Strasbourg on 22, 24 and 25 June 2026, with Mr Mogens Jensen (Danmark, SOC), Chairperson, in the chair,

- **Monday 22 June 2026 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Communication from the Chairperson of the committee:**
 - thanked the Turkish delegation for their warm welcome and hospitality they offered to the committee and to its Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport during the meetings held in Istanbul on 2 and 3 June;
 - informed the members about the meeting of the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport on Wednesday 24 June at 13:00, to present the EU-CoE joint project “[Sports for All](#)”;
 - informed the members about the side-event on “Stadia: a welcoming space for all”, organised by the Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport during the 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport to be held in Monaco, on 3 November 2026;
 - informed the members about a motion for a resolution entitled “[Protecting Europe’s cultural diversity and cultural sovereignty by promoting access to European cinematographic and audiovisual works](#)”, tabled by Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC);
 - **Silencing critical voices in Azerbaijan** (*Rapporteur Committee on Legal affairs and Human rights: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC; Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Andries Gryffroy, Belgium, ALDE*): in the absence of the rapporteur for opinion, unanimously approved an opinion to the report with no amendments to be tabled on behalf of the committee;
 - **Media concentration and threats to media pluralism and independence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Valentina Grippo, Italy, ALDE*): at the request of the rapporteur, agreed to change the title of the report to “Growing threats to media pluralism and to the independence of the media”; considered and approved a draft report, took note of a dissenting opinion to the explanatory memorandum, and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
 - **Declaration on Russian Federation's attack on the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra**: considered and unanimously adopted a declaration on the Russian Federation's attack on the Kyiv Pechersk Lavra;
 - **A new European Convention on Freedom of the Media** (*Rapporteur: Mr Benjamin Dalle, Belgium, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Ms Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca, Head of Division, Secretary to the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI), Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe; and Mr Tarlach McGonagle, Professor of Media Law & Information Society, Leiden Law School, and Associate Professor at the Institute for Information Law (IViR), Amsterdam Law School, Netherlands;

- **Wednesday 24 June 2026 at 14:45**, as regards:
 - **Joint meeting with the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights:** held a hearing on “Transparency and accountability in the public administration - The Tromsø Convention”, with participation of Ms Tetyana Oleksiyuk, Vice-President of the Council of Europe Access Info Group, Tromsø Convention; and Mr Carlos Cordero Sanz, Co-founder and President of Access Info Europe, Director of Sustentia-Innovación Social;
- **Thursday 25 June 2026 at 8:30**, as regards:
 - **Media freedom in sport** (*Rapporteur: Ms Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen, Norway, EPP/CD*): took note that no amendments had been tabled to either the draft resolution or the draft recommendation;
 - **Committee work programme:**
 - *Appointment of rapporteurs for opinion:* took note of the candidatures of Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE) and Ms Alexandra Schoos (Luxembourg, ECPA), and elected by secret ballot Mr Andries Gryffroy rapporteur for opinion on “Protecting lakes as natural and cultural heritage and as a strategic resource for people in the face of the triple planetary crisis” ([Doc. 16342](#)), subject to the completion of the obligation to update his declaration of interests within the relevant deadline;
 - *Call for candidates for rapporteurs:* made calls for rapporteurs, to be appointed at the next meeting, on:
 - Empowering youth in the digital age: towards creative, democratic and competence-based approaches to online participation ([Doc. 16384](#)), and noted the interest of Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE);
 - The Venice Biennale and a framework for Russia's participation in international cultural events ([Doc. 16392](#)), and noted the interest of Mr Iulian Bulai (Romania, ALDE);
 - *Call for candidates for rapporteurs for opinion:* made a call for rapporteurs for opinion, to be appointed at the next meeting, on “Brain drain and demographic challenges in the Western Balkans” ([Doc. 16393](#)), and noted the interest of Mr Nikolla Camaj (Montenegro, ALDE);
 - *Reporting back:* heard Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), representative of the committee for the Council of Europe Museum Prize, on her participation in the EMYA 2026 Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony, held in Bilbao, Spain, from 11 to 13 June 2026;
 - *Appointment of representatives:* appointed,
 - at no cost to the Assembly: Mr Andries Gryffroy (Belgium, ALDE), in his capacity as former rapporteur on “[The Cultural Routes: a platform for intercultural dialogue](#)”, to participate in the [15th Advisory Forum on the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe](#) on “Routes through Time and Culture: Education for Sustainable Heritage”, to be held in Yerevan, Armenia, from 23 to 25 September 2026;
 - subject to the availability of funds: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC), in her capacity as former rapporteur on “[Multiperspectivity in remembrance and history education for democratic citizenship](#)”, to participate in [6th Annual Conference of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe \(OHTE\)](#) on “Manipulating history, undermining democracy”, to be held in Strasbourg on 8 and 9 October 2026;
 - *Fact-finding visits:* authorised, subject to the availability of funds:
 - Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD) to carry out a fact-finding visit in the framework of the preparation of her report “Addressing culture as a foundation for the democratisation of Belarus” to Poland, from 9 to 11 September 2026;
 - Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC) to carry out a fact-finding visit in the framework of the preparation of her report “Partnerships between education, cultural, social and civil society actors for young people to engage in a democratic society”, to Belgium, in September or October 2026 (dates to be confirmed);
- **Thursday 25 June 2026 at 14:00**, as regards:
 - **Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of higher education institutions in Europe** (*Former rapporteur: Mr Koloman Brenner, Hungary, NR*): held an exchange of views with Mr Villano Qiriazzi, Head of the Education Department, DGII: Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe; and Mr Sijbolt Noorda, President emeritus of the University of Amsterdam and former president of Magna Carta Observatory, Netherlands;

- **Addressing culture as a foundation for the democratisation of Belarus** (*Rapporteur: Ms Agnieszka Pomaska (Poland, EPP/CD)*): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with Mr Pavel Latushka, member of the Belarusian democratic forces, Deputy Head of the United Transitional Cabinet of Belarus, member of the Coordination Council of Belarus, former Minister of Culture of Belarus;
- **Committee work programme:**
 - *Call for candidates for rapporteurs for opinion*: made a call for rapporteurs for opinion, to be appointed at the next meeting, on “Mainstreaming remembrance: preserving the historical memory of Roma and Travellers to counter Antigypsyism” ([Doc. 16300](#)), and noted the interest of Ms Luz Martínez Seijo (Spain, SOC);
- **Replies by the Committee of Ministers:** considered:
 - the reply by the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16327](#)) to Assembly [Recommendation 2297 \(2025\)](#) “Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligation and shared responsibilities” (Former rapporteur: Mr Kim Valentin, Denmark, ALDE), and agreed with the committee Chairperson’s proposals for follow-up ;
 - the reply by the Committee of Ministers ([Doc. 16399](#)) to Assembly [Recommendation 2303 \(2026\)](#) “Socialising at schools: for an inclusive and participatory education fostering democratic values” (rapporteur for follow-up: Ms Luz Martínez Seijo, Spain, SOC), and agreed with the rapporteur’s proposals for follow-up ;
- **Institutional representation of the Assembly:** appointed, for the approval by the Bureau of the Assembly, Ms Kristina Ikić Baniček (Croatia, SOC), representative to the Council of Europe Committee for Works of Art (C-ART), to replace M. Constantinos Efstathiou (Cyprus, SOC), subject to the completion of the obligation to update her declaration of interests within the relevant deadline;
- **Committee representation:**
 - appointed, for the approval by the Bureau of the Assembly, the following representatives (participation at no cost to the Assembly) as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti, to be held in Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, on 2 August 2026: Mr Ioannis Oikonomou (Greece, EPP/CD);
 - made a call for candidates to appoint committee representatives (participation at no cost to the Assembly) as members of the *ad hoc* committee of the Bureau to participate in the 2026 World Forum for Democracy, to be held in Strasbourg, on 2 and 3 November 2026 and took note that no member had expressed an interest;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, 28 September – 2 October 2026 (during the Assembly part-session),
 - Paris, 13 October 2026,
 - Paris, 2 December 2026.

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Parliamentary Alliance for Good Governance and Integrity in Sport, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 June 2026, first with Ms Marietta Karamanli (France, SOC), Vice-chairperson, then with Ms Agnes Sirkka Prammer (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the chair, as regards:

- **Opening of the meeting:** heard a statement by the Vice-chairperson of the Alliance;
- **Election of the Bureau of the Alliance:** elected by acclamation Ms Agnes Sirkka Prammer (Austria, SOC), Chairperson;
- **Sport For All: Promoting Inclusion and Combating Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities:** held an exchange of views with Ms Céline Guth, Senior Project Officer, EU-CoE joint project “Sport For All”, Council of Europe; Ms Vladyslava Kravchenko, Chair of the Athletes’ Council, International Paralympic Committee and Paralympic swimmer; Mr Andy Stevenson, Sport presenter, reporter and commentator ; and Ms Ludivine Munos, Executive Vice-President of the French Handisport Federation and Paralympic Champion;
- **Next meetings:** took note of its next meeting as follows:

- Monaco, 3 November 2026 (to be confirmed).

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