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## 1. Membership

### 1.1. PACE Political Groups' size on 31 December 2019

SOC	EPP/CD	ALDE	EC	UEL
152	149	91	81	34

### 1.2. Evolution of groups' size (June 30 reference date)

	EPP	SOC	ALDE	EC	UEL	FDG
June 2019	154	148	90	72	36	-
June 2018	168	162	76	83	34	22
June 2017	180	174	67	82	34	-

### 1.3. Female/male members as on 31 December 2019

F34/ M57 or F37% / M63%

### 1.4. Members affiliated through national parties / individual affiliation as on 31 June 2019

Affiliation through national parties: 48/90=53%

Individual affiliation: 42/90=47%

### 1.5. CoE member states represented in the group on 31 December 2019 (29)

Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine\*, United Kingdom

\*At the moment of the preparation of the report Ukraine is not represented in PACE, but a member of the ALDE group has been appointed to the delegation by the Ukrainian parliament

### 1.6. CoE member states non-represented in the group on 31 December 2019 (18)

Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Sweden

### 1.7. Chairs of national delegations, 31 December 2019 (7)

Monica Bonell (Andorra)  
Rik Daems (Belgium)  
Susanne Eberle-Strub (Liechtenstein)  
Gusty Graas (Luxembourg)  
Maria Jufereva-Skuratovski (Estonia)  
Petra Stienen (Netherlands)  
Nicole Trisse (France)

## 2. Bureau of the ALDE group

### 2.1. Calendar of elections

Next ordinary elections: 27/01/2020

Last ordinary elections: 22/01/2018

Last extraordinary elections (rule 8b replacement of outgoing members): 21 January 2019

### 2.2. Current composition of the Bureau

President: Rik Daems (Belgium)

Vice-Presidents: Alfred Heer (Switzerland), Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark), Eerik Kross (Estonia), Michael Georg Link (Germany), Martin Poliacik (Slovak Republic), Melisa Rodriguez (Spain), Sylvain Waserman (France)

Left PACE since the previous ordinary ALDE bureau elections: Mr Pasquier (Monaco), Ms Lundgren (Sweden), Ms Pallarés (Andorra), Ms Sotnyk (Ukraine), Mr van de Ven (Netherlands)  
 Joined the bureau in 2019: Mr Poliacik (Slovak Republic)

### 3. PACE Bureau and Committee positions in 2019

#### 3.1. Presidential Committee

ALDE Chair, **Rik Daems** was member of the Presidential Committee bringing together the President of PACE, the Chairs of all political groups and the Secretary General of PACE. The Presidential Committee is a consultative body for the Bureau and the President of the Assembly. It prepares meetings of the Bureau and may be entrusted by it with liaison tasks (Rule 14.4, PACE Rules of Procedure)

#### 3.2. Representation on the PACE Bureau

Rik DAEMS (ALDE Chair)  
 Susanne EBERLE-STRUB (Vice-President of PACE on behalf of Liechtenstein)  
 Doris FIALA (AS/Mig Chair)  
 Nicole TRISSE (Vice-President of PACE on behalf of France)

#### 3.3. Representation on the Standing Committee

8 members, including PACE Bureau members and Chairs of national delegations:

Monica BONELL (Chair of the delegation of Andorra)  
 Rik DAEMS (ALDE Chair & Chair of the Belgian delegation)  
 Susanne EBERLE-STRUB (Vice-President of PACE & Chair of the delegation of Liechtenstein)  
 Doris FIALA (AS/Mig Chair)  
 Gusty GRAAS (Chair of the delegation of Luxembourg)  
 Maria JUFEREVA-SKURATOVSKI (Chair of the delegation of Estonia)  
 Petra STIENEN (Chair of the delegation of Netherlands)  
 Nicole TRISSE (Vice-President of PACE & Chair of the French delegation)

#### 3.4. Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

1.	Doris FIALA (Switzerland), Chairperson, January 2018 – January 2020	Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons
2.	Sylvain WASERMAN (France) replacing Ms Olena SOTNYK (Ukraine), 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson, November 2019 – January 2020	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
3.	Raphaël COMTE (Switzerland) replacing Mr Mart van de VEN (Netherlands), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson, October 2019 – January 2020	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs
4.	Alfred HEER (Switzerland), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson, January 2018 – January 2020	Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy
5.	Oliver BECHT (France), 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson since June 2019 – January 2020	Committee on the Election of Judges to the ECHR

#### 3.5. Sub-committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

1.	Goran Beus Richembergh (Croatia), Chairperson	Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities, AS/Ega
2.	Alexandra LOUIS (France), Vice-Chairperson	Sub-Committee on Human Rights, AS/Jur
3.	Robert TROY (Ireland), Vice-Chairperson	Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, AS/Ega

#### 3.6. Committee representatives to other CoE bodies

1.	Damien THIÉRY (Belgium), member until October 2019	European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
2.	Olena SOTNYK (Ukraine), substitute until October 2019	Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)
3.	Mart van de VEN (Netherlands), substitute until	Committee of Experts on the Evaluation

	October 2019	of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVALI)
4.	Judith PALLARES (Andorra), substitute until June 2019	European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre)

### 3.7. Ad hoc committees and other representation

#### **PACE/Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize selection panel**

Anne BRASSEUR, former ALDE group and PACE President, elected by PACE bureau on 23 May 2019 on proposal by the ALDE group

#### **Ad Hoc Committee, 2019 World Forum for Democracy, 6-8 November 2019, Strasbourg**

Raphaël COMTE (Switzerland), moderator of Lab 9 “What is the Future of Local Journalism?”

Roland Rino BÜCHEL (Switzerland)

Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland)

Robert TROY (Ireland)

Hovhannes IGITYAN (Armenia)

#### **Ad Hoc Committee, OECD Global Parliamentary Network**

Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN (France)

Rafael COMTE (Switzerland)

Hovhannes IGITYAN (Armenia)

Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland)

## 4. Prospects for 2020

### 4.1. Next presidency of PACE

In accordance with the rotation agreements between the political groups, the 2020-2022 PACE President would come from the ALDE group. On 30 September 2019, ALDE unanimously supported the candidacy of Rik Daems. The election of PACE President is scheduled for 27 January 2020.

#### **NB: Liberal presidents of PACE/ Consultative Assembly (before 1974) since 1949**

Anne BRASSEUR (2014-2016) (Luxembourg)

Lord Russell RUSSELL-JOHNSTON (1999-2002) (United Kingdom)

Henri J. DE KOSTER (1978-1981) (Netherlands)

Oliver REVERDIN (1969-1972) (Switzerland)

Per FEDERSPIEL (1960-1963) (Denmark)

### 4.2. Allocation of committee (vice-)chairmanships and seats in 2020 (in comparison with 2019)

	EPP/CD	SOC	ALDE	EC	UEL		Total
number of members on 30 June 2019	154 (-14)	148 (-14)	<b>90 (+14)</b>	72 (-11)	36 (+2)		500 (-45)
Committee chairmanships	3 (-1)	3 (0)	<b>2 (+1)</b>	1 (0)	0		9
Committee vice-chairmanships	8 (-1)	8 (0)	<b>5 (+1)</b>	4 (0)	2 (+1)		27
AS/Mon	27 (+1)	25 (-1)	<b>15 (+3)</b>	12 (-1)	6 (+1)		85
AS/Pro	10 (0)	9 (0)	<b>5 (+1)</b>	4 (0)	2 (+1)		30
AS/CDH*	6 (-1)	6 (0)	<b>4 (+1)</b>	3 (0)	1 (0)		20
Election observation – 20	6 (-1)	6 (0)	<b>4 (+1)</b>	3 (0)	1 (0)		20
Election observation – 30	10 (0)	9 (0)	<b>5 (+1)</b>	4 (0)	2 (0)		30
Election observation – 40	12 (-1)	12 (0)	<b>7 (+1)</b>	6 (0)	3 (+1)		40

\* The number of seats in the Judges Comm is twice as big (including full members and substitute members)

### 4.3. Evolution of ALDE seats on AS/Mon, AS/Pro, AS/CDH

	2018	2019	2020
AS/Mon	10	12	15
AS/Pro	3	4	5
AS/CDH	2+2	3+3	4+4

## 5. Reports prepared by ALDE members

### 5.1. Reports and opinions adopted in 2019

In 2019, ALDE members prepared 14 reports and 2 opinions out of 67 PACE reports

#### Reports

Goran <b>BEUS RICHEMBERGH</b> (Croatia)	1. Stop hate speech and acts of hatred in sport AS/Ega (Doc. 14842)
Ms Reina de <b>BRUIJN-WEZEMAN</b> (Netherlands)	2. Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach AS/Soc (Doc. 14895)
Raphaël <b>COMTE</b> (Switzerland)	3. Jewish cultural heritage preservation AS/Cult (Doc. 14960)
Rik <b>DAEMS</b> (Belgium)	4. Promoting democracy by developing market economy: does the EBRD model work? Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy AS/Pol (Doc. 14827)
Petri <b>HONKONEN</b> (Finland)	5. Public service media in the context of disinformation and propaganda AS/Cult (Doc. 14780)
Claude <b>KERN</b> (France)	6. Observation of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (24 February 2019) AS/Bur (Doc. 14859)
Damien <b>THIÉRY</b> (Belgium)	7. Discrimination in access to employment AS/Ega (Doc. 14666)
Ms Nicole <b>TRISSE</b> (France)	8. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee AS/Bur (Doc. 14968, Doc. 14968 Add. 1, Doc. 14968 Add. 2, Doc. 14970) 9. The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society AS/Soc (Doc. 14961)
Mart van de <b>VEN</b> (Netherlands)	10. Laundromats: responding to new challenges in the international fight against organised crime, corruption and money laundering AS/Jur (Doc. 14847, Doc. 14847 Add.) 11. Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the biennium 2020-2021 AS/Pro (Doc. 14903) 12. Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2020-2021 AS/Pro (Doc. 14901)
Marie-Christine <b>VERDIER-JOUCLAS</b> (France)	13. A legal status for "climate refugees" AS/Mig (Doc. 14955)
Sylvain <b>WASERMAN</b> (France)	14. Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe (Doc. 14958) AS/Jur

#### Opinions:

<b>Olena SOTNYK</b> (Ukraine)	15. Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections, opinion AS/Pol (Doc. 14809)
Mart van de <b>VEN</b> (Netherlands)	16. Debate under urgent procedure – Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future AS/Pro (Doc. 14867)

## 5.2. General Rapporteurs

Jean-Pierre <b>GRIN</b> (Switzerland)	General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities, AS/Soc
Béatrice <b>FRESKO-ROLFO</b> (Monaco)	General Rapporteur on violence against women, AS/Ega
Raphaël <b>COMTE</b> (Switzerland)	General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, AS/Jur
Olivier <b>BECHT</b> (France)	General Rapporteur on science and technology assessment, AS/Cult
Mart van de <b>VEN</b> (Netherlands)	General Rapporteur on the budget and intergovernmental programme AS/Pro – until October 2019

## 5.3. Reports under preparation

### AS/Pol

Rik <b>DAEMS</b> (Belgium)	Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections
Konstantin <b>KUHLE</b> (Germany)	Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors
Jacques <b>MAIRE</b> (France)	Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria

### AS/Jur

Olivier <b>BECHT</b> (France)	The human being-machine connection: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms?
André <b>GATTOLIN</b> (France)	To put an end to enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe

### AS/Soc

Reina de <b>BRUIJN-WEZEMAN</b>	Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells
Jennifer <b>DE TEMMERMAN</b> (France)	Inaction on climate change – a violation of children's rights
<b>Opinion</b>	
Jennifer <b>DE TEMMERMAN</b> (France)	Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries at the southern Mediterranean Sea

### AS/Mig

Fabien <b>GOUTTEFARDE</b> (France)	The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law
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### AS/Cult

Roland <b>BÜCHEL</b> (Switzerland)	Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions (Doc. 14518)
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### AS/Ega

Béatrice <b>FRESKO-ROLFO</b> (Monaco)	Strengthening the fight against so-called "honour" crimes
František <b>KOPŘIVA</b> (Czech Republic)	Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing
Petra <b>STIENEN</b> (Netherlands)	The gender dimension of foreign policy
<b>Opinion</b>	
Isabelle <b>RAUCH</b> (France)	Concerted action on human trafficking

### AS/Pro

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### AS/Mon

Alfred <b>HEER</b> (Switzerland)	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine
Claude <b>KERN</b> (France)	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia
Anne <b>MULDER</b> (Netherlands)	Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro

## 6. List of motions for a resolution and written declarations tabled by ALDE members

### Motions for a resolution

1. Olivier BECHT (France) The human being-machine connection: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms? 23/01/2019, Working document 14814 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Jur for report
2. Jokin BILDARRATZ (Spain) Ways and means to respond to the migratory challenge at all institutional levels 4/07/2019, Working document 14943 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Mig for information
3. Thiéry DAMIEN (Belgium) Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence 22/01/2019, Working document 14808 - Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Ega for report
4. Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN (France) Acting for the health of all through healthy and sustainable food and agriculture 4/07/2019, Working document 14944 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Soc for information
5. Doris FIALA (Switzerland) Promoting and regulating the use of blockchain technology by and for refugees 12/04/2019, Working document 14881 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Mig for information
6. Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco) Strengthening the fight against so-called “honour” crimes 25/01/2019, Working document 14821 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Ega for report
7. Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco) Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness 6/12/2019, Working document 15011 – Motion for a resolution – pending AS/Bur decision in 2020
8. André GATTOLIN (France) To put an end to enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe 24/01/2019, Working document 14816 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Jur for report
9. Fabien GOUTTEFARDE (France) Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law 4/07/2019, Working document 14945 – Motion for a resolution – Consultation of AS/Jur on possible follow-up
10. Anne KALMARI (Finland) Possibility for remote participation in committee meetings outside Parliamentary Assembly sessions 22/01/2019, Working document 14807 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Pro for information
11. František KOPŘIVA (Czech Republic) The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport 4/10/2019, Working document 14987 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Ega for report
12. Konstantin KUHLE (Germany) Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors 24/01/2019, Working document 14818 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Pol for report
13. Martine LEGUILLE BALLOY (France) Are anti-speciesism and humanism reconcilable? 4/10/2019, Working document 14990 – Motion for a resolution – no further action
14. Alexandra LOUIS (France) Strengthening the parliamentary dialogue with Turkey concerning the situation of Turkish academics 4/10/2019, Working document 14989 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Cult to be taken into account in the framework of the report on Threats to academic freedom and autonomy of universities in Europe
15. Nicole TRISSE (France) Parliamentary Assembly contribution to the establishment of an observatory of history to promote the common values of Greater Europe and peace 4/10/2019, Working document 14988 – Motion for a resolution – Referred to AS/Cult for report

### Written declarations:

#### Tabled by André GATTOLIN:

1. 03/07/2019 doc. 14876 “Magnitsky laws” sanctions must be imposed in response to political prosecution in Kazakhstan” - signed by 25 members
2. 04/10/2019 doc. 14983 “The international community must respond to mass arrests and political prosecution in Kazakhstan prosecution in Kazakhstan” - signed by 25 members
3. 04/10/2019 doc. 14984 “The Russian Federation must release all Ukrainian political prisoners” - signed by 25 members

## 7. Participation in election observation

PACE conducted four missions; ALDE chaired one mission; nine ALDE members participated in election observation

### Parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova (24 February 2019)

Mr Claude KERN, France (**Head of mission**)\*  
Ms Melisa RODRÍGUEZ HERNÁNDEZ, Spain

### Presidential election in Ukraine (31 March and 21 April 2019)

Ms Emilie Enger MEHL, Norway\*  
Mr Jacques LE NAY, France  
Ms Alexandra LOUIS, France  
Mr Mart van de VEN, Netherlands

### Presidential election in North Macedonia (21 April and 5 May 2019)

Mr Raphaël COMTE, Switzerland  
Ms Zdeňka HAMOUSOVÁ, Czech Republic

### Early parliamentary elections in the Republic of Belarus (17 November 2019)

Mr Jacques LE NAY, France  
Ms Emilie Enger MEHL, Norway  
Mr Zeki Hakan SIDALI, Turkey

\* including the pre-electoral mission

## 8. Speaking on behalf of the group

### Oral questions:

7 members put oral questions to 11 invited personalities during the plenary sessions

Jokin BILDARRATZ (Spain)	1. Sauli NIINISTÖ, President of Finland
Iulian BULAI (Romania)	2. Mamuka BAKHTADZE, Prime Minister of Georgia
Rik DAEMS (Belgium)	3. Timo SOINI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe 4. Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe 5. Emmanuel MACRON, President of the French Republic
Martin POLIACIK (Slovak Republic)	6. Dunja MIJATOVIC, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights 7. Amélie de MONTCHALIN, Secretary of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, in charge of European Affairs, representing the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers
Melisa RODRIGUEZ (Spain)	8. Marcelo REBELO DE SOUSA, President of Portugal
Mart van de VEN (Netherlands)	9. Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe 10. Nikol PASHINYAN, Prime Minister of Armenia
Sylvain WASERMAN (France)	11. Amélie de MONTCHALIN, Secretary of State attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, in charge of European Affairs, representing the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers

### Plenary debates:

27 members defended the position of the group in 53 plenary debates

Olivier BECHT (France)	1. Updating guidelines to ensure fair referendums in Council of Europe member States (Doc. 14791) 2. Urgent procedure : The escalation of tensions around the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait and threats to European security (Doc. 14811) 3. Situation in Syria: prospects for a political solution? (Doc. 14889)
Goran BEUS RICHEMBERGH (Croatia)	4. Joint debate: Discrimination in access to employment (Doc. 14666); For a disability-inclusive workforce (Doc. 14665) 5. Joint debate: Budget and priorities of the Council of Europe for the



	biennium 2020-2021 (Doc. 14903); Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2020-2021 (Doc. 14901)
Jokin BILDARRATZ (Spain)	6. Post-monitoring dialogue with Bulgaria (Doc. 14904) 7. Protecting and supporting the victims of terrorism AS/Pol (Doc. 14957)
Bertrand BOUYX (France)	8. Current affairs debate: Democratic rights violations and suppression of peaceful protests in the Russian Federation against the background of elections to the Moscow City Council
Reina BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Netherlands)	9. Improving follow-up to CPT recommendations: enhanced role of the Parliamentary Assembly and of national parliaments (Doc. 14788) 10. Laundromats: responding to new challenges in the international fight against organised crime, corruption and money laundering (Doc. 14847, Doc. 14847 Add.) 11. Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children (Doc. 14835)
Iulian BULAI (Romania)	12. Free debate January 2019 part-session
Raphaël COMTE (Switzerland)	13. Joint debate: Media freedom as a condition for democratic elections (Doc. 14669) Public service media in the context of disinformation and propaganda (Doc. 14780)
Yolaine de COURSON (France)	14. The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society (Doc. 14961)
Rik DAEMS (Belgium)	15. Debate under urgent procedure: Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future (Doc. 14863) 16. Strengthening the decision-making process of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning credentials and voting (Doc. 14900) 17. Exchange of views with Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, October 2019 part-session
Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco)	18. Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment (Doc. 14843) 19. Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach (Doc. 14895) 20. Obstetrical and gynaecological violence (Doc. 14965)
Gusty GRAAS (Luxembourg)	21. Pushback policies and practice in Council of Europe member States (Doc. 14909)
Alfred HEER (Switzerland)	22. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2018) and the periodic review of the honouring of obligations by Iceland and Italy (Doc. 14792 Part 1) 23. Functioning of democratic institutions in the Republic of Moldova (Doc. 14963)
Rafael HUSEYNOV (Azerbaijan)	24. Social media: social threads or threats to human rights? (Doc. 14844) 25. Free debate April 2019 part-session
Gyde JENSEN (Germany)	26. Urgent procedure: The worsening situation of opposition politicians in Turkey: what to do to protect their fundamental rights in a Council of Europe member State? (Doc. 14812)
Maria JUFEREVA-SKURATOVSKI (Estonia)	27. Labour migration from Eastern Europe and its impact on socio-demographic processes in these countries AS/Mig (Doc. 14956)
František KOPŘIVA (Czech Republic)	28. Internet governance and human rights (Doc. 14789)
Jacques MAIRE (France)	29. Daphne Caruana Galizia's assassination and the rule of law in Malta and beyond: ensuring that the whole truth emerges (Doc. 14906) 30. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee October 2019 part-session (Doc. 14968, Doc. 14968 Add. 1, Doc. 14968 Add. 2, Doc. 14970) 31. Post-monitoring dialogue with North Macedonia (Doc. 14964)
Edmon MARUKYAN (Armenia)	32. Establishment of a European Union mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights (Doc. 14850) 33. Ombudsman institutions in Europe – the need for a set of common standards AS/Jur (Doc. 14953)
Emilie Enger MEHL (Norway)	34. Withdrawing nationality as a measure to combat terrorism: a human rights-compatible approach? (Doc. 14790)
Martin POLIACIK (Slovak Republic)	35. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee, June 2019 part-session (Doc. 14911, Doc. 14911 Add. 1, Doc. 14911 Add. 2, Doc.

	<p>14912)</p> <p>36. Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Russian Federation (Doc. 14922)</p> <p>37. Shedding light on the murder of Boris Nemtsov (Doc. 14902)</p> <p>38. Current affairs debate: Democratic rights violations and suppression of peaceful protests in the Russian Federation against the background of elections to the Moscow City Council (opening speaker)</p>
Melisa RODRIGUEZ (Spain)	<p>39. Joint debate: Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (Doc. 14894); Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children (Doc. 14905)</p> <p>40. A legal status for "climate refugees" (Doc. 14955)</p>
Olena SOTNYK (Ukraine)	<p>41. Sergei Magnitsky and beyond – fighting impunity by targeted sanctions (Doc. 14661)</p>
Petra STIENEN (Netherlands)	<p>42. Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories to the “Cairo Declaration”? (Doc. 14787)</p> <p>43. Joint debate: The Istanbul Convention on violence against women: achievements and challenges (Doc. 14908); Towards an ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality (Doc. 14907)</p> <p>44. Debate under urgent procedure: Saving persons in the Mediterranean Sea: the need for an urgent answer (Doc. 14971)</p>
Robert TROY (Ireland)	<p>45. Joint debate: Strengthening co-operation with the United Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Doc. 14848); Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: synergy needed on the part of all stakeholders, from parliaments to local authorities (Doc. 14851)</p> <p>46. Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe, AS/Jur (Doc. 14958)</p>
Mart van de VEN (Netherlands)	<p>47. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee AS/Bur Jan 2019</p> <p>48. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee AS/Bur April 2019 (Doc. 14855, Doc. 14855 Add. 1, Doc. 14855 Add. 2, Doc. 14857)</p> <p>49. Modification of various provisions of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure (Doc. 14849)</p> <p>50. The situation of migrants and refugees on the Greek islands: more needs to be done (Doc. 14837)</p>
Sylvain WASERMAN (France)	<p>51. Joint debate: The role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance (Doc. 14845); Stop hate speech and acts of hatred in sport (Doc. 14842)</p> <p>52. Jewish cultural heritage preservation Doc. 14960)</p>
Jordi XUCLA (Spain)	<p>53. Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities (Doc. 14779)</p>

## 9. Side-events, hearings, initiation of debates

1. Seminar for new ALDE group members, chaired by ALDE-PACE bureau member Mart van de Ven, 21 January 2019
2. Side event “A certain idea of Justice” featuring Dick Marty, former liberal Swiss Senator and PACE rapporteur, and Linos-Alexandre Sicilianos, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights (discussed the book published by Dick Marty and the impact of PACE’s work on the international justice system), 24 January 2019
3. Urgent debate: on the AS/Pol report on the Role and mission of the Parliamentary Assembly: main challenges for the future; joint request by SOC, UEL and ALDE, 10 April 2019
4. Hearing: Emilia Slabunova, Chair of the Russian Yabloko Party (ALDE Party member), 30 September 2019
5. Hearing: families of victims of the MH17 flight downed over Donbass in 2014, 30 September 2019
6. Hearing: Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov, released following prisoner exchange between Ukraine and Russia, 2 October 2019
7. Exchange of views with Anne Brasseur, former group and PACE president, and Daniel Tarschys, former group president and Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe, 29-30 September 2019

8. Current affairs debate: Democratic rights violations and suppression of peaceful protests in the Russian Federation against the background of elections to the Moscow City Council; request by ALDE, 3 October 2019

## 10. Communication and Follow up

### 10.1. New motions for resolutions referring to reports prepared by ALDE members

12/03/2019 Doc. 14841 Motion for a resolution tabled on behalf of AS/Jur “How to put confiscated criminal assets to good use?” (following report prepared by Mart van de Ven on “Fighting organised crime by facilitating the confiscation of illegal assets”, Resolution 2218 (2018))

2/10/2019 Doc. 14976 Motion for a resolution tabled by AS/Pol “The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)” (following report prepared by Alfred Heer “The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2016-2017”, Resolution 2181 (2017))

16/12/2019 Doc. 15014 Motion for a resolution tabled by AS/Jur “Legal aspects of the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights” (following report prepared by Kerstin Lundgren “The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Europe and the European Union”, Resolution 2029 (2015))

### 10.2. Statements by rapporteurs and committee chair

Doris FIALA: [“NGOs which assist migrants and refugees should be supported by member States”](#) (statement by Rapporteur AS/Mig on “Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe”) 27/02/2019

Doris FIALA: [“Final conference of the Parliamentary Campaign to end detention of migrant children”](#) (opening address by Committee Chair AS/Mig) 18/06/2019

Doris FIALA: [“Doris Fiala urges parliaments to lead the debate on humane refugee policy”](#) (statement by Committee Chair AS/Mig) 20/06/2019

Doris FIALA: [“New Italian law restricting migrant rescue ‘could add to number of victims’”](#) (statement by Committee Chair AS/Mig) 14/08/2019

Fabien GOUTTEFARDE: [“Following massacre, rapporteur urges international action against Boko Haram terror”](#) (statement by Rapporteur AS/Mig on “Protection of victims of forced displacement under international law”) 04/02/2019

Alfred HEER: [“Ukraine monitors call for effective investigation into the murder of Vadym Komarov”](#) (statement by co-Rapporteurs AS/Mon on the “Monitoring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine”) 02/07/2019

Claude KERN: [“Monitoring rapporteurs react to so-called elections in the Georgian region of South Ossetia”](#) (statement by co-Rapporteurs AS/Mon on the “Monitoring of obligations and commitments by Georgia”) 12/06/2019

Claude KERN: [“Georgia monitors welcome ruling majority’s offer to introduce fully proportional vote by 2020”](#) (statement by co-Rapporteurs AS/Mon on the “Monitoring of obligations and commitments by Georgia”) 25/06/2019

Claude KERN: [“PACE monitors react to so-called ‘elections’ in the Georgian region of Abkhazia”](#) (statement by co-Rapporteurs AS/Mon on the “Monitoring of obligations and commitments by Georgia”) 26/08/2019

Claude KERN: [“Georgia: ‘Parliament must rectify the selection process for Supreme Court judges’ say monitors”](#) (statement by co-Rapporteurs AS/Mon on the “Monitoring of obligations and commitments by Georgia”) 25/09/2019

Jacques MAIRE: [“Intensifying the parliamentary dialogue with Algeria is needed more than ever”](#) (statement by Rapporteur AS/Pol on “Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria”) 13/03/2019

Anne MULDER: [“PACE co-rapporteurs: ‘Montenegro is at a turning point. It must continue on the right path’”](#) (statement by co-Rapporteurs AS/Mon on the “Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro”) 23/09/2019

Sylvain WASERMAN: [“Rapporteur backs asylum for Snowden, calls on Europe to create asylum procedure for whistleblowers”](#) (statement by Rapporteur AS/Jur on “Improving the protection of whistleblowers throughout Europe”) 17/09/2019

Sylvain WASERMAN: [“Protection of whistleblowers: legislation must be changed, says rapporteur”](#) (statement by Rapporteur AS/Jur on “Improving the protection of whistleblowers throughout Europe”) 22/10/2019

### 10.3. Other activities by rapporteurs

Sylvain WASERMAN (AS/Jur rapporteur on “Improving the protection of whistleblowers all over Europe”) chaired an event at the European Parliament: EU Protection for whistleblowers: the future of the new directive, organised by Eurocadres, Transparency International EU and Whistleblowing International Network in cooperation with ALDE-PACE, 17 April 2019

### 10.4. Mediabox

Anne BRASSEUR, ancienne Présidente de l’APCE, sur les 70 ans du Conseil de l’Europe :  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNMr21ZSqP0&list=PLMD\\_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=40&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNMr21ZSqP0&list=PLMD_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=40&t=0s) 3/10/2019

Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN: stop coercion in mental health:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htUpaKe7QZw&list=PLMD\\_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=28&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htUpaKe7QZw&list=PLMD_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=28&t=0s) 28/06/2019

Raphaël COMTE: le patrimoine culturel juif est patrimoine de tous :  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySI4vfdQDvU&list=PLMD\\_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=50&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySI4vfdQDvU&list=PLMD_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=50&t=0s) 7/10/2019

Interview Dick MARTY, ancien membre de l’APCE:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXNVZnvTKnE&list=PLMD\\_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=12&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXNVZnvTKnE&list=PLMD_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=12&t=0s) 25/01/2019

Damien THIÉRY: les CV anonymes peuvent contribuer à lutter contre la discrimination à l’embauche :  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AknseaD1o5U&list=PLMD\\_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AknseaD1o5U&list=PLMD_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=8)

Nicole TRISSE : poursuivre le dialogue avec tous les Etats membres :  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8G\\_ajPfFHA&list=PLMD\\_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=45&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8G_ajPfFHA&list=PLMD_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=45&t=0s) 7/10/2019

Mart van de VEN: PACE should have the right to vote on its budget:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7675lCoD\\_fQ&list=PLMD\\_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=27&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7675lCoD_fQ&list=PLMD_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=27&t=0s) 28/06/2019

Sylvain WASERMAN: les Etats membres doivent protéger les lanceurs d’alerte :  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xerVEm0P0xM&list=PLMD\\_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=44&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xerVEm0P0xM&list=PLMD_RYvUcCYlionoP7-QNoI3-xc0G7qUw&index=44&t=0s) 3/10/2019

### 10.5. Follow up activities reported by members

Reported by Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Senator VVD, Netherlands):

- After every session, an oral and written activity report of the delegation is presented in the political groups and relevant committees of the Senate.
- As a spokesperson on topics of healthcare and social affairs in the Senate, Ms de Bruijn-Wezeman tries to combine her PACE and home activities, e.g. her PACE report on Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach AS/Soc (Doc. 14895) and her input on the Compulsory mental health care law in the Senate
- More generally, PACE work serves to raise her awareness on topics of human rights, the rules of law and democracy

#### List of abbreviations:

PACE Committees:

AS/Pol – Political Affairs and Democracy

AS/Jur – Legal Affairs and Human Rights

AS/Soc – Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

AS/Mig - Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

AS/Cult – Culture, Science and Education

AS/Pro - Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

AS/Ega – Equality and Non-Discrimination

AS/Cdh – Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights

AS/Mon – Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Council of Europe Member States (Monitoring)