

ALDE Activity Report 2020

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1. Membership

1.1. PACE Political Groups' size on 31 December 2020

| SOC | EPP/CD | ALDE | EC | UEL |
|-----|--------|-----------|----|-----|
| 158 | 150 | 89 | 84 | 36 |

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

| | SOC | EPP | ALDE | EC | UEL | FDG |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|----|-----|-----|
| June 2020 | 163 | 161 | 92 | 84 | 35 | - |
| June 2019 | 148 | 154 | 90 | 72 | 36 | - |
| June 2018 | 162 | 168 | 76 | 83 | 34 | 22 |
| June 2017 | 174 | 180 | 67 | 82 | 34 | - |

1.3. Female/male members

| | Female | Male |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| 31 December 2020 | 41=46% | 48=54% |
| 31 December 2019 | 34=37% | 57=63% |

1.4. Members affiliated through national parties / individual affiliation as on 31 December 2020

Affiliation through national parties: 45/89=50,5%

Individual affiliation: 44/89=49,5%

1.5. CoE member states represented in the group on 31 December 2020 (26)

Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine

1.6. CoE member states not represented in the group on 31 December 2020 (21)

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

1.7. Chairs of national delegations, 31 December 2020 (8)

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

1.8. Prospects for 2021

1.8.1. Allocation of committee (vice-)chairmanships and seats in 2021 (in comparison with 2020)

| | SOC | EPP/CD | ALDE | EC/DA | UEL | Total |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|
| number of members on 30 June 2020 | 163 (+9) | 161 (+13) | 92 (+2) | 84 (+12) | 35 (-1) | 535 (+35) |
| Committee chairmanship | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Committee vice chairmanship | 9 (+1) | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 (-1) | 27 |
| Monitoring Committee | 26 (-1) | 26 (+1) | 15 | 13 (+1) | 5 (-1) | 85 |
| Rules Committee | 9 (-1) | 9 | 5 | 5 (+1) | 2 | 30 |
| Judges Committee | 7 (+1) | 6 | 3 (-1) | 3 | 1 | 20 |

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

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--------|------|------|------|------|
| AS/Mon | 10 | 12 | 15 | 15 |
| AS/Pro | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| AS/CDH | 2+2 | 3+3 | 4+4 | 3+3 |

1.8.3. Female / Male ratio

In 2021, ALDE-PACE is set to pay special attention to female/ male balance in its appointments and elections.

Four candidates to four vacant ALDE-PACE Vice-President positions are female. If elected, the group will have more female Vice-Presidents than male.

ALDE appointments to committees for 2021 are also gender sensitive:

AS/Mon: Female/ Male ratio: 5 / 10 (total 15 seats)

AS/Pro: **Female**/ Male ratio: 3 / 2 (total 5 seats)

AS/CDH: Female/ Male ratio: 2 / 1 (full members) 0/3 (alternates) (total 3 members and 3 substitutes)

2. Bureau of ALDE-PACE

2.1. Calendar of elections

Last ordinary elections: 27/01/2020

Next extraordinary elections (rule 8b replacements and vacant positions): 25/01/2021

Next ordinary elections: January 2022

2.2. President

Two candidates ran for the post of ALDE-PACE President in January 2020: Martin Poliacik (Progressive Slovakia, Slovak Republic) and Jacques Maire (En Marche, France)

On 27 January 2020, **Jacques Maire** was elected President in the first round.

2.3. Current composition of the Bureau

President: Jacques Maire (France)

Vice-Presidents: Marija Golubeva (Latvia), Alfred Heer (Switzerland), Hovhannes Igityan (Armenia) Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark, MON Chair), František Kopřiva (Czech Republic), Eerik Kross (Estonia), Petra Stienen (Netherlands)

Treasurer: Michael Georg Link (Germany)

Ex officio members: Rik Daems (Belgium, President PACE), Olivier Becht (France, CULT Chair)

Female / Male ratio (Vice-Presidents): 2 / 5 (29% Female / Male 71%)

Average age Bureau (elected members): 51

Left PACE since the previous ordinary elections: Martin Poliacik (Slovak Republic), Goran Beus Richembergh (Croatia)

Vacant positions to be filled in January 2021: 4 Vice-Presidents

3. PACE Bureau and Committee positions in 2020

3.1. ALDE-PACE holds the position of PACE President in 2020-2022

In accordance with the rotation agreements between the political groups, ALDE-PACE holds the position of PACE President in 2020-2022. On 30 September 2019, ALDE unanimously supported the candidacy of Rik Daems. On 27 January 2020 Rik Daems was successfully elected PACE President. Rik Daems stands for re-election for the 2021-2022 term.

Liberal presidents of PACE/ Consultative Assembly (before 1974) since 1949

Rik DAEMS (since 2020-) (Belgium)

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)

3.2. Presidential Committee

ALDE-PACE President Jacques Maire and PACE President Rik Daems are members 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)

3.3. Representation on the PACE Bureau

7 members, including PACE President:

Olivier BECHT (AS/Cult Chair)
 Rik DAEMS (PACE President)
 Susanne EBERLE-STRUB (Vice-President of PACE on behalf of Liechtenstein)
 Gusty GRAAS (Vice-President of PACE on behalf of Luxembourg)
 Michael Aastrup JENSEN (AS/Mon Chair)
 Jacques MAIRE (ALDE Chair)
 Nicole TRISSE (Vice-President of PACE on behalf of France)

3.4. Representation on the Standing Committee

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

Olivier BECHT (AS/Cult Committee Chair)
 Monica BONELL (Chair of the delegation of Andorra)
 Rik DAEMS (PACE Chair, Chair of the delegation of Belgium)
 Susanne EBERLE-STRUB (Vice-President of PACE & Chair of the delegation of Liechtenstein)
 Gusty GRAAS (Chair of the delegation of Luxembourg)
 Michael Aastrup JENSEN (AS/Mon Committee Chair)
 Maria JUFEREVA-SKURATOVSKI (Chair of the delegation of Estonia)
 Jacques MAIRE (ALDE Chair)
 Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Chair of the delegation of Ireland)
 Petra STIENEN (Chair of the delegation of the Netherlands)
 Nicole TRISSE (Vice-President of PACE & Chair of the delegation of France)

3.5. Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

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| 1. | Oliver BECHT (France), Chairperson, since January 2020 | Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media |
| 2. | Michael Aastrup JENSEN (Denmark), Chairperson, since January 2020 | Monitoring Committee |
| 3. | Edmon MARUKYAN (Armenia), 1 st Vice-Chairperson, since January 2020 | Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights |
| 4. | Petra STIENEN (Netherlands), 1 st Vice-Chairperson, since January 2020 | Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination |
| 5. | ZZ (vacant positions to be filled on 25 January 2021) Jokin BILDARRATZ (Spain), 2 nd Vice-Chairperson, January 2020 – November 2020 | Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons |
| 6. | Claude KERN (France), 3 rd Vice-Chairperson, since January 2020 | Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy |
| 7. | Emilie MEHL (Norway), 3 rd Vice-Chairperson, since January 2020 | Committee on the Election of Judges to the ECHR |

3.6. Sub-committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

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| 1. | Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN (France), Chairperson | Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development, AS/Soc |
| 2. | Martine WONNER (France), Chairperson | Sub-Committee on Children, AS/Soc |
| 3. | Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco), Vice- | Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, |

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| | Chairperson | AS/Ega |
| 4. | Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland), Vice-Chairperson | Sub-Committee on Children, AS/Soc |
| 5. | Cristina-Mădălina PRUNĂ (Romania), Vice-Chairperson | Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People, AS/Mig |

3.7. Institutional representation of the Assembly in 2020

None from ALDE

3.8. 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
Rik DAEMS, PACE President

4. Group meetings in 2020

Most ALDE activities in 2020 were organised online.

ALDE-PACE held 7 group meetings:

27-29 January 2020 (Strasbourg)
2 and 3 April 2020 (members' online exchange of views)
25 May 2020 (virtual group meeting)
9 October 2020 (virtual group meeting)

ALDE-PACE Bureau held 10 meetings:

26 January 2020
27 January 2020
1 April 2020
15 April 2020
29 April 2020
13 May 2020
3 June 2020
27 June 2020
9 September 2020
2 December 2020

5. Reports prepared by ALDE members

5.1. Reports and opinions adopted in 2020

In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic gravely affected the functioning of the Assembly. Only one plenary part-session out of four was organised. The Assembly held 8 meetings of the Standing Committee (including 7 online meetings), compared to 3 meetings usually held.

ALDE members presented 6 of 43 PACE reports and 2 opinions (compared to 14 out of 67 reports in 2019 and 2 opinions), i.e. ALDE prepared 14% of 2020 reports compared to 21% of 2019 reports.

Reports

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| Olivier BECHT (France) | The brain-computer interface: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms? (Doc. 15147) |
| Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Netherlands) | Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells (Doc. 15022) |
| Roland Rino BÜCHEL (Switzerland) | Time to act: Europe's political response to fighting the manipulation of sports competitions (Doc. 15116) |
| Rik DAEMS (Belgium) | Setting minimum standards for electoral systems in order to offer the basis for free and fair elections: (Doc. 15027) |
| Petra STIENEN (Netherlands) | Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: gender, |

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| | equality and non-discrimination (Doc. 15129) The gender dimension of foreign policy (Doc. 15122) |
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Opinions:

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| Ms Isabelle RAUCH (France) | Concerted action against human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants (Doc. 15051) |
| Alexandra LOUIS (France) | Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe (Doc. 15174) |

5.2. General Rapporteurs in 2020

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| Olivier BECHT (France) | General Rapporteur on science and technology assessment, AS/Cult |
| Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco) | General Rapporteur on violence against women (AS/Ega) until October 2020 |
| Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland) | General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities, AS/Soc, until July 2020 |
| Alexandra LOUIS (France) | General Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (AS/Jur) |

5.3. Reports under preparation

AS/Pol

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| Marija GOLUBEVA | Relationship between the parliamentary majority and the opposition in a democracy |
| Konstantin KUHLE | Transparency and regulation of donations to political parties and electoral campaigns from foreign donors |
| Jacques MAIRE | Strengthening parliamentary dialogue with Algeria |

AS/Jur

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| André GATTOLIN | To put an end to enforced disappearances on the territory of the Council of Europe |
| Fabien GOUTTEFARDE | Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law |
| Alexandra LOUIS | Restrictions on NGO activities in Council of Europe member States |
| Alexandra LOUIS | Human rights violations in Belarus require an international investigation |
| Jacques MAIRE | Poisoning of Alexei Navalny |

AS/Soc

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| Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN | Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities |
| Dimitri HOUBRON | For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content |
| Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN | Inaction on climate change – a violation of children's rights Towards a Covid-19 vaccine: ethical, legal and practical considerations |
| Martine WONNER | Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness |
| Opinion | |
| Jennifer DE TEMMERMAN | Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries at the southern Mediterranean Sea |

AS/Mig

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| Fabien GOUTTEFARDE | The protection of victims of forced displacement under international law |
| Stephanie KRISPER | Safe third countries for asylum seekers |
| Opinion | |
| Fabien GOUTTEFARDE | Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Geneva conventions: the |

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| | contribution of the Council of Europe to the increasing synergy between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law (AS/Jur) |
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AS/Cult

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| Olivier BECHT | Research policies and environment protection |
| Bertrand BOUYX | The Observatory on history teaching in Europe |

AS/Ega

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| Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO | Strengthening the fight against so-called “honour” crimes |
| František KOPŘIVA | Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing |
| Yevheniia KRAVCHUK | Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation |
| Opinion | |
| Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO | Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness (AS/SOC) |
| Liliana TANGUY | Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities (AS/SOC) |

AS/Pro

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| Nicole TRISSE | Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly |
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AS/Mon

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| Damien COTTIER | Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro |
| Alfred HEER | The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine |
| Claude KERN | The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia |
| František KOPŘIVA | The honouring of membership obligations by Hungary |
| Edmon MARUKYAN | The honouring of membership obligations by Romania |

6. Motions for a resolution, written declarations, and other initiatives by ALDE-PACE members

Motions for a resolution (9 in 2020 compared to 15 in 2019)

1. **Maryna Bardina** (Ukraine), Enhancing participation of women from vulnerable groups in political and public decision-making, Motion for a resolution [Doc. 15067](#), reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for report
2. **Olivier Becht** (France), Track and trace applications: ethical, cultural and educational challenges, Motion for a resolution [Doc. 15165](#), transmission to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for report and to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for opinion
3. **Jennifer De Temmerman** (France), COVID-19 – an effective and human rights-compliant response, Motion for a resolution [Doc. 15094](#), reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report with the title: "Lessons for future public health emergencies from an effective and rights-based response to the COVID-19 pandemic"
4. **Dimitri Houbbron** (France), For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content, Motion for a resolution [Doc. 15077](#), reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for report and to the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media for opinion
5. **Yevheniia Kravchuk** (Ukraine), Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation, Motion for a resolution [Doc. 15045](#), Reference to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination for report and to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy for opinion
6. **Eerik-Niiles Kross** (Estonia), Political prisoners in the Russian Federation, Motion for a resolution [Doc. 15049](#), Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report
7. **Jacques Maire** (France), Poisoning of Alexei Navalny, motion for a resolution [Doc. 15155](#), Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights for report

8. **Yuliia Ovchynnykova** (Ukraine), Introducing sustainable management practices in forests of the continental biogeographical region, Motion for a resolution [Doc. 15079](#), transmission to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development for information
9. **Sylvain Waserman** (France), Food ethics in Europe: a citizen's issue that concerns all of us, Motion for a resolution [Doc. 15078](#), no further action

Written declarations:

1. Konstantin KUHLE (Germany), Chinese police forces in Europe [Doc. 15042](#), 28 January 2020, signed by 23 members
2. Konstantin KUHLE (Germany), Investigations against Hungarian opposition parties, [Doc. 15043](#), 28 January 2020, signed by 24 members
3. Nicole TRISSE (France), In a Europe hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council of Europe Development Bank has more than ever a role to play, [Doc. 15102](#), 29 April 2020, signed by 27 members

Requests for debates and other initiatives in 2020

30/04/2020 – Current affairs debate

ALDE-PACE requested a current affairs debate (supported by the presidents of five political groups) on Response of the Council of Europe member states to the Covid-19 pandemic with respect to human rights, democracy and the rule of law; Opening speaker: Jacques Maire

8/09/2020 – Committee debate

ALDE-PACE requested a debate on the situation concerning Alexey Navalny in AS/Pol

15/09/2020 – Request for the Standing Committee to adopt a declaration

Since an urgent debate could not be organised under existing technical arrangements, ALDE-PACE proposed for the Standing Committee to come up with a declaration on the situation in Belarus. The Standing Committee adopted the following Declaration on an urgent need for a democratic, broad-based and inclusive political process in Belarus: <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8005/declaration-on-an-urgent-need-for-a-democratic-broad-based-and-inclusive-political-process-in-belarus>

7. Election observation

Most election observation missions had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The remaining missions were attended by a limited number of members still available to travel.

Azerbaijan: Parliamentary elections – 9 February 2020

Mr Alfred HEER, Switzerland (including a pre-electoral mission)

Mr Bernard CAZEAU, France

Mr Jacques LE NAY, France

Mr Zeki Hakan SIDALI, Turkey

Georgia: Parliamentary elections – 31 October 2020 (main mission only)

Mr Hovhannes IGITYAN, Armenia

Missions cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic:

Serbia: Parliamentary elections – 21 June 2020

Poland: Presidential election - 28 June 2020 & 12 July 2020 (2nd round)

North Macedonia: Parliamentary elections – 15 July 2020

Montenegro: Parliamentary elections – 30 August 2020

Jordan: Parliamentary elections – 10 November 2020 (main mission only due to Covid-19)

Republic of Moldova: Presidential election – 1 November 2020 (main mission only due to Covid-19)

8. Speakers on behalf of the group

As a general rule, political groups were invited to appoint speakers on behalf of the group for plenary debates only. Since October 2020, group speakers are also appointed for Standing Committee debates.

Oral questions:

5 members put oral questions to 9 invited personalities during the part-sessions and Standing Committee meetings

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| Olivier BECHT (France) | 1. Mr Robert SPANO, President of the European Court of Human Rights |
| Iulian BULAI (Romania) | 2. Mr Igor DODON, President of the Republic of Moldova |
| Jacques MAIRE (France) | 3. Mr Miltiadis VARVITSIOTIS, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe 4. Mr Michael ROTH, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Special Representative of the Federal Government for the German Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe |
| Martin POLIAČIK (Slovak Republic) | 5. Mr David ZALKALIANI, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia, President of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe 6. Ms Salome ZOURABICHVILI, President of Georgia 7. Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ |
| Petra STIENEN (Netherlands) | 8. Annual activity report 2019 by the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Ms Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights 9. Mr Miltiadis VARVITSIOTIS, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe |

Debates:

16 members defended the position of the group in 30 plenary debates.

Female/ Male: 13 interventions / 17 interventions

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| Jokin BILDARRATZ (Spain) | 1. Urgent debate: International obligations concerning the repatriation of children from war and conflict zones (Doc. 15055) 2. Joint debate: Organ transplant tourism (Doc. 15029) & Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells (Doc. 15022) |
| Reina de BRUIJN-WEZEMAN (Netherlands) | 3. Supporting people with autism and their families (Doc. 15177) |
| Iulian BULAI (Romania) | 4. The functioning of democratic institutions in Poland AS/Mon (Doc. 15025, Doc. 15025 Add.) 5. Modification of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure |
| Damien COTTIER (Switzerland) | 6. Investment migration 7. Joint debate: Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence (Doc. 15150); Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems; Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence 8. Joint debate: Need for democratic governance of artificial intelligence; Justice by algorithm – the role of artificial intelligence in policing and criminal justice systems; Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence 9. Joint debate: Democracies facing the Covid-19 pandemic; The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on human rights and the rule of law |
| Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco) | 10. Democracy hacked? How to respond? (Doc. 15028) 11. The gender dimension of foreign policy |

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| Alfred HEER (Switzerland) | 12. Reported cases of political prisoners in Azerbaijan (Doc. 15020) |
| Petri HONKONEN (Finland) | 13. Threats to media freedom and journalists' security in Europe (Doc. 15021) |
| Michael Aastrup JENSEN (Denmark) | 14. Complementary joint procedure between the Committee of Ministers and the Parliamentary Assembly in response to a serious violation by a member State of its statutory obligations (Doc. 15024) 15. Current affairs debate: Armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, failure of peaceful conflict resolution and a risk to regional stability (opening speaker) |
| Maria JUFEREVA-SKURATOVSKI (Estonia) | 16. The principles and guarantees of advocates |
| Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine) | 17. Joint debate: Concerted action against human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants (Doc. 15023) & Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe (Doc. 15026) |
| Alexandra LOUIS (France) | 18. Urgent debate: "New crack down of political and social opposition in Turkey: how to safeguard human rights, fundamental freedoms and the protection of Turkish citizens by the European Court of Human Rights" |
| Jacques MAIRE (France) | 19. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing AS/Bur (Doc. 15036, Doc. 15036 Add. 2, Doc. 15038, Doc. 15036 Add. 1) & Observation of the early parliamentary elections in Belarus (17 November 2019) (Doc. 15012) 20. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2019) (Doc. 15031) 21. Current affairs debate: Armed conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan, failure of peaceful conflict resolution and a risk to regional stability 22. Current affairs debate: "The Athens Declaration by the Committee of Ministers Chairmanship on: 'Effectively responding to a public health crisis in full respect for human rights, democracy and the rule of law'" (opening speaker) |
| Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland) | 23. Joint debate: Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: gender, equality and non-discrimination; Humanitarian consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic for migrants and refugees |
| Martin POLIAČIK (Slovak Republic) | 24. Challenge, on substantive grounds, of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary (Doc. 15050) |
| Petra STIENEN (Netherlands) | 25. The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace (Doc. 15015) 26. Rights and obligations of NGOs assisting refugees and migrants in Europe (Doc. 15161) 27. Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children (Doc. 15133) 28. The brain-computer interface: new rights or new threats to fundamental freedoms? (Doc. 15147); Artificial intelligence in health care: medical, legal and ethical challenges ahead (Doc. 15154) ; Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe? (Doc. 15159); Legal aspects of "autonomous" vehicles |
| Nicole TRISSE (France) | 29. Current Affairs Debate: Recent developments in Libya and in the Middle East: what consequences for Europe? 30. Modification of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure on alternative arrangements for the organisation of Parliamentary Assembly part-sessions |

9. Communication and Follow up

9.1. ALDE-PACE statements and selected tweets by Jacques Maire

27/01/2020: ALDE-PACE elects Jacques Maire to lead the group, <http://alde-pace.org/files/news/107/bcfdb22282f12989e051f55b45c2eaae.pdf>

28/01/2020: Rik Daems elected President of PACE, <http://alde-pace.org/files/news/107/bcfdb22282f12989e051f55b45c2eaae.pdf>

20/04/2020: ALDE concerned about situation in Poland (open letter), <http://alde-pace.org/news/all/alde-concerned-about-situation-in-poland>

22/04/2020: ALDE-PACE expresses support to Russian journalist Elena Milashina, <http://alde-pace.org/news/all/alde-pace-expresses-support-to-russian-journalist-elena-milashina>

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STA – Standing Committee

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)