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1. Membership

1.1. PACE Political Groups' size on 31 December 2023

SOC	EPP/CD	EC	ALDE	UEL
156	144	116	94	33

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

	SOC	EPP	EC	ALDE	UEL
June 2023	156	143	115	94	35
June 2022	165	162	94	97	31
June 2021	158	157	97	94	38
June 2020	163	161	84	92	35

1.3. Female/male ALDE members

	Female	Male
31 December 2023	45=48%	49=52%
31 December 2022	42=46%	50=54%
31 December 2021	46=48%	49=52%
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 2023

National party is member to ALDE Party, Liberal International, or Renew Europe: 69/94 (73%)

Individual affiliation: 25/94 (27%)

1.5. CoE member states represented in the group on 31 December 2023 (30)

Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine

1.6. CoE member states not represented in the group on 31 December 2023 (16)

Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Malta, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Portugal, Poland, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, United Kingdom

1.7. Chairs of national delegations, 31 December 2023 (11)

Caspar van den BERG (Netherlands)

Bertrand BOUYX (France)

Bernadeta COMA (Andorra)

Damien COTTIER (Switzerland)

Rik DAEMS (Belgium)

Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco)

Gusty GRAAS (Luxembourg)

Franziska HOOP (Liechtenstein)

Bjarni JÓNSSON (Iceland)

Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland)

Tamara VONTA (Slovenia)

1.8. Allocation of committee (vice-)chairmanships and seats in 2023

According to the d'Hondt calculation method, the groups will be allocated the following number of positions in 2024:

	SOC	EPP/CD	ALDE	EC/DA	UEL	Total
number of members on 30 June 2023	156	143	94	115	35	543
Committee chairmanship	3	3	1	2	0	9
Committee vice chairmanship	8	7	5	6	1	27
Monitoring Committee	25	22	15	18	5	85
Rules Committee	9	8	5	6	2	30
Judges Committee	6	6	3	4	1	20

For comparison, in 2023

	SOC	EPP/CD	ALDE	EC/DA	UEL	Total
number of members on 30 June 2022	165	162	97	94	31	549
Committee chairmanship	3	3	2	1	0	9
Committee vice chairmanship	8	8	5	5	1	27
Monitoring Committee	26	25	15	15	4	85
Rules Committee	10	9	5	5	1	30
Judges Committee	6	6	4	3	1	20

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
AS/Mon	15	15	14	15	15
AS/Pro	5	5	5	5	5
AS/CDH	4+4	3+3	3+3	4+4	3+3

1.10. ALDE members appointed to official positions in 2023

Ana CALINICI (Republic of Moldova) – State Secretary of the State Chancellery, since August 2023
Jacques MAIRE (France) – General Commissioner of the France Pavilion at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka

1.11. Dick Marty Awarded Pro Merito Medal of the Council of Europe

In December 2023, the CoE Secretary General granted the Council of Europe Pro Merito Award to †Dick Marty, former ALDE group member, illustrious Swiss parliamentarian and prosecutor. In PACE he served as AS/Jur and AS/Mon chairman on behalf of ALDE, as well as rapporteur, among others, on CIA secret detention centres and renditions in Europe, grave human rights violations in Kosovo during the 1998-1999 war, including illicit organ trafficking, and grave human rights violations in the North Caucasus region of the Russian Federation.

2. ALDE Bureau

2.1. Calendar of elections

Last ordinary elections: 24/01/2022
Extraordinary elections (President of the Group): 20/06/2022
Extraordinary elections (rule 8b vice-presidents): 23/01/2023
Next ordinary elections: 22 January 2024

2.2. President

Iulian Bulai (USR, Romania) since June 2022

2.3. Composition of the Bureau as of 31 December 2023

President: Iulian Bulai (Romania)

Vice-Presidents: Bertrand Bouyx (France), Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco), Alfred Heer (Switzerland), Franziska Hoop (Liechtenstein), Michael Aastrup Jensen (Denmark), Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine), Stephanie Krisper (Austria), Eerik Kross (Estonia), Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland)

Treasurer: Michael Georg Link (Germany)

Ex officio members: Rik Daems (Belgium, President PACE), Damien Cottier (Switzerland, Chair AS/Jur)

Members who joined the Bureau in 2023:

Bertrand Bouyx (France), Franziska Hoop (Liechtenstein)

Vice-presidents female/male ratio: 5 female/4 male

3. Positions in PACE

3.1. Presidential Committee

Group leader Iulian Bulai is a member of the Presidential Committee. The Presidential Committee brings 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. Vice-Presidents of PACE as of December 2023

Bertrand BOUYX (France)

Tamara VONTA (Slovenia)

There are 19 Vice-Presidents in PACE. The function of a Vice-President is to chair Assembly sittings on any occasion when the President is unavailable.

3.3. Representation on the PACE Bureau as of December 2023

7 members:

Bertrand BOUYX (Vice-President of PACE on behalf of France)

Iulian BULAI (ALDE Chair)

Damien COTTIER (Chair AS/Jur)

Gusty GRAAS (Ex officio, Rule 14.3 of the Rules of Procedure)

Franziska HOOP (Ex officio, Rule 14.3 of the Rules of Procedure)

Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Chair As/Cult)

Tamara VONTA (Vice-President of PACE on behalf of Slovenia)

3.4. Representation on the Standing Committee as of December 2023

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

Caspar van den BERG (Netherlands)

Bertrand BOUYX (Chairperson of national delegation, Vice-President of the Assembly)

Iulian BULAI (ALDE Chair)

Bernadeta COMA (Chairperson of national delegation)

Damien COTTIER (Chairperson of national delegation, Chair AS/Jur)

Rik DAEMS (Chairperson of national delegation)

Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Chairperson of national delegation)

Gusty GRAAS (Chairperson of national delegation)

Franziska HOOP (Chairperson of national delegation)

Bjarni JÓNSSON (Chairperson of national delegation)

Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Chair As/Cult)

Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Chairperson of national delegation)

Tamara VONTA (Chairperson of national delegation, Vice-President of the Assembly)

3.5. Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

1.	Damien COTTIER (Switzerland), Chairperson, since January 2022	Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
2.	Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine), Chairperson, since January 2023	Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media
3.	Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco), 1 st Vice-Chairperson, since January 2022	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination
4.	Stephanie KRISPER (Austria), 2 nd Vice-Chairperson, since January 2022	Committee on the Election of Judges to the ECHR
5.	Eerik KROSS, 3 rd Vice-Chairperson, since June 2022	Monitoring Committee
6.	Robert TROY, 1 st Vice-Chairperson, since April 2023	Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs

Female/Male ratio: 3 female/ 3 male

3.6. Sub-committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

1.	Maryna BARDINA (Ukraine), Chairperson, since 27/04/2022	EGA/ Sub-Committee on Gender Equality
2.	Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland), Chairperson, since 17/03/2022	SOC/Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter
3.	Claude KERN (France), Chairperson since 24/01/2022	MON/ Sub-Committee on Conflicts concerning Council of Europe Member States
4.	Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland), Chairperson since 12/10/2022	CULT/ Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport
5.	Diana STOICA (Romania), Chairperson, since 28/04/2022	MIG/Sub-Committee on Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings

3.7. Institutional representation of the Assembly in 2023

Venice Commission: Rik DAEMS (Belgium) (by appointment of the President)

Committee of Experts on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (PC-ENV): Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland) (AS/Soc)

Yulia OVCHYNNYKOVA (Ukraine) (AS/Soc) – Substitute member

Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission: Michael LINK (Germany) (AS/Pol)

Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): Elena-Simona SPĂTARU (Romania) (AS/Jur) – substitute member

3.8. Ad hoc committees, parliamentary networks and other representation

PACE Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize selection panel

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

Parliamentary Network on Healthy Environment

Rik DAEMS (Belgium), Chairperson April 2022-June 2023, Vice-Chairperson, since June 2023

Women@PACE group

Elena BONETTI (Italy), Bureau member, replacing Petra STIENEN (Netherlands) since June 2023

4. Group meetings and initiatives in 2023

4.1. ALDE group meetings

In 2023, ALDE held 12 group meetings. All meetings took place during PACE part-sessions.

23 January morning
23 January afternoon
25 January

24 April morning
24 April afternoon
26 April

19 June morning
19 June afternoon
21 June

9 October morning
9 October afternoon
11 October

4.2. ALDE bureau meetings

In 2023, ALDE held 5 Bureau meetings:

22 January
24 April
18 June
8 October
17 December (online meeting)

4.3. Cooperation activities (ALDE Party, Renew Europe, Friedrich Naumann Foundation):

On 23 March 2023, ALDE group leader Iulian Bulai visited the Republic of Moldova in the framework of the ALDE Party Bureau visit to the country. The members of the mission conducted a series of meetings, including with President Maia Sandu to express European liberals' support for the pro-European government of Moldova in the face of increased efforts to destabilise the country and the war in Ukraine. The Republic of Moldova was granted EU candidate status in June 2022, and the delegation reaffirmed the liberals' support for the country's European aspirations.

During the June session, ALDE-PACE welcomed Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg), former ALDE group leader (2009-2014) and President of the Assembly (2014-2016) in her new capacity as member of the board of directors of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

ALDE-PACE representatives took part at ALDE Party meetings in 2023, including its Congress, Council and Bureau meetings. On 20-21 October 2023, Iulian Bulai welcomed ALDE-PACE members and former members attending ALDE Party Council meetings and fringe events in Bucharest.

In 2023, ALDE-PACE also reinforced cooperation with the European Liberal Forum. ALDE-PACE representatives attended several ELF events in Brussels, and ELF's Executive Director Alva Finn met with ALDE members in Strasbourg in October 2023.

ALDE-PACE has established systematic information exchange with the Renew Europe group in the European Parliament on the on-going reports; contacts have been established between respective rapporteurs.

Renew Europe and ALDE-PACE event: The role of youth in revitalising democracy

During its plenary group meeting on 9 October 2023, ALDE-PACE held a debate with the participation of liberal youth organisations, co-organised with the Renew Europe group of the European Parliament.

The debate chaired by ALDE-PACE leader Iulian Bulai featured Dan-Aria Sucuri, President of LYMEC (European Liberal Youth), Lounes Lachgar, member of YDE (Young democrats for Europe), Doris Lisett Rudnevs, Renew Europe, Institutional Relations policy advisor and MEP Dragos Pislaru, chair of Renew Europe's Youth Taskforce. The guests presented the Renew Europe Youth Manifesto with concrete ideas on how to empower young people across Europe. The manifesto is a result of a participative process of consultation and co-creation with young people, including the youth organisations.

Youth representatives also held bilateral meetings with ALDE-PACE MPs, including rapporteur on the Role of Youth in Revitalising Democracy Sona Ghazaryan (Armenia), chair of the subcommittee on Education, Youth and Sport Fiona O'Loughlin (Ireland) and member of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media Yulia Ovchynnykova (Ukraine).

4.4. Main topics in 2023

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: the need for an effective accountability system

During the January part-session, ALDE rapporteurs Fiona O'Loughlin and Damien Cottier spoke with one voice in favour of the establishment of an effective accountability system, including an ad hoc tribunal for the crime of aggression.

"It is essential that not only war crimes and crimes against humanity –the competence of Ukrainian justice and the International Criminal Court– are prosecuted, but also the crime of aggression, namely the decision to start the conflict, the most serious crime of all because it is the root cause of all others," declared Damien Cottier presenting his report on Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine.

The recommendation based on the report prepared by Fiona O'Loughlin putting forward PACE's proposals for the upcoming Reykjavik Summit called on the heads of state and government of the Council of Europe to show unwavering support for Ukraine and to play an active and leading role in creating an ad hoc tribunal to prosecute Russia's political and military leadership for the crime of aggression, as well as supporting an international compensation mechanism.

Also during the January part-session, ALDE initiated a visit to the Council of Europe and its Assembly by Oleksandra Matviichuk, chair of the Ukrainian Center for Civil Liberties, 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureate. ALDE exchanged views with Ms Matviichuk and welcomed her excellent contribution to the plenary debate.

The issue of justice and reparations for the war in Ukraine were at the centre of ALDE-PACE's exchange of views with Garry Kasparov and other Russian opposition figures on 25 January.

On 24 February 2023, ALDE-PACE leader Iulian Bulai travelled to Kyiv to commemorate the victims of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and to reiterate the group's support to Ukraine and its people. ALDE-PACE Vice-Presidents Bertrand Bouyx (chairman of the French delegation to PACE) and Eerik Kross (chairman of the Estonian delegation to PACE), as well as Zeki Hakan Sidali (ALDE group member from Türkiye) also participated in the visit to Kyiv. The delegation paid respect to the victims, attended the special session of parliament, and met with the Speaker and Vice-Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

During the October part-session of PACE, Iulian Bulai presented a report under urgent procedure and a resolution calling to maintain solidarity and aid to Ukraine. A comprehensive system of accountability is key for justice in Ukraine; this should also include a special international tribunal for the crime of aggression, a well-functioning register of damage and a compensation system, stated the rapporteur. Following Iulian Bulai's proposal, the Parliamentary Assembly also decided to recognise Holodomor as genocide against the Ukrainian people.

During the October part-session, ALDE-PACE organised a hearing on the findings of an independent report on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Ukraine: lessons from Bosnia and Herzegovina:

<https://newlinesinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/Sept2023-Policy-Report-CRSV-in-Ukraine-Lessons-from-Bosnia-NLISAP.pdf> .

Political prisoners

Several activities were organised during the April session, including an exchange of views with Bill Browder, advocate for international Magnitsky legislation. ALDE leader attended a ceremony of solidarity with Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza sentenced to 25 years of imprisonment. The group also co-organised the visit to PACE of Natalia Pinchuk, wife of the Belarusian Nobel Peace Prize laureate Ales Bialiatski jailed in Belarus.

Initiated by ALDE-PACE, the post of AS/Jur General rapporteur on political prisoners in Europe was created in March 2023.

On 26 April 2023, ALDE-PACE organised a round table discussion featuring three women who are fighting for the release of their loved ones (see the section on side events).

During the October part-session of PACE, ALDE group supported the call for the immediate release of the 2023 Vaclav Havel Human Rights Laureate Osman Kavala detained in Türkiye since 18 October 2017. Speaking on behalf of the group, Damien Cottier also drew attention to the on-going repressions against former Vaclav Havel Prize laureates serving illegal prison terms in Russia and Belarus: Vladimir Kara-Murza, Ales Bialiatski, and Maria Kalesnikava.

During the Legal Affairs Committee meeting on 30 November, Eerik Kross organised a hearing in the framework of his report on sanctions against persons on the "Kara-Murza list". The hearing featured Yevgeniia Kara-Murza and Bill Browder. In an introductory memorandum declassified by the Committee in June 2023, Mr Kross underlined that a strong case can be made "to subject all the persons on the 'Kara-Murza list' to targeted sanctions under the existing 'Magnitsky laws' in particular the relevant provisions enacted by the European Union."

The Reykjavik Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe, 16-17 May 2023

During the January part-session, PACE adopted a report by ALDE group's vice-president and Irish delegation chair Fiona O'Loughlin which put forward proposals on how to reinvigorate the Council of Europe, including through building a system of accountability for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, addressing the new generation of rights, such as the right to a healthy environment, and reinforcing the Organisation's role in fostering democracy.

During the April part-session, on the eve of the Reykjavik summit, ALDE renewed its call for the heads of state and government to pay particular attention to establishing a system of accountability for the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine, including an international tribunal on the crime of aggression, and to the new generation of human rights, such as the right to a healthy environment and AI related challenges.

In the framework of the preparation of the Reykjavik summit, ALDE-PACE also held an exchange of views with Mr Mathieu Mori, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and Mr Harry Hummel, member of the Civil society Campaign for Upholding Rights in Europe (CURE).

Several members attended the Reykjavik summit and took part in the debates of the PACE Standing committee meeting on the margins of the summit.

As a follow up, ALDE-PACE considered that the Register of Damage caused by the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine was a concrete result coming out of the summit. The enlarged partial agreement establishing the Register brought together over 40 countries and the EU. The Conference of Participants of the Register of damage held its constitutive meeting in Strasbourg on 27 June 2023. ALDE also demanded clear priorities in the implementation of the summit, including the right to a clean and healthy environment.

EU ratifies Istanbul Convention

ALDE-PACE welcomed the ratification by the EU of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention). On 28 June, the European Union deposited the instrument of approval. The EU thus became the 38th member party having ratified the Convention. “Although the precise and detailed impact of this ratification is not fully clear as yet, it means that the six remaining EU States not having ratified the Convention – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, and Slovakia – will be both under pressure to ratify directly and under an obligation to implement and follow on the Convention,” declared Iulian Bulai.

Other discussions with political leaders

On 20 June 2023, ALDE-PACE President Iulian Bulai and Vice-President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly Mireille Clapot held a bilateral meeting with Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, leader of the Belarusian democratic forces.

In the coming months, the Parliamentary Assembly will examine the request for Council of Europe membership from Kosovo. On 19 June 2023, ALDE-PACE held an exchange of views with Glauk Konjufca, President of the Assembly of Kosovo.

On 12 October, ALDE group leader Iulian Bulai held a bilateral meeting with Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice. They discussed the state of the rule of law in Europe, including the recent report by the European Commission, the EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights, and the ways to increase the efficiency of human rights and rule of law action of the Council of Europe and the EU institutions. The same day, Commissioner Reynders addressed the Parliamentary Assembly.

4.5. Guest speakers

Guest speakers at ALDE-PACE meetings:

Liberal Partners

Anne Brasseur, board member of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom
Alva Finn, Executive Director of the European Liberal Forum (ELF)
Lounes Lachgar, member of YDE (Young democrats for Europe)
Doris Lisett Rudnevs, Renew Europe, Institutional Relations policy advisor
Dragos Pislaru MEP, chair of Renew Europe's Youth Taskforce

National political leaders

Glauk Konjufca, President of the Assembly of Kosovo
Mihai Popșoi, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Republic of Moldova

Council of Europe

Mathieu Mori, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

NGOs, activists, political prisoners

Oleksandra Matviichuk, head of the Center for Civil Liberties, Ukraine, Nobel Peace Prize 2022
Yevgenia Kara-Murza, wife of Russian opposition activist and political prisoner Vladimir Kara-Murza, PACE Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022
Bill Browder (UK), advocate for the introduction of individual sanctions against perpetrators of human rights abuses in Russia known as the “Magnitsky Legislation”
Garry Kasparov, co-founder of the Russian Action Committee, chairman of the Human Rights Foundation, member of Anti-war committee of Russia
Dmitry Gudkov, member of the Russian Action Committee, Russian MP in 2011-2016
Anastasiia Shevchenko, political activist, member of the global anti-war movement of Russia
Ivan Tyutrin, co-founder of the Free Russia Forum, member of the Russian Action Committee
Harry Hummel, member of civil society Campaign for Upholding Rights in Europe (CURE)
Emily Prey, New Lines Institute

4.6. Side-events

26 April 2023: Families of political prisoners: women fighting for their loved ones

Authoritarian regimes on the European continent and in the neighbouring region have increased repression against political activists and those who dare to speak out. While this problem receives attention at the highest level of the Council of Europe, we rarely speak about the families of political prisoners. On 26 April 2023, ALDE-PACE organised a round table discussion featuring three women who are fighting for the release of their loved ones:

- Evgenia Kara-Murza – wife of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza jailed for having opposed Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
- Tatsiana Khomich – sister of Belarusian opposition activist Maria Kalesnikava, one of the leaders of the 2020 protests against the Lukashenko regime
- Sanaa Seif – sister of British-Egyptian democracy activist and blogger Alaa Abd ElFattah who has spent most of the past decade behind bars in Egypt

The event was opened by ALDE leader Iulian Bulai and was moderated by ALDE vice-president Petra Stienen. PACE President Tiny Kox, Chair of the PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights Damien Cottier, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe Bjørn Berge, Secretary General of PACE Despina Chatzivassiliou-Tsovilis and Natalia Pinchuk, wife of jailed Belarusian Nobel Peace Prize laureate Ales Bialiatski, took the floor in the discussion.

This side event inspired the adoption on 26 May 2023 by the Belgian Senate of the resolution on the situation of Vladimir Kara-Murza demanding individual sanctions against persons involved in his politically motivated persecution. The resolution was proposed by Rik Daems.

4.7. Other activities

Democracy and Human Rights in Europe Conference

On 5 May, Iulian Bulai attended the 2023 Democracy and Human Rights in Europe Conference in Kristiansand, Norway. Iulian Bulai delivered introductory remarks on the state and course ahead for European cooperation and moderated the discussion featuring:

- Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine, Olga Stefanishyna
- Former President of Lithuania and EU Commissioner, Dalia Grybauskaitė
- Chairman of EDAM, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies, Istanbul, Ambassador Tacan Ildem. Assistant Secretary General of NATO
- Head of Department of International Law, Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies, University of Public Service, Budapest, Dr. Norbert Tóth
- Former Prime Minister of Norway and Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland
- President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, President of the Board of the Congerence, Gunn Marit Helgesen
- Vice Chair of the Council of Europe Advisory Council of Youth, Alice Bergholtz

ALDE-PACE Vice-Chair Fiona O'Loughlin also took part in the conference and discussed recommendations and proposals for the Reykjavik Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe.

Elections in times of crisis

Damien Cottier, ALDE bureau member and head of the Swiss delegation, chaired the parliamentary Conference on Elections in times of crisis (9-10 May 2023, Bern).

The conference discussed the following topics:

- The pandemic and the polls – the impact of Covid-19 on elections
- Universal suffrage amid universal suffering – how natural disasters distort elections
- How to be fair in warfare? – the impact of armed conflicts on elections
- Does digital mean danger? – how electronic voting, AI and cyber are transforming elections

ALDE was represented by Damien Cottier, Valentina Grippo, Liliana Tanguy, Lesia Zaburanna, Andrii Lopushanskyi and Jean-Pierre Grin.

5. Reports prepared by ALDE members

5.1. Reports and opinions adopted in 2023

In 2023, 10 members served as rapporteurs (including rapporteurs, co-rapporteurs, rapporteurs for opinion and rapporteurs on election observation), 6 female members and 4 male members held the position of rapporteur.

ALDE members presented 13 reports in 2023 (12 in 2022), one opinion and one election observation report. ALDE members introduced three current affairs debates.

	Reports	Opinions	Election observation	Current affairs debate introductions
Total PACE	56	4	5	12
ALDE	13	1	1	3
% ALDE	23	25	20	25

Reports

BULAI Iulian (Romania)	1. Activities of the Assembly's Bureau and Standing Committee (28 April – 18 June 2023) 2. Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe
COTTIER Damien (Switzerland)	3. Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine 4. Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law
FRESKO-ROLFO Béatrice (Monaco)	5. Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities
GRIN Jean-Pierre (Switzerland)	6. Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers
O'LOUGHLIN Fiona (Ireland)	7. The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges 8. Youth and the media 9. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France
STIENEN Petra (Netherlands)	10. The role and responsibility of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence against women and girls 11. Innovative approaches to sexual and reproductive health and rights
STOICA Diana (Romania)	12. Preventing addictive behaviours in children
VASYLENKO Lesia (Ukraine)	13. The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace

Opinions:

KERN Claude (France)	The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace (AS/Mon)
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Election observation reports:

CLAPOT Mireille	Observation of the parliamentary elections in Poland (15 October 2023)
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Introduction of current affairs debates:

BULAI Iulian (Romania)	1. Supporting Ukraine one year since the beginning of the Russian Federation's large-scale war of aggression: the role of the Council of Europe
O'LOUGHLIN Fiona (Ireland)	2. #RoadToReykjavik 3. The follow-up to the Reykjavik Summit

5.2. General Rapporteurs and Network Coordinators

DAEMS Rik (Belgium)	Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson of the Parliamentary Network for a Healthy Environment
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5.3. Reports under preparation as on 31 December 2023**AS/Pol**

BOUYX Bertrand	Establishment of an Order of the European solidarities
DAEMS Rik	Shaping the Parliamentary Assembly's relations with the United Nations Human Rights Council
KERN Claude	Political situation in Tunisia

AS/Jur

KROSS Eerik-Niiles	Sanctions of persons on the "Kara-Murza list"
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AS/Soc

OVCHYNNYKOVA Yuliia	Towards Council of Europe seas and oceans strategies against the climate crisis
STOICA Diana	Strengthening palliative care for children
Opinion	
TANGUY Liliana	Globalisation in times of crises and war: the role of the OECD since the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine

AS/Mig

KRISPER Stephanie	Ensuring human rights compliant asylum procedures
STOICA Diana	Precarious and irregular work situations of migrant seasonal workers and domestic migrant workers

AS/Cult

KRAVCHUK Yevheniia	Countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace
NEAGU Denisa Elena	Olympic movement and peacekeeping: is sport neutrality serving sport values?
VALENTIN Kim	Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities
GHAZARYAN Sona	The role of youth in revitalising democracy

AS/Ega

BARDINA Maryna	Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life
FRESKO-ROLFO Béatrice	Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against LBG women in Europe

AS/Mon

COTTIER Damien	Post-monitoring dialogue with Montenegro
HEER Alfred	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Ukraine
KERN Claude	The honouring of obligations and commitments by Georgia
KRISPER Stephanie	The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by the Netherlands
KROSS Eerik-Niiles	The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by Hungary

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6. Motions for a resolution, written declarations, and other initiatives

Authors of motions for a resolution

1. Damien COTTIER (Switzerland), Elections in times of crisis, Motion for a resolution, Doc. 15866 (21/11/2023)
2. Bertrand BOUYX (France), Establishment of an Order of the European solidarities, Doc. 15770 (11/05/2023)
3. Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine), The role of youth in revitalising democracy, Doc. 15756 (02/05/2023)
4. Kim VALENTIN (Denmark), Protecting human rights in and through sport: obligations and shared responsibilities, Doc. 15750 (25/04/2023)
5. Liliana TANGUY (France), Strengthening the protection of biodiversity in Europe through sustainable and fair financing of the Bern Convention, Doc. 15727 (13/03/2023)
6. Lesia VASYLENKO (Ukraine), Ensuring the right to fair trial in the context of State immunities: how to strike the right balance?, Doc. 15712 (13/02/2023)

Author of written declaration:

Konstantin KUHLE (Germany), Protection of children and of European fundamental rights, Doc. 15799, 20/06/2023

Other initiatives:

Damien COTTIER (Switzerland) Chaired parliamentary conference on "Elections in times of crisis: challenges and opportunities", organised by the Parliamentary Assembly in co-operation with the Swiss Parliament on 9 and 10 May 2023 in Bern

7. Election observation

Montenegro: presidential election - 19 March and 2 April 2023

Mr Damien COTTIER, Switzerland (Ex-officio; pre-electoral mission)

Mr Jacques LE NAY, France

Ms Tamara VONTA, Slovenia (pre-electoral mission)

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Bulgaria: early parliamentary elections – 2 April 2023

Mr Iulian BULAI, Romania

Ms Mireille CLAPOT, France

Mr Alfred HEER, Switzerland

Ms Oleksandra USTINOVA, Ukraine

PACE [Report](#)

Türkiye: presidential and parliamentary elections – 14 and 28 May 2023

Ms Mireille CLAPOT, France (pre-electoral mission)

Ms Nicole DURANTON, France

Ms Valentina GRIPPO, Italy

Mr Rafael HUSEYNOV, Azerbaijan

Ms Gyde JENSEN, Germany

Ms Denisa Elena NEAGU, Romania

Mr Dean PREMIK, Slovenia

Ms Diana STOICA, Romania

PACE [Report](#)

Montenegro: early parliamentary elections – 11 June 2023

Mr Jacques LE NAY, France

Mr Andrii LOPUSHANSKYI, Ukraine

Ms Fiona O'LOUGHLIN, Ireland

Ms Liliana TANGUY, France

PACE [Report](#)

Poland: parliamentary elections – 15 October 2023

Ms Mireille CLAPOT, France (delegation chair)

Mr Jean-Pierre GRIN, Switzerland

Ms Valentina GRIPPO, Italy

Mr Robert TROY, Ireland

Ms Lesia ZABURANNA, Ukraine

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11 members put oral questions to 14 invited personalities during the 2023 part-sessions

Female/Male ratio: 6 female members put questions on 7 occasions / 5 male members intervened on 7 occasions

Iulian BULAI (Romania)	1. Edgars RINKEVIČS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia and Chair of the Committee of Ministers 2. Didier REYNDERS, European Commissioner for Justice
Bertrand BOUYX (France)	3. Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Damien COTTIER (Switzerland)	4. Guðni Th. JÓHANNESON, President of Iceland 5. Péter SZIJJÁRTÓ, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
Sabina ČUDIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	6. Nataša PIRC MUSAR, President of Slovenia
Rik DAEMS (Belgium)	7. Þórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð GYLFADÓTTIR, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland and Chair of the Committee of Ministers
Franziska HOOP (Liechtenstein)	8. Marija PEJČINOVIĆ-BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Bjarni JÓNSSON (Iceland)	9. Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine)	10. Marija PEJČINOVIĆ-BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Stephanie KRISPER (Austria)	11. Marija PEJČINOVIĆ-BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland)	12. Katrín JAKOBSDÓTTIR, Prime Minister of Iceland, Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe 13. Krišjānis KARIŅŠ, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia and President of the Committee of Ministers
Petra STIENEN (Netherlands)	14. Annalena BAERBOCK, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany

Debates during part-sessions:

24 members defended the position of the group in 49 debates.

Female/ Male ratio: 12 female members spoke on 23 occasions / 12 male members spoke in 26 debates

Mehmet AKALIN (Türkiye)	1. The humanitarian crisis emerging for Afghanistan and Afghan refugees (Doc. 15831)
Caspar Van den BERG (Netherlands)	2. Joint debate under urgent procedure: Political consequences of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine (Doc. 15797) & War of aggression against Ukraine – Participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics? (Doc. 15795) 3. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France (Doc. 15833) 4. Debate under urgent procedure: Call for the immediate release of Osman Kavala (Doc. 15841)
Larysa BILOZIR (Ukraine)	5. Examining the legitimacy and legality of the ad hominem term-limit waiver for the incumbent President of the Russian Federation (Doc. 15827)
Bertrand BOUYX (France)	6. Current affairs debate: Addressing the humanitarian consequences of the blockade of the Latchin corridor 7. European Convention on Human Rights and national constitutions (Doc. 15741)

	<p>8. Ensuring free and safe access through the Lachin Corridor (Doc. 15796)</p> <p>9. The challenge of far-right ideology to democracy and human rights in Europe (Doc. 15826)</p>
Iulian BULAI (Romania)	<p>10. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (Doc. 15685, Doc. 15685 Add. 1, Doc. 15685 Add. 2, Doc. 15685 Add. 3)</p> <p>11. The Reykjavik Summit of the Council of Europe: United around values in the face of extraordinary challenges (Doc. 15681, Doc. 15681 Add.)</p> <p>12. The progress of the Assembly's monitoring procedure (January-December 2022) (Doc. 15682)</p> <p>13. Current affairs debate: #RoadToReykjavik</p> <p>14. Current affairs debate: Russia's role in escalating tensions in the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>15. Debate under urgent procedure: Humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh (Doc. 15840)</p>
Mireille CLAPOT (France)	<p>16. Contact tracing applications: ethical, cultural and educational challenges (Doc. 15648)</p> <p>17. Safeguarding democracy, rights and the environment in international trade (Doc. 15739)</p> <p>18. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (Doc. 15791, Doc. 15791 Add. 1, Doc. 15791 Add 2)</p>
Damien COTTIER (Switzerland)	<p>19. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (Doc. 15834, Doc. 15834 Add 1, Doc. 15834 Add 2)</p> <p>20. Current affairs debate: Escalation of violence in the Middle-East following the recent Hamas attack on Israel</p>
Sabina ĆUDIĆ (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	<p>21. Current Affairs Debate: The situation in the North of Kosovo following the recent attack and the need for de-escalation</p> <p>22. Pegasus and similar spyware and secret state surveillance (Doc. 15825)</p> <p>23. Joint debate under urgent procedure: The role of the Council of Europe in preventing conflicts, restoring credibility of international institutions and promoting global peace (Doc. 15821); Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe (Doc. 15842)</p>
Rik DAEMS (Belgium)	<p>24. Addressing the issue of Daesh foreign fighters and their families returning from Syria and other countries to the member States of the Council of Europe (Doc. 15591)</p> <p>25. Joint debate: Budgets and priorities of the Council of Europe for the period 2024-2027 (Doc. 15780) & Expenditure of the Parliamentary Assembly for the biennium 2024-2025 (Doc. 15781)</p>
André GATTOLIN (France)	<p>26. Emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS) and their necessary apprehension through European human rights law</p> <p>27. Transnational repression as a growing threat to the rule of law and human rights (Doc. 15787)</p>
Sona GHAZARYAN (Armenia)	<p>28. Building the Open Council of Europe Academic Networks (OCEAN)</p> <p>29. Youth and the media (Doc. 15726)</p> <p>30. Closing the digital divide: promoting equal access to digital technologies (Doc. 15776)</p> <p>31. Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities (Doc. 15828)</p>
Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland)	32. Public health emergency: the need for a holistic approach to multilateralism and healthcare (Doc. 15778)
Valentina GRIPPO (Italy)	33. The honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by San Marino (Doc. 15737)
Yevheniia KRAVCHUK (Ukraine)	<p>34. Conflict-related sexual violence (Doc. 15677)</p> <p>35. Debate under urgent procedure: Deportations and forcible transfers of Ukrainian children and other civilians to Russian Federation or to Ukrainian territories temporarily occupied: create conditions for their safe return, stop these crimes and punish the perpetrators (Doc. 15748)</p>
Eerik-Niiles KROSS (Estonia)	36. Debate under urgent procedure: Legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine (Doc. 15689)
Jacques LE NAY (France)	37. Current affairs debate: Recent political developments in Poland
Arminas LYDEKA (Lithuania)	38. Addressing the specific challenges faced by the Belarusians in exile (Doc. 15783)

Yuliia OVCHYNNYKOVA (Ukraine)	39. Environmental impact of armed conflicts (Doc. 15674) 40. Joint debate: Integration of migrants and refugees: benefits for all parties involved (Doc. 15785); Social inclusion of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons through sport (Doc. 15786); Health and social protection of undocumented workers or those in an irregular situation (Doc. 15784) 41. Joint debate: Preventing addictive behaviours in children (Doc. 15830); Mental health and well-being of children and young adults (Doc. 15829)
Petra STIENEN (Netherlands)	42. Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee (Doc. 15745, Doc. 15745 Add. 1, Doc. 15745 Add. 2)
Diana STOICA (Romania)	43. The honouring of obligations and commitments by the Republic of Moldova (Doc. 15680)
Liliana TANGUY (France)	44. Current affairs debate: Recent tensions between Pristina and Belgrade 45. Political strategies to prevent, prepare for, and face the consequences of natural disasters (Doc. 15738, Doc. 15738 Add.)
Ingvild Wettrhus THORSVIK (Norway)	46. Implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (Doc. 15742)
Robert TROY (Ireland)	47. Assessing the functioning of the partnership for democracy (Doc. 15740) 48. UK reform of its human rights legislation: consequences for domestic and European Human Rights protection (Doc. 15782)
Lesia VASYLENKO (Ukraine)	49. Joint debate: The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges (Doc. 15673); The role and responsibility of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence against women and girls (Doc. 15678); Finding solutions for marital captivity (Doc. 15679)

9. Communication

9.1. Campaigns

On the European Justice Day ALDE-PACE leader Iulian Bulai took part in the ALDE Party campaign and published a video message: "I believe in Europe where Justice is not just a dream, but a reality. That is why liberals are fighting to uphold the rule of law in every corner of Europe, wherever it is at risk": <https://twitter.com/ALDEParty/status/1717110734000103457>

On 12 December 2023, ALDE-PACE joined the ALDE Party and Renew Group in the European Parliament in urging the European Council to continue providing substantial aid to Ukraine and to start EU accession talks. "The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe has consistently supported Ukraine, advocating for aid, justice and a European future for the country. In our recent Resolution 2516 (2023) on Ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe, we called on parliaments and governments of Council of Europe member States to 'spare no efforts to support Ukraine in its path towards accession to the European Union as a fully-fledged member'. Ukraine's heroic fight against the unjustified and unprovoked war of aggression staged by Russia has become a symbol of aspiration for democratic European values. The European Union must not disappoint the aspirations of the Ukrainian people. We call on all EU members to stand on the right side of history," declared ALDE-PACE President Iulian Bulai.

9.2. PACE News items: ALDE members

Iulian BULAI (Romania)

02/03/2023: Current affairs debate: supporting Ukraine a year after the beginning of the Russian Federation's large-scale war of aggression <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8993/current-affairs-debate-supporting-ukraine-a-year-after-the-beginning-of-the-russian-federation-s-large-scale-war-of-aggression>

19/06/2023: PACE reviews the work of its subsidiary bodies since the last session <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9140/pace-reviews-the-work-of-its-subsi-dary-bodies-since-the-last-session>

12/10/2023: PACE condemns Russian aggression against Ukraine, calls for comprehensive, just and lasting peace <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9249/pace-condemns-russian-aggression-against-ukraine-calls-for-comprehensive-just-and-lasting-peace>

Mireille CLAPOT (France)

28/09/2023: Poland: PACE pre-electoral delegation notes a heated and polarised campaign environment <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9209/poland-pace-pre-electoral-delegation-notes-a-heated-and-polarised-campaign-environment>

11/10/2023: PACE to observe the parliamentary elections in Poland <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9239/pace-to-observe-the-parliamentary-elections-in-poland>

Damien COTTIER (Switzerland)

26/01/2023: PACE unanimously demands an international tribunal to prosecute Russian and Belarusian leaders for the crime of aggression against Ukraine <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8963/pace-unanimously-demands-an-international-tribunal-to-prosecute-russian-and-belarusian-leaders-for-the-crime-of-aggression-against-ukraine>

27/01/2023: PACE highlights need for international regulation of lethal autonomous weapons systems <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8970/pace-highlights-need-for-international-regulation-of-lethal-autonomous-weapons-systems>

10/05/2023: At Bern conference, speakers stress need for core democratic standards even in times of crisis <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9091/at-bern-conference-speakers-stress-need-for-core-democratic-standards-even-in-times-of-crisis>

12/10/2023: New 'road map' for handling elections in times of crisis published as Switzerland marks 60 years in the Council of Europe <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9245/new-road-map-for-handling-elections-in-times-of-crisis-published-as-switzerland-marks-60-years-in-the-council-of-europe>

Rik DAEMS (Belgium)

26/04/2023: #RoadToReykjavik: towards an ambitious summit for protecting the environment <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9066/-roadtoreykjavik-towards-an-ambitious-summit-for-protecting-the-environment>

Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco)

23/01/2023: The 'Red Dress', an artistic platform for women around the world to tell their personal stories through embroidery <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8942/the-red-dress-an-artistic-platform-for-women-around-the-world-to-tell-their-personal-stories-through-embroidery>

14/09/2023: Violence against women with disabilities: raising a taboo subject <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9195/violence-against-women-with-disabilities-raising-a-taboo-subject>

11/10/2023: Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9244/preventing-and-combating-violence-against-women-with-disabilities>

07/12/2023: Making the voice of lesbian, bisexual and queer women heard and combating discrimination in Europe <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9312/making-the-voice-of-lesbian-bisexual-and-queer-women-heard-and-combating-discrimination-in-europe>

Jean-Pierre GRIN (Switzerland)

16/10/2023: PACE committee urges member states to combat systemic racism against Roma and Travellers <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9253/pace-committee-urges-member-states-to-combat-systemic-racism-against-roma-and-travellers>

28/11/2023: Combating institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9298/combating-institutional-racism-of-law-enforcement-authorities-against-roma-and-travellers>

Claude KERN (France)

08/03/2023: PACE Georgia monitors deeply concerned by first reading adoption of Transparency of Foreign Influence law <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9005/pace-georgia-monitors-deeply-concerned-by-first-reading-adoption-of-transparency-of-foreign-influence-law>

24/03/2023: PACE monitors make fact-finding visit to Georgia <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9030/pace-monitors-make-fact-finding-visit-to-georgia->

04/04/2023: Georgia is at a crossroads on its path to European integration, say PACE monitors <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9036/georgia-is-at-a-crossroads-on-its-path-to-european-integration-say-pace-monitors>

30/05/2023: Georgia: information note by the co-rapporteurs following their fact-finding visit <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9126/georgia-information-note-by-the-co-rapporteurs-following-their-fact-finding-visit>

Stephanie KRISPER (Austria)

17/04/2023: PACE co-rapporteurs make periodic review visit to the Netherlands <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9042/pace-co-rapporteurs-make-periodic-review-visit-to-the-netherlands>

Eerik-Niiles KROSS (Estonia)

27/11/2023: Hungary should submit the bill on the 'defence of national sovereignty' to the Venice Commission, PACE monitors say <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9289/hungary-should-submit-the-bill-on-the-defence-of-national-sovereignty-to-the-venice-commission-pace-monitors-say>

01/12/2023: Hearing on targeted sanctions against the persons responsible for human rights violations inflicted upon Vladimir Kara-Murza <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9300/hearing-on-targeted-sanctions-against-the-persons-responsible-for-human-rights-violations-inflicted-upon-vladimir-kara-murza>

Fiona O'LOUGHLIN (Ireland)

25/01/2023: PACE sets out its proposals for the Reykjavik Summit, urging 'unity around common values' <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8952/pace-sets-out-its-proposals-for-the-reykjavik-summit-urging-unity-around-common-values->

25/04/2023: The Reykjavik Summit is the response of the member States to the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9058/the-reykjavik-summit-is-the-response-of-the-member-states-to-the-russian-federation-s-aggression-against-ukraine>

28/04/2023: PACE emphasizes importance of safe social media use for youth in promoting democratic engagement and protecting from harmful content <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9082/pace-emphasizes-importance-of-safe-social-media-use-for-youth-in-promoting-democratic-engagement-and-protecting-from-harmful-content>

13/09/2023: Monitoring Committee takes stock of the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9193/monitoring-committee-takes-stock-of-the-honouring-of-membership-obligations-to-the-council-of-europe-by-france>

10/10/2023: PACE takes stock of the honouring of membership obligations to the Council of Europe by France <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9238/pace-takes-stock-of-the-honouring-of-membership-obligations-to-the-council-of-europe-by-france>

Petra STIENEN (Netherlands)

24/01/2023: Improving access to sexual and reproductive healthcare through innovative approaches <https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8951/improving-access-to-sexual-and-reproductive-healthcare-through-innovative-approaches>

25/01/2023: How men and boys can be 'agents of change' in confronting gender-based violence
<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8958/how-men-and-boys-can-be-agents-of-change-in-confronting-gender-based-violence>

03/03/2023: Improving access to sexual and reproductive healthcare through innovative approaches
<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8996/improving-access-to-sexual-and-reproductive-healthcare-through-innovative-approaches>

Diana STOICA (Romania)

21/09/2023: Committee sets out new ways to prevent addictive behaviours in children
<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9206/committee-sets-out-new-ways-to-prevent-addictive-behaviours-in-children>

13/10/2023: PACE sets out new ways to prevent addictive behaviours in children
<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9257/pace-sets-out-new-ways-to-prevent-addictive-behaviours-in-children>

08/12/2023 Migrant workers: precariousness and irregular working conditions lead 'to situations of modern slavery'
<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9314/migrant-workers-precariousness-and-irregular-working-conditions-lead-to-situations-of-modern-slavery->

Kim VALENTIN (Denmark)

02/06/2023: PACE hearing hears testimony of abuse in sport and pledges to do more to keep players and athletes safe
<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9125/pace-hearing-hears-testimony-of-abuse-in-sport-and-pledges-to-do-more-to-keep-players-and-athletes-safe>

Lesia VASYLENKO (Ukraine)

12/05/2023: PACE committee urges action to safeguard democracy and enhance democratic security and strengthen democratic resilience
<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9095/pace-committee-urges-action-to-safeguard-democracy-and-enhance-democratic-security-and-strengthen-democratic-resilience>

12/10/2023: The '46' should develop additional tools to promote democratic security
<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/9248/the-46-should-develop-additional-tools-to-promote-democratic-security>

9.3. Selected Video

25/01/2023: Fiona O'Loughlin on her hopes for the Council of Europe's 4th Summit in Reykjavik
<https://youtu.be/2BdUNT1Eoi8>

26/01/2023: Petra Stienen: how men and boys can be 'agents of change' in tackling gender-based violence
<https://youtu.be/D-ONLsBWddo>

27/02/2023: Damien Cottier on the emergence of lethal autonomous weapons systems (LAWS)
<https://youtu.be/ebMeljn61hM>

27/02/2023: Damien Cottier on the legal and human rights aspects of the Russian Federation's aggression
<https://youtu.be/1ojjD7eKBsM>

28/04/2023: Damien Cottier, ahead of Bern conference, on how crises can affect the fairness of elections
https://youtu.be/_cp3MGI7Kwg

28/04/2023: Rik Daems: at Reykjavik, leaders must focus on creating a right to a healthy environment
<https://youtu.be/DkMsz9qR0fQ>

2/05/2023: Fiona O'Loughlin on Youth and the Media
<https://youtu.be/fzEyJuM7Dqo>

20/06/2023: Iulian Bulai on the aftermath of the Council of Europe's Reykjavik Summit
<https://youtu.be/NJ5-hkOtWmM>

22/06/2023: Yevheniia Kravchuk on countering the erasure of cultural identity in war and peace
<https://youtu.be/ZSV4Ioj6xNg>

11/10/2023: Damien Cottier: "countries need to be flexible on elections when crises hit"
<https://youtu.be/I0PeOgCf9c0>

11/10/2023: Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo sur la violence à l'égard des femmes en situation de handicap
<https://youtu.be/kchM3mlqj78>

12/10/2023: Iulian Bulai on ensuring a just peace in Ukraine and lasting security in Europe
<https://youtu.be/-3RfDGZK7bl>

17/10/2023: Yelyzaveta Yasko and Fiona O'Loughlin on France's honouring of Council of Europe obligations
<https://youtu.be/TUkwJDLVFNw>

9.4. ALDE-PACE newsletters

February 2023 <http://alde-pace.org/files/news/220/884cf627551d4d1491878cbcccd904f2.pdf>

April 2023 <http://alde-pace.org/files/news/233/392285839dde5dbff6248a399ef9fbe6.pdf>

July 2023 <http://alde-pace.org/files/news/235/5f7ce656ae80efe582e0c61117cc42.pdf>

October 2023 <http://alde-pace.org/files/news/237/859b0cd40394a6f77c42afa32ba26133.pdf>

10. List of abbreviations:

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

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