

PACE Summer session: Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 16.06.2014 - The election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, an address by the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, and a joint debate on the "left-to-die boat" and on the large-scale arrival of mixed migratory flows on Italian shores are among the highlights of the forthcoming Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) plenary session in Strasbourg (23-27 June).

Other items on the agenda include reports on violence in and through the media, challenges for the Council of Europe Development Bank, a parliamentary contribution to solving the Western Sahara conflict as well as a report on 'Towards a better European democracy: facing the challenges of a federal Europe. Elmar Mammadyarov, Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan, will present the communication from the Committee of Ministers as its chairperson.

The final agenda is decided by the Assembly on the opening day of the session.

[Draft agenda](#)

Monday 23 June

- Statement by the President
- Request(s) for current affairs debate or urgent debate
- Progress report of the Bureau and the Standing Committee presented by Jordi Xuclà
- Observation of the presidential election (13 and 27 April 2014) and of the early parliamentary elections (27 April 2014) in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
- Observation of the early presidential election in Ukraine (25 May 2014)
- Communication from the Committee of Ministers to the Parliamentary Assembly presented by Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers
- Free debate

Tuesday 24 June

- [Election of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe](#)
- Joint debate
 - [The "left-to-die boat": actions and reactions](#)
 - [The large-scale arrival of mixed migratory flows on Italian shores](#)
- Address by Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan
- [Violence in and through the media](#)
- [Evaluation of the implementation of the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly](#)

Wednesday 25 June

- [Towards a better European democracy: facing the challenges of a federal Europe](#)
- Commemoration ceremony of the 100th anniversary of the First World War
- [Parliamentary contribution to resolving the Western Sahara conflict](#)
- Joint debate
 - [Identities and diversity within intercultural societies](#)
 - [Integration of migrants in Europe: the need for a proactive, long-term and global policy](#)

Thursday 26 June

- Possible urgent debate or current affairs debate
- [Challenges for the Council of Europe Development Bank](#) and statement by Rolf Wenzel, Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank
- [Europe's public administrations in flux: public service under threat?](#)

Friday 27 June

- [Reinforcement of the independence of the European Court of Human Rights](#)
- [Child-friendly juvenile justice: from rhetoric to reality](#)

Practical information

Live web stream: The session is [streamed live](#) on PACE's website.

Press conferences: PACE President Anne Brasseur will give a press conference on Monday 23 June at 10.30 a.m. Other press conferences will be announced on the spot. They are [streamed live](#) over the web.

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EDG (European Democrat Group); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe);
UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).