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COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

87th MEETING

Venice, 11 June 2026, from 10:00 to 12:00

(Sala Consiglio, Palazzo Badoer, 2468 Calle de la Laca)

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council is invited to adopt its agenda as it appears in this document.

2. Albania - Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) of the Council of Europe on the Draft law "On the Financing of Political Parties"

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft Joint Opinion ([CDL\(2026\)021](#)) (MJ/mg) on the draft law "on the financing of political parties" ([CDL-REF\(2026\)015](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Bílková, Mr Kask, Mr Zagorc, Mr Doublet (DGI expert), and Ms Ștefan (DGI expert). This Opinion was requested by the Speaker of the Parliament of Albania on 27 April 2026.

This Joint Opinion is prepared under the Expertise Co-operation Mechanism (ECM) in the framework of the EU/CoE joint programme Horizontal Facility for Western Balkans and Türkiye, co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the Council of Europe.

3. Iceland - Urgent Opinion on the compatibility with international standards of the referendum question about EU accession negotiations

The Council is invited to take note of the Urgent Opinion ([CDL-PI\(2026\)006](#)) (SGM/SK/mg) on the compatibility with international standards of the referendum question about EU accession negotiations, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Alivizatos, Ms Jametti Greiner and Mr Kask. This Urgent Opinion was requested by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Icelandic Parliament on 27 March 2026, and issued on 22 April 2026 pursuant to Article 14a of the Venice Commission's Revised Rules of Procedure and the Protocol on the preparation of Urgent Opinions ([CDL-AD\(2018\)019](#)).

4. Out-of-Country Voting – Progress in the preparation of the Updated Report

The Council will be informed of the progress in the preparation of the Updated Report on Out-of-Country Voting (DV/CSK/isp), which was requested by the Council for Democratic Elections on 9 October 2025 (see the preliminary comparative overview of the national rules on out-of-country voting) ([CDL\(2026\)019](#)).

5. Draft Compilation of Venice Commission Opinions and Reports concerning Political Parties

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft Updated Compilation (CDL(2026)003) of Venice Commission Opinions and Reports concerning Political Parties (ARP/SK/tp).

6. Follow-up to the [Paris Call to Action](#) – Joint Debate "Towards Trusted and Inclusive Electoral Processes: The Role of Observers" (Paris, 28-29 April 2026)

The Council will be informed and hold an exchange of views on the follow-up to the [Paris Call to Action](#), issued following the Joint Debate "Towards Trusted and Inclusive Electoral Processes: The Role of Observers", which was organised within the framework of the New Democratic Pact for Europe by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Venice Commission on 28 and 29 April 2026 in Paris, France.

7. Upcoming Joint Event on Foreign Interference in electoral processes

The Council is invited to discuss the preparation of the upcoming Joint Event on foreign interference in electoral processes, to be organised within the framework of the New Democratic Pact for Europe (Madrid, Spain (TBC), November 2026).

8. Exchange of views on activities and other issues of interest to the Council for Democratic Elections

The members and observers of the Council are invited to provide information on issues of interest for the Council.

- Venice Commission ([CDE\(2026\)001](#))
- [Parliamentary Assembly](#)
- [Congress](#)
- [Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights](#)

9. Date of the next meeting

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday, 8 October 2026 from 10:00 to 12:00.