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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**  
**(VENICE COMMISSION)**

**147th PLENARY SESSION**  
**VENICE**

**Scuola Grande San Giovanni Evangelista**

**Friday 12 June 2026 (9:30-17:00)**

**Saturday 13 June 2026 (9:30-12:30)**

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Friday 12 June 2026**

9:30-11:00                      *Adoption of the Agenda*  
*Communications*  
*Co-operation*  
*Report of the meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections*  
*Electoral observation missions*

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**2. Communication by the President**

The President will present her recent activities ([CDL\(2026\)026](#)).

**3. Communication from the Enlarged Bureau**

The Commission will be informed on the discussions which took place at the meeting of the Enlarged Bureau on 11 June 2026.

**4. Communication by the Secretariat**

The Secretary of the Commission will provide information on the session.

**5. Co-operation with the Committee of Ministers**

Within the framework of its co-operation with the Committee of Ministers, the Commission will hold an exchange of views with a representative of the Ministers' Deputies.

**6. Co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on co-operation with the Assembly.

The electoral observation missions fall into the framework of co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly (see Item 10).

**7. Co-operation with the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of the Council of Europe**

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with a representative of the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of the Council of Europe on co-operation with the Congress.

## 8. Report of the meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections (11 June 2026)

The President of the Council for Democratic Elections will inform the Commission on the results and conclusions of the meeting held on 11 June 2026.

The draft 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" of Albania; the Urgent Opinion on the compatibility with international standards of the referendum question about EU accession negotiations of Iceland; and the draft Compilation of Venice Commission Opinions and Reports concerning Political Parties are dealt under Items 11, 17 and 18 respectively.

Draft annotated agenda (CDE-OJ(2026)002ann)

## 9. Exchange of views with the Regione del Veneto

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with a representative of the Regione del Veneto.

## 10. Electoral observation missions

The Commission will be informed about the participation of the Venice Commission in electoral observation missions of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in the function of providing legal advice.

- Hungary, parliamentary elections, 12 April 2026;
- Bulgaria, early parliamentary elections, 19 April 2026;
- Armenia, parliamentary elections, 7 June 2026.

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-12:30

Opinions on individual countries

## 11. Albania

*Draft 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 Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with a representative from Albania, and to examine, with a view to adoption, 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 by Ms Bílková, Mr Kask, Mr Zagorc, Mr Doublet (DGI expert), and Ms Ştefan (DGI expert). This Opinion was requested by the Speaker of the Parliament of Albania on 27 April 2026. The Council for Democratic Elections will examine this draft Joint Opinion at its meeting on 11 June 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.

## 12. Republic of Moldova

### 1. *Draft Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) of the Council of Europe on Amendments to Laws No. 65/2023 and 252/2023 regarding appointment to judicial and prosecutorial evaluation commissions*

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with a representative of the Republic of Moldova, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) of the Council of Europe ([CDL\(2026\)017](#)) (VD/GR/ak) on Amendments to Laws No. 65/2023 and 252/2023 regarding appointment to judicial and prosecutorial evaluation commissions ([CDL-REF\(2026\)006](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Betetto, Mr Gaspar, Mr Grabenwarter and Ms Bachmaier Winter (DGI expert). This Opinion was requested by the President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova on 11 March 2026.

This Joint Opinion is prepared under the Quick Response Mechanism (QRM) in the framework of the EU/CoE joint programme Partnership for Good Governance, co-funded by the Council of Europe and the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe.

### 2. *Draft 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 legislative amendments on the integrity checks and the evaluation of judges*

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with a representative of the Republic of Moldova, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Joint Opinion of the Venice Commission and the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI) of the Council of Europe (CDL(2026)025) (TP/TSM/jk) on the draft legislative amendments on the integrity checks and the evaluation of judges ([CDL-REF\(2026\)017](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Betetto, Ms Deskoska, Mr Langášek and Mr Sessa (DGI expert). This Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Moldova on 5 May 2026. The Sub-Commissions on the Judiciary, on the Rule of Law and on Democratic Institutions will examine this draft Joint Opinion at their joint meeting on 11 June 2026.

This Joint Opinion is prepared under the Quick Response Mechanism (QRM) in the framework of the EU/CoE joint programme Partnership for Good Governance, co-funded by the Council of Europe and the European Union and implemented by the Council of Europe.

12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00-17:00	<i>Opinions on individual countries</i>

## 13. Serbia

### 1. *Urgent Opinion and draft Follow-up Opinion on the 28 January 2026 Amendments to laws governing the judiciary and the prosecution*

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with representative(s) from Serbia, to endorse the Urgent Opinion ([CDL-PI\(2026\)007](#)) (TP/SL/isp/as) on the 28 January 2026 amendments to laws governing the judiciary and the prosecution ([CDL-REF\(2026\)007](#) and [CDL-REF\(2026\)009](#)), and to adopt the draft Follow-up Opinion ([CDL\(2026\)023](#)) (TP/SL/isp) to the Urgent Opinion on the 28 January 2026 amendments to laws governing the judiciary and the prosecution ([CDL-REF\(2026\)019](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Gaspar, Mr Monteagudo Valdez, Mr Ojanen, and Mr Pinelli. These Opinions were requested by the

President of the National Assembly of Serbia on 10 February 2026 and on 8 May 2026 respectively. The Urgent Opinion was issued on 24 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](#)). The Sub-Commissions on the Judiciary, on the Rule of Law and on Democratic Institutions will take note of the Urgent Opinion and examine this draft Follow-up Opinion at their joint meeting on 11 June 2026.

These Urgent Opinion and Follow-up Opinion were 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.

## 2. *Draft Follow-Up Opinion to the Opinion on the Draft Law on the Judicial Academy*

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with a representative from Serbia, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Follow-up Opinion ([CDL\(2026\)018](#)) (CSK/ARP/ip) on the additional amendments to the Draft Law on the Judicial Academy of Serbia ([CDL-REF\(2026\)010](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Kiener, Ms Suchocka (Honorary President) and Mr Tuori (Honorary President). This Opinion was requested by the Minister of Justice of Serbia on 13 February 2026.

This Follow-up 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.

## 14. **Montenegro**

### *Draft Follow-up Opinion to previous Opinions on the draft law on the Government*

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with a representative from Montenegro, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Follow-up Opinion (CDL(2026)022) (KG/TSM/es) on Draft law on the Government ([CDL-REF\(2026\)018](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Séners, Mr Vardanyan, and Mr Newman (expert). This Opinion was requested by the Minister of Public Administration of Montenegro on 6 May 2026.

This Follow-up 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.

18:30  
19:30

*Visit to the Oratorio dei Crociferi, Campo dei Gesuiti, 4904, Venice*  
*Official Dinner at Combo, Campo dei Gesuiti, 4878, Venice*

**Saturday 13 June 2026**

09:30-11:00

*Opinions on individual countries*

## **15. Lithuania**

*Urgent Follow-up Opinion to the Opinion on Draft and adopted amendments to the Law on the Lithuanian National Radio and Television (Draft Law no. XVP-1247(2))*

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with representatives from Lithuania and to endorse the Urgent Follow-up Opinion ([CDL-PI\(2026\)008](#)) (ML/ARP/ng) to the Opinion on Draft and adopted amendments to the Law on the Lithuanian National Radio and Television (Draft Law no. XVP-1247(2)) ([CDL-REF\(2026\)008rev](#) and [CDL-REF\(2026\)016](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Grabenwarter, Mr Kaye, Ms Matheson Mestad, and Ms Kerševan (expert). This Urgent Opinion was requested by the Director General of Lithuanian National Radio and Television on 3 March 2026, supplemented by a new request on 7 April 2026. It was issued on 6 May 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](#)).

## **16. Poland**

*Draft 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 reinstating the right to a fair trial and hearing the case without undue delay", proposed by the President of the Republic of Poland*

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with representatives from Poland, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Joint Opinion ([CDL\(2026\)020](#)) (TP/BSB/MLN/as/tp) on the draft law "on reinstating the right to a fair trial and hearing the case without undue delay", proposed by the President of the Republic ([CDL-REF\(2026\)012](#) and [CDL-REF\(2026\)013](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Barrett, Mr Kuijer, Ms Nussberger, Mr Tuori (Honorary President) and Mr Reissner (DGI expert). This Opinion was requested by the Marshal of the Sejm of Poland on 2 March 2026. The Sub-Commissions on the Judiciary, on the Rule of Law and on Democratic Institutions will examine this draft Joint Opinion at their joint meeting on 11 June 2026.

11.00-11:30

*Coffee Break*

11:30-12:30

*Opinions on individual countries*

*Compilations*

*Report of the Sub Commissions Meeting*

*Information on Conferences and Seminars*

*General matters*

## 17. Iceland

*Urgent Opinion on the compatibility with international standards of the referendum question about EU accession negotiations*

The Commission is invited to endorse 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. It was 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](#)). The Council for Democratic Elections will take note of this Urgent Opinion at its meeting on 11 June 2026.

## 18. Compilation of Venice Commission opinions and reports

The Commission will be invited to endorse the:

- Updated Compilation (CDL(2026)003) of Venice Commission Opinions and Reports concerning Political Parties (ARP/SK/tp).

## 19. Report of the Meeting of the Sub-Commissions on the Judiciary, on the Rule of Law and on Democratic Institutions (11 June 2026)

The Chair of the meeting might inform the Commission on the results and conclusions of the meeting held on 11 June 2026.

Draft annotated agenda ([CDL-OJ\(2026\)003](#))

## 20. Information on Conferences and Seminars

The Commission will be informed on the results and conclusions of past conferences and seminars and informed about forthcoming ones (CDL(2026)027).

## 21. Other business

## 22. Dates of the next sessions

148th plenary session	9-10 October 2026
149th plenary session	11-12 December 2026
150th plenary session	11-13 March 2027
151st plenary session	17-19 June 2027
152nd plenary session	7-9 October 2027
153rd plenary session	9-11 December 2027

Please note that Sub-Commission meetings as well as the meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections will take place on the day before the Plenary Session.