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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)

REVISED DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Friday 12 June 2026

9:30-11:00	<i>Adoption of the Agenda Communications Co-operation Report of the meeting of the Council for Democratic Elections Electoral observation missions</i>
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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 Mr Toma Galli, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the Council of Europe.

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

The Commission is invited to hold an exchange of views with Mr Theodoros Rousopoulos, former President of the Parliamentary Assembly, representative of the Assembly to the Venice Commission; Ms Elvira Kovács, Chairperson of the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States (Monitoring Committee); and Mr Titus Corlăţean, member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, on co-operation with the Assembly.

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 Mr Marcin Golaszewski, member of the Committee on the Monitoring of the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government and on the respect of Human Rights and the Rule of Law at local and regional levels (Monitoring Committee) and member of the Council for Democratic Elections, on co-operation with the Congress.

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

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

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 Ms Annalisa Bisson, Director of International Relations, 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(s) 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 Mr Igor Chiriac, Vice-Chairperson of the Legal Committee on Appointments and Immunities, Parliament 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 Mr Lilian Apostol, Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice 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 Ms Ana Brnabić, President of the National Assembly of Serbia, and Mr Nenad Vujić, Minister of Justice of Serbia, and 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 Mr Nenad Vujić, Minister of Justice of 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 Ms Jelena Pejović, Director General, Ministry of Public Administration of Montenegro, and to examine, with a view to adoption, the draft Follow-up Opinion ([CDL\(2026\)022](#)) (KG/TSM/es) to previous Opinions 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, former member in respect of Canada). 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 Mr Artūras Zuokas, Member of the Seimas, and Ms Viktorija Cieminytė, Head of International Relations Division, National Radio and Television of 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 Mr Paweł Śliz, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Sejm of Poland and Mr Dariusz Mazur, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Justice of 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 is 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	12-13 March 2027
151st plenary session	18-19 June 2027
152nd plenary session	8-9 October 2027
153rd plenary session	10-11 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.