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EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR DEMOCRACY THROUGH LAW
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SYNOPSIS

The Venice Commission:

- Held an exchange of views with Mr Viktor Gumi, Expert of the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform of **Albania** from the parliamentary group of the Socialist Party, and with Mr Muharem Çakaj, Expert of the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform from the parliamentary Group of the Democratic Party, and adopted the 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, previously examined by the Council for Democratic Elections at its meeting on 11 June 2026;
- Held 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 adopted the 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 of the Republic of Moldova regarding appointment to judicial and prosecutorial evaluation commissions;
- Held an exchange of views with Mr Lilian Apostol, Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova, and adopted the 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 of the Republic of Moldova on the integrity checks and the evaluation of judges, previously examined by the Sub-Commissions on the Judiciary, on the Rule of Law and on Democratic Institutions at their joint meeting on 11 June 2026;
- Held 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:
 - endorsed the Urgent Opinion on the 28 January 2026 amendments to laws governing the judiciary and the prosecution of Serbia, 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, and previously examined by the Sub-Commissions on the Judiciary, on the Rule of Law and on Democratic Institutions at their joint meeting on 11 June 2026;
 - adopted the Follow-up Opinion to the above-mentioned Urgent Opinion, previously examined by the Sub-Commissions on the Judiciary, on the Rule of Law and on Democratic Institutions at their joint meeting on 11 June 2026;
- Held an exchange of views with Mr Nenad Vujić, Minister of Justice of Serbia and adopted the Follow-up Opinion on the additional amendments to the Draft Law on the Judicial Academy of Serbia;
- Held an exchange of views with Ms Jelena Pejović, Director General, Ministry of Public Administration of **Montenegro** and adopted the Follow-up Opinion on Draft law on the Government of Montenegro;
- Held an exchange of views with Mr Artūras Zuokas, Member of the Seimas of **Lithuania**, and Ms Viktorija Cieminytė, Head of International Relations Division, National Radio and Television of Lithuania, and endorsed the 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)), which had been 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;
- Held an exchange of views with Mr Paweł Śliz, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Sejm of **Poland**, with Mr Dariusz Mazur, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Justice of Poland, and with Mr Karol Rabenda, Undersecretary of State, Chancellery of the

President, and adopted the Joint Opinion on the draft law of Poland “on reinstating the right to a fair trial and hearing the case without undue delay”, proposed by the President of the Republic, previously examined by the Sub-Commissions on the Judiciary, on the Rule of Law and on Democratic Institutions at their joint meeting on 11 June 2026;

- Endorsed the Urgent Opinion on the compatibility with international standards of the referendum question about EU accession negotiations in **Iceland**, which had been 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. The Council for Democratic Elections took note of this Urgent Opinion at its meeting on 11 June 2026;
- Was informed of the results and conclusions of the meeting of the **Council for Democratic Elections** on 11 June 2026, in particular on progress in the preparation of the update of the report on Out of country voting;
- Was informed on the participation of the Venice Commission as legal advisor in the **electoral observation missions** of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Was informed about the results and conclusions of the conferences held since the last Plenary Session;
- Held an exchange of views with representatives of the **Committee of Ministers**, the **Parliamentary Assembly**, and the **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**;
- Held an exchange of views with a representative of the **Regione del Veneto**;
- Confirmed the dates of the next Plenary Sessions as follows: 9-10 October 2026; 11-12 December 2026; and 12-13 March 2027; 18-19 June 2027; 8-9 October 2027 and 10-11 December 2027.

The 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 and Follow-up Opinion on the 28 January 2026 Amendments to laws governing the judiciary and the prosecution of Serbia, the Follow-Up Opinion to the Opinion on the Draft Law on the Judicial Academy of Serbia and the Follow-up Opinion to previous Opinions on the draft law on the Government of Montenegro 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.

The 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 of the Republic of Moldova and the 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 of the Republic of Moldova were 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.