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on the role of national parliaments in implementing the standards of the European Convention on Human Rights

organised by

the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Budapest
12-13 June 2017

DRAFT PROGRAMME

VENUE:

*Council of Europe
European Youth Centre Budapest
1024 Budapest,
Zivatar utca 1-3.
Hungary*

Partnership for Good Governance



European Union



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1. Objectives

Since the beginning of 2015, the Parliamentary Assembly has participated in the implementation at parliamentary level of the joint programmatic framework between the Council of Europe and the European Union, entitled **Partnership for Good Governance**. This programme aims to support the reinforcement of democratic reforms in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus.

Under the theme “**Protection and promotion of human rights**”, the Parliamentary Assembly is responsible for organising activities whose main objective is to facilitate exchanges of experience among the members of national parliaments on the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights’ standards in national legislation of their country and on the role of parliaments in the effective execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. Another objective is to consider the existence and effectiveness of parliamentary structures and mechanisms for the verification of the Convention’s standards within national parliaments of the Eastern Partnership countries.

2. Participants and working languages

PACE Resolution 1823 (2011) “*National parliaments: guarantors of human rights in Europe*” states that: “5. With respect to the implementation of judgements of the European Court of Human Rights, the Assembly (...) 5.3.points to the positive examples in several member states, notably the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Germany, Finland and Romania, which have set up parliamentary structures to monitor the implementation of the Court’s judgements”.

Members of Parliaments from six Eastern Partnership countries will be invited to this seminar: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus as well as PACE Members of other Council of Europe States, and independent experts, specialists in this field.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in three working languages: English, French and Russian.

3. Background documents

Text of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)
http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention_ENG.pdf

Impact of the ECHR in States Parties: selected examples
[AS/JUR/INFO \(2016\) 04](#)

Background Memorandum - The role of parliaments in implementing ECHR standards: overview of existing structures and mechanisms
[PPSD \(2016\) 23](#)

Interparliamentary Cooperation activities - The role of parliaments in implementing the ECHR standards
[PPSD \(2017\) 16](#)

4. DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 12 June 2017

12.30 pm **Welcome buffet lunch at the European Youth Centre (EYC)**

2.00 pm **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

2.30 – 3.00 pm
OPENING SESSION

Welcome speeches by:

....., Representative of the Hungarian Parliament (tbc)

Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
Member of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

....., Representative of the Registry of European Court of Human Rights (tbc)

3.00 – 5.30 pm
SESSION 1: THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS – AN OVERVIEW

Chairperson: **Mr Boriss CILEVIČS**
Chairperson of the PACE Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
Member of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

- *General introduction*

Mr Peter LEUPRECHT, former Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

- *The European Court of Human Rights*

....., Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

- *Supervision by the Committee of Ministers of Strasbourg Court Judgments*

Mr Alfonso DE SALAS, Secretary of Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Human Rights

- *Role of the Parliamentary Assembly*

....., Member of the PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (tbc)

General discussion with the participation of the Members of Parliaments from the Eastern Partnership countries

Facilitator: Mr Andrew DRZEMCZEWSKI, Visiting Professor at Middlesex University School of Law, London

Tuesday, 13 June 2017

9.00 am – 12.00 pm

SESSION 2: THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Compatibility of draft laws with the ECHR standards and execution of the European Court of Human Rights judgments

Chairperson: **Ms Eka BESELIA**, Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights
Member of the Georgian Parliament

- *Brief overview of the situation in member States*

Mr Andrew DRZEMCZEWSKI, Visiting Professor at Middlesex University School of Law, London

Panel Discussion with the participation of:

Mr Klaas de VRIES, Senator (retired), former PACE General Rapporteur on implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, The Netherlands

Mr Boriss CILEVIČS, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights
Member of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

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General discussion

12.00 – 2.00 pm Buffet lunch at the EYC followed by Family Photo

2.00 – 4.00 pm

SESSION 2 (continued) : THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Presentations by Chairpersons or representatives of the national parliamentary committees dealing with human rights issues from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

General discussion

4.00 – 4.30 pm

SESSION 3 : CLOSING SESSION

- *Closing comments*

Mr Andrew DRZEMCZEWSKI

- *Presentation of future activities*

Mr Geza MEZEI, Head of the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Projects Support Division of the Parliamentary Assembly

- *Concluding remarks*

Mr Peter LEUPRECHT

4. Secretariat

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