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# **PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR on the role of national parliaments in implementing standards of the European Convention on Human Rights**

*organised by*

*the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)*

**Budapest  
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## **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**VENUE:**

*European Youth Centre  
Of the Council of Europe  
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## **Background**

Parliamentary Assembly's Resolution 1823 (2011) calls for adequate parliamentary procedures to verify the compatibility of national draft legislation with ECHR standards, the supervision of Strasbourg Court judgments and the provision of relevant human rights awareness-raising activities for parliamentarians and training for the staff of national parliaments.

As from 2012, PACE had series of seminars to support Members of the different national parliaments of the Member States in improving their knowledge on the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and of the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) including the need to implement the Court's judgments.

The event is addressed to members of national parliaments and aims to:

- better inform them of the structure and functioning of the ECtHR and its case-law;
- increase their awareness of the role of national parliaments in the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights;
- support their efforts in the creation and/or reinforcement of specific bodies (commissions, sub-committees, legal affairs divisions, etc.) dealing with human rights and/or execution of the ECtHR judgments within national parliaments;
- enlarge their practical knowledge of the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights and necessity to comply national legislations of member states with its standards.

### **1. PARTICIPANTS**

- Members of national parliaments from 10 invited member states countries (Bulgaria, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Turkey);
- Members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in particular of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights and PACE Committee on the Election of Judges to the ECHR;
- Members of the Registry of the ECtHR and of the Department for the execution of judgements (DG I: Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of law);

### **2. WORKING LANGUAGES**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into/from two working languages: English and French. The documents of the Seminar will be also available in two official languages of the Council of Europe.

### **3. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

- Text of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR):  
[https://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention\\_ENG.pdf](https://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Convention_ENG.pdf);
- PACE Resolution 1823 (2011) "National parliaments: guarantors of human rights in Europe"  
<http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=18011&lang=en>;
- PACE Recommendation 2110 (2017) *Implementation of judgments of the ECHR*  
<http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=23988&lang=en>;
- AS/JUR/Inf. (2016) 04 "Impact of the ECHR in States Parties: selected examples" <http://website-pace.net/documents/19838/2008330/AS-JUR-INF-2016-04-EN.pdf/12d802b0-5f09-463f-8145-b084a095e895>;
- PPSD (2016) 19 "Background Memorandum - The role of parliaments in implementing ECHR standards – overview of existing structures and mechanisms" <http://website-pace.net/documents/10643/695436/20142110-PPSDNotefondstandardsCEDH-EN.pdf/113ad45b-7ffd-4ee7-b176-7fb79ad32f93>;
- PPSD (2017) 16 rev. "Inter-parliamentary Cooperation activities- The role of parliaments in implementing the ECHR standards" <http://website-pace.net/documents/10643/695436/PPSD-2014-07-EN.pdf/5f85425d-5cfc-4954-968d-4fa7c4f0a0e4> ;
- PACE Handbook for Parliamentarians (2018) - "National parliaments as guarantors of human rights in Europe"  
<http://website-pace.net/documents/19838/4986890/HumanRightsHandbook-EN.pdf/2318235f-b1fd-4cd9-8a29-83cc98615917>

#### 4. DRAFT PROGRAMME

**9.00 am**      **Registration of the participants**

**9.15 - 9.30 am**

**Introductory remarks by:**

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

**9.30 - 11.00 am**

**SESSION 1:      THE SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS – AN OVERVIEW**

Chairperson:      **Mr Boriss CILEVIČS**, former Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Election of Judges to the ECHR, Member of Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

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

*Overview of the work of the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR):*

**Mr Attila TEPLAN**, Head of Unit, Registry of the ECtHR

*Supervision by the Committee of Ministers of the ECtHR judgments:*

**Mr Pavlo PUSHKAR**, Head of Division, Department for the execution of judgements of the European Court for Human rights (DG I: Human Rights and Rule of law of the Council of Europe)

*General discussion*

**11.00 – 11.30**      *Coffee-break*

**11.30 - 13.00**

**SESSION 2:      ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS / PART I**

***Compatibility of draft laws with the ECHR standards and execution of the ECtHR judgments***

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

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

Panel discussion with the participation of:

**Mr Evangelos VENIZELOS**, Member of the PACE Sub-Committee on the implementation of judgments of the ECHR, Rapporteur on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, Member of the Parliament of Greece

**Mr Boriss CILEVIČS**, former Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Election of Judges to the ECtHR, Member of Saeima of the Republic of Latvia (

*General Discussion*

**13.00 – 14.30** *Buffet lunch at the EYC*

**14.30 – 16.30**

**SESSION 3: THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS/ PART II**

**Chairperson** **Ms Olena SOTNYK**, First Vice-Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (tbc)

*Presentations by Chairpersons or representatives of the parliamentary committees dealing with human rights issues from the national parliaments invited to the seminar*

*General discussion*

**16.30 – 17.00**

**CLOSING SESSION**

Closing remarks:

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

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

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