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PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (PACE)

[PACE maintains sanctions against Russian delegation, but leaves door open to dialogue](#)

24/06 Council of Europe

PACE – while keeping in place all sanctions against the Russian delegation decided in January in response to the situation in Ukraine – has decided not to go further and annul the delegation’s credentials at this time, “as a signal of its commitment to an open and constructive dialogue”.

[PACE Discusses Refugee Crisis, Urges to Address Issue of Missing in Ukraine](#)

25/06 Sputnik News

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on Thursday discussed EU migration as an aftereffect of turbulence in Northern Africa, and adopted a resolution urging to increase the search for missing persons in the Ukrainian conflict.

[Council of Europe Assembly ends Hungary monitoring, urges further dialogue](#)

25/06 Politics Hu

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe has issued a resolution ending the monitoring procedure conducted in connection with Hungary for years. At the same time the Strasbourg-based body urged dialogue to continue with Hungary on unresolved issues, such as churches, media freedom, racist and extremist organisations and several of its core legislation, the document said.

[Preventing Islamophobia while combating radicalisation of young people](#)

25/06 The financial

There have been waves of young people from countries of Western Europe becoming fighters in various conflicts (in Kashmir, the Gulf and Bosnia among others) in the last decades, Professor Tahir Abbas of the Fatih University of Istanbul explained at the joint meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development on 23 June 2015 in Strasbourg.



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[Media transparency vital for functioning democracy: Council of Europe](#)

26/06 Hurriyet daily news

A report adopted by the Council of Europe (CoE) on June 24 says media transparency should be promoted, stressing the importance of freedom of expression and media pluralism for a functioning democracy.

[Le Conseil de l'Europe sollicite la participation d'experts marocains au sein de ses structures intergouvernementales](#)

25/06 Le matin

Le Maroc a été sollicité pour désigner plus d'une vingtaine d'experts pour participer aux travaux des structures intergouvernementales du Conseil de l'Europe, apprend-on de source consulaire marocaine. Cette participation des experts marocains s'inscrit au titre de la mise en œuvre de l'accord relatif à la deuxième phase des programmes du partenariat de voisinage (2015-2017), a expliqué à la MAP, le Consul général du Maroc à Strasbourg chargé des relations avec le Conseil de l'Europe, Mohamed Arrouchi.

[Disrespect to international law and double standards of PACE - ANALYSIS](#)

25/06 APA

On June 23, at the plenary session of the PACE, hearings were held on the draft resolution "The functioning of democratic institutions in Azerbaijan" prepared by PACE Monitoring Committee co-rapporteurs Pedro Agramunt and Tadeusz Iwinski.

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

[Moscou cherche à s'affranchir de la justice internationale](#)

24/06 Le Figaro

En 2014, 129 arrêtés ont été rendus contre la Russie, le pays le plus condamné des 47 États membres du Conseil de l'Europe. Plutôt que de contester, le Kremlin chercherait à se délier de ses obligations internationales.

[Refuser un test de paternité peut être retenu comme un élément de preuve \(CEDH\)](#)

25/06 Ouest France

Les tribunaux ont le droit de considérer le refus d'un test génétique comme un élément de preuve parmi d'autres pour reconnaître une paternité, a tranché jeudi la justice européenne dans une affaire concernant la France.



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MONITORING BODIES

[Venice Commission calls for additional changes to media law](#)

22/06 Politics Hu

Though Hungary has improved its media regulations in recent years, increasing the freedom of the media in the country requires further measures, the Council of Europe's Venice Commission said in an opinion. The Commission evaluated Hungary's media laws adopted in 2010, and the law on last year's advertisement tax.

[GRECO calls on Malta to revise MPs' code of ethics](#)

22/06 Malta Today

GRECO, the Council of Europe's corruption watchdog, has called on Malta to revise its code of ethics for parliamentarians, which was adopted in 1995, to make it enforceable. According to GRECO the Maltese code also needs to be amended to regulate matters which are not already covered, including gifts, the misuse of confidential information and the disclosure by MPs, at the start of parliamentary debates, on particular issues in which MPs may have a personal interest.

HUMAN RIGHTS

[Droits de l'Homme au Sahara occidental : Le Conseil de l'Europe interpelle le Maroc](#)

20/06 El Moudjahid

Le Conseil de l'Europe va interpeller le Maroc sur la situation au Sahara occidental occupé, notamment en ce qui concerne les droits de l'homme, constamment bafoués par les autorités marocaines, rappelant que la communauté internationale ne reconnaît pas la souveraineté de Rabat sur ce territoire, selon deux projets de textes.

[Integrating Roma Into Europe's Future: Change Must Come From Within](#)

24/06 Huffington Post

While difficulties Roma face were recognized by the Council of Europe in 1969, problems persist at the national level where governments fail to successfully implement anti-discrimination legislations towards Roma that would eventually bring about real progress.