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COUNCIL FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

86th MEETING

Venice, 5 March 2026 from 10:00 to 12:00

(Regione del Veneto, Fondamenta Santa Lucia 23)

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council is invited to adopt its agenda as it appears in this document.

2. Republic of Moldova – Draft *amicus curiae* brief on the status of, and the measures concerning, successor parties of political parties declared unconstitutional

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft *amicus curiae* brief ([CDL\(2025\)059rev](#)) on the status of, and the measures concerning, successor parties of political parties declared unconstitutional ([CDL-REF\(2025\)047](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Cartabia, Mr Darmanović and Mr Kaarlo Tuori (Expert, Honorary President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe). This *amicus curiae* brief was requested by the President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Moldova on 12 September 2025. The Sub-Commissions on Democratic Institutions and on Fundamental Rights will examine this draft *amicus curiae* brief at their joint meeting on 5 March 2026.

3. Republic of Moldova – Draft Opinion on Law no. 100/2025 containing a set of legislative amendments aiming to combat electoral corruption

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft Opinion ([CDL\(2026\)013](#)) on Law no. 100/2025 containing a set of legislative amendments aiming to combat electoral corruption ([CDL-REF\(2025\)032](#)), drawn up on the basis of comments by Ms Bilková, Mr Darmanović, Ms Milašiūtė and Ms Janine Otálora Malassis (Expert, former substitute member, Mexico). This Opinion was requested by the President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova on 19 June 2025. The Sub-Commissions on Democratic Institutions and on Fundamental Rights will examine this draft Opinion at their joint meeting on 5 March 2026.

4. Draft revised Report on freedom of expression, prohibition of hate speech and promotion of pluralism in the context of electoral campaigns

The Council is invited to examine, with a view to approval, the draft revised Report ([CDL\(2025\)063rev](#)) on freedom of expression, prohibition of hate speech and promotion of pluralism in the context of electoral campaigns, drawn up on the basis of comments by Mr Giovagnoli, Mr Kask, Ms Pabel and Ms Silva Gallinato. This report was requested by the then-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on 3 April 2024. The Sub-Commissions on Democratic Institutions and on Fundamental Rights will examine this draft revised report at their joint meeting on 5 March 2026.

5. Joint debate on: Towards trusted and inclusive electoral processes: the role of observers

The Council will be informed and hold an exchange of views on the joint debate “Towards trusted and inclusive electoral processes: the role of observers”, which will be organised by the Parliamentary Assembly, the Venice Commission and the Congress on 28 and 29 April 2026 in Paris, France.

6. Presentation of the report of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress “Free elections at local and regional levels: A fundamental right to strengthen grassroots democracy”

The Council will be informed and hold an exchange of views about the report “Free elections at local and regional levels: A fundamental right to strengthen grassroots democracy”.

7. Exchange of views on activities and other issues of interest to the Council for Democratic Elections

The members and observers of the Council are invited to provide information on issues of interest for the Council.

([Venice Commission](#), [Parliamentary Assembly](#), [Congress](#), Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights).

8. Date of the next meeting

The Council is invited to fix the date of its next meeting for Thursday, 11 June 2026 from 10:00 to 12:00.