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2023 October part session | Unified European Left | PACE

Opening speech October part session

♦ **PACE President Tiny Kox (UEL, Netherlands)**

Upcoming activities

November

World Forum for Democracy 2023

Democracy = Peace?

Strasbourg, 6-8
November 2023

January

The next meetings of the UEL group will be held during the January part session from 22 to 26 January 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

Watch: PACE President Tiny Kox (UEL, Netherlands) **reviews the highlights** of the Assembly's 2023 autumn session

News:

9 October: UEL elects interim Chair Andrej Hunko (Die Linke)

9 October: 2023 Václav Havel Prize awarded to imprisoned Turkish human rights defender Osman Kavala

15 July: Chair UEL Katrougalos moderates event on “decent work: building a sustainable future”

Questions by UEL Members

Paul Gavan (Ireland) asked a question to the **Secretary General of the Council of Europe**, Ms Marija PEJČINOVIĆ-BURIĆ about mass drownings of human beings in the Mediterranean and Greek seas.

Answer

Laura Castel (Spain) asked a question to the **Mr Krišjānis KARINŠ, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia and Chair of the Committee of Ministers** about the situation of Julian Assange.

Answer

Laura Castel (Spain) asked a question to **Mr Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice**, about persecuting democratic and peaceful political parties in the EU.

Answer

Side events organised by UEL Members

Systemic abuses of the Terror Law for political persecutions by unlawful imprisonment, harassment, abductions and “civil deaths”. Is Türkiye failing to honour the COE obligations?

Sponsored by Frédéric Mathieu (France)

Event sponsored by the UEL group

Belmarsh Live in Strasbourg

Elections and Election observation missions

Andrej Hunko (Germany) to represent the group in the observation mission of the Parliamentary elections in **Poland**

Laura Castel (Spain) to represent the group in the observation of the early parliamentary elections in **Serbia**

Reports under preparation by UEL members

- * Analysis and guidelines for a sustainable and socially fair energy transition

Committee on social affairs, health and sustainable development

Rapporteur: Antón GÓMEZ-REINO (Spain)

- * The activities of the OECD (new title: Globalisation in times of crises and war: the role of the OECD since the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine)

Committee on political affairs and democracy

Rapporteur: George KATROUGALOS (Greece)

UEL membership

Exchange of views with invited guests

The group held an exchange of views with:

The UEL legal observer in the case of Julian Assange, Dr. Deepa Govindarajan Driver

Written declarations by UEL members

Violation of democratic norms and rule of law backsliding in the Republic of Moldova by Constantin STARÎȘ (Moldova)

Statements by PACE President Tiny KOX (Netherlands, UEL)

9 October: PACE President: 'a continuous refusal to implement the judgements of the Strasbourg Court can no longer be tolerated'

20 October: Western Balkans: PACE President calls for 'a new impetus' to the EU enlargement process

24 October: At Crimea Platform, PACE President urges international community to remain united in supporting Ukraine

27 October: 'It's simply unacceptable' – PACE President Tiny Kox on the Day of Political Prisoners