

# "The Biggest Scandal"

The Sawicki Memorandum and the way forward for the Council of Europe

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#### "The biggest scandal" and a strong response

On 21 March the German daily *Der Tagesspiegel* published an investigative article on corruption and transparency in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). It explained how "the biggest scandal in the history of the Council of Europe" surfaced, when Italian banks and financial authorities asked former member of PACE, Luca Volonte, about the origin of  $\notin$  2.3 million, received by the former leader of the EPP party group in PACE from an Azerbaijani member of the assembly.<sup>1</sup> It pointed out that this was possibly only the tip of the iceberg of caviar diplomacy:

"There are indications that only part of this scandal has been uncovered. The payments to Volonte took place from 2014 via the company Hilux Services LP, registered in Glasgow. Its owners are two companies registered on the Virgin Islands. The same person who registered the firm in March 2013 registered another dozen of similar companies under the same address and with the same owners. In addition, there are indications that almost a billion Euro were transferred by the Azerbaijani company Baktelecom to the Estonian account of the company Hilux Services between the end of 2013 and the end of 2014. This sum and the intricate network of companies, suggest the existence of a bigger system, which served not only for the payment of one deputy."<sup>2</sup>

The same article describes an ongoing battle inside PACE between some members pressing for transparency and others resisting any serious investigation.

This battle has now entered into a decisive phase. At a meeting in Madrid on 3 March the secretary general of PACE, Wojciech Sawicki, presented the Bureau of PACE, its most powerful body, with a proposal it had requested on how an external and independent investigation into corruption allegations might be carried out without delay.<sup>3</sup> Following the publication of the Sawicki memorandum the leadership of PACE faces a clear choice. Already in Madrid the memorandum met with resistance. Some members of the Bureau indicated that they did not wish to see it presented for debate and adoption at the next PACE session in April. The substance was hardly discussed.

This week the leaders of the five political groups in PACE meet in a small circle in Saint Petersburg to continue to discuss the memorandum. Some party group leaders appear intent to undermine its strong terms of references. If PACE wants to restore its credibility, and get to the bottom of this affair which threatens its legitimacy, this must not be allowed to happen.

#### The push for change

On Monday 23 January members of PACE met in Strasbourg for the first session of 2017. On that day, at the beginning of a tumultuous week, a majority in the Bureau of PACE still sought to avoid a debate on corruption allegations.

On 25 January, a declaration was put forward at the initiative of Christian-Democrat Pieter Omtzigt from the Netherlands and Social-Democrat Frank Schwabe from Germany. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See ESI, <u>"The European Swamp: Caviar Diplomacy II"</u>, 17 December 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Der Tagesspiegel, <u>"Korruptionsvorwürfe im Europarat: Die Spur des Geldes"</u>, 22 March 2017. For an English-language translation of this article, see *EurActiv*, Claudia von Salzen, <u>"Council of Europa Plagued by Caviar Diplomacy"</u>, 23 March 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Rumeli Observer, <u>"Sawicki proposal & the battle for transparency in the Council of Europe"</u>, 26 March 2017.

Omtzigt-Schwabe declaration already gathered 88 signatures by early March. It called for an "integrity framework worthy of our institution":

"1. Establish ... an external, fully independent and impartial inquiry into all allegations of improper conduct or corruption that may have sought to influence the work of the Assembly in recent years, focusing in particular on allegations surrounding the vote on political prisoners in Azerbaijan in January 2013;

2. Ensure that the Assembly's Code of Conduct is strengthened in accordance with international best practice and ... enforced by a permanent independent mechanism attached to the Assembly."<sup>4</sup>

On 26 January, the Immunities Committee of PACE, chaired by Liliane Maury Pasquier from Switzerland, unanimously adopted a declaration intent "to send a clear message of zero tolerance." It called on the Bureau "to set up an independent external investigation body to assess the functioning of the Assembly and shed light on hidden practices that favour corruption." <sup>5</sup> A number of national delegations demanded the same in letters to Pedro Agramunt, the president of PACE.

Finally, on Friday 27 January, the last day of the winter session, the Bureau responded. It unanimously agreed:

"that an independent external investigation needs to be set up to shed light on hidden practices that favour corruption. The Bureau charged the PACE Secretary General with the preparation of a Memorandum on the draft terms of reference of the independent external investigation body."<sup>6</sup>

On 3 March 2017 Wojciech Sawicki, the Secretary-General of PACE, presented the requested memorandum "on the draft terms of reference (legal basis, composition, duration, tasks, competences)" of an external investigation body. Sawicki noted that his proposal came in response to unprecedented and broad demand by, among others, "Parliamentary delegations of Switzerland on 17 January, Luxembourg on 24 January, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden in a joint letter on 25 January, Belgium, the Netherlands on 25 January, France, Germany on 26 January and thereafter delegations of Italy on 3 February and Austria on 17 February."<sup>7</sup> Sawicki noted that what the Bureau had decided to do was both unprecedented and essential:

"the decision for the Assembly to set up a strictly external investigation body, in such a context, is an unprecedented one ... the Assembly has thus far opted for internal parliamentary committees .... There was unanimous agreement, both within the Rules Committee and the Bureau of the Assembly, that this option was inappropriate to the case at hand and would not meet the many clear calls for an independent external investigation body."<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, <u>"Parliamentary Assembly Integrity"</u>, Written Declaration No. 624, Doc. 14256, 25 January 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, <u>"Allegations of corruption and fostering of interests</u> <u>made against some members or former members of PACE"</u>, Strasbourg, 26 January 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, <u>"Corruption Allegations at PACE: Bureau Decides on</u> <u>a Three-Step Response</u>", Strasbourg, 27 January 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, <u>"Allegations of Corruption within the Assembly:</u> <u>Setting up of an Independent External Investigation Body</u>", AS/Bur(2017) 27, 3 March 2017, §1fn1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, AS/Bur(2017) 27, §3.

The Sawicki memorandum sets out a strong and credible proposal:

#### Purpose

"The purpose of the investigation body is to carry out a detailed inquiry into the allegations of corruption and fostering of interests made against certain members or former members of the Assembly ... in order to:

- verify whether there are any forms of individual conduct by members of the Assembly or former members of the Assembly which have not respected the provisions of the Code of Conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly and other relevant codes of conduct;

- identify any practices contrary to the Assembly's ethical standards, and determine the extent thereof;

- establish, in light of these findings, whether there is sufficient proof to take action against members of former members of the Assembly ...

- draw up recommendations on the measures to be implemented to rectify the shortcomings and fill the gaps in the Assembly's ethical framework."

#### Composition

"The investigation body shall comprise three members, independent senior figures, from institutions enjoying the highest moral reputation, having proved and acknowledged professional competence, expertise and experience in connection with the mission of the investigation body (such as ethics office, financial auditor, fraud examiner, legal processional having server as an investigator, prosecutor, judge or expert in procedures for monitoring ethical standards)."

#### Competence

"The investigation body ... may, in particular:

- summon anyone, in particular any member or former member of the Assembly and any member of the Assembly secretariat, to give evidence,

- hear any witness wishing to be heard by the investigation body,

- request the assistance of any national authority of a member state,

- have access to or request the provision of any document it deems relevant for its investigation, irrespective of its form or medium – printed, manuscript, electronic, photographic, audio/video recording – or its nature – public or private.

The investigation body shall have no jurisdictional competence. It may decide to transmit the information it has gathered to any national judicial authorities, on official request, in the context of ongoing criminal investigations or proceedings, in keeping with the legal and regulatory framework of the Council of Europe."

The memorandum further outlined:

"The investigation body shall report back to the Bureau of the Assembly, presenting a final report. This report shall be made public. The investigation body may decide that parts of this report shall remain confidential."

"... the members and honorary members of the Assembly shall undertake to co-operate fully within the investigation body, in the exercise of its mission and at every stage of its investigation. They shall be required to provide any information demanded of them and any document in their possession.

Staff of the Council of Europe Secretariat, including the Assembly secretariat, shall be covered, from the point of view of whistle-blowing, by the provisions of Rule No. 1327 of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of 10 January 2011 on awareness and prevention of fraud and corruption. The protection ... shall apply to any witness heard by the investigation body who, although they are not Council of Europe Secretariat members, participate in the Council of Europe's activities, wherever they may be held – in particular trainees, experts, consultants."

Non-cooperation would be exposed:

"In its final report the investigation body shall mention any refusal to co-operate, or any refusal to disclose information or to give access to or transmit any document necessary to carry out its duties. In case of non-cooperation or insufficient cooperation, members or honorary members of the Assembly would be liable to the sanctions provided for by the Code of Conduct for members of the Parliamentary Assembly."

The report is expected to be finalised at the end of 2017.<sup>9</sup>

Faced with these concrete suggestions the PACE Bureau, meeting in Madrid on 9 and 10 March 2017, did not debate the substance of the proposal. Its conclusions merely stated that it:

"took note of the memorandum prepared by the Secretary General of the Assembly and decided to invite the leaders of the five political groups to prepare a revised proposal for adoption at the next Bureau meeting."<sup>10</sup>



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<sup>Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, "Allegations of Corruption within the Assembly: Setting up of an Independent External Investigation Body", AS/Bur(2017) 27, 3 March 2017, §§11-12.
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Bureau of the Assembly, <u>"Synopsis of the Meeting held in Madrid on 9 and 10 March"</u>, AS/Bur/CB (2017) 03, Madrid, 14 March 2017, p. 1.</sup> 

# Showdown in Saint Petersburg?

The leaders of five political groups – centre-right EPP, liberal ALDE, Social Democrats, the United European Left, and European Conservatives – are to meet on the margins of a gathering of the PACE Political Affairs Committee in Saint Petersburg on 28 March, together with President Pedro Agramunt.



Pedro Agramunt PACE President, Spain



Axel Fischer Leader of EPP, Germany



Jordi Xucla Leader of Alde, Spain



*Tiny Kox Leader of Left, Netherlands* 



Michele Nicoletti Leader of Socialists, Italy



Ian Liddell-Grainger Leader of Conservatives, UK

Pedro Agramunt has long been an apologist of Azerbaijan and resisted any debate on corruption allegations for months.<sup>11</sup> Axel Fischer, who heads both the German delegation and the EPP group, the largest faction in PACE, had asked Agramunt in a letter on 25 January not to focus on corruption in the assembly, but instead on the work of international NGOs operating in Strasbourg instead.<sup>12</sup> Jordi Xucla (Spain) consistently voted with Azerbaijan on all contentious human rights votes.<sup>13</sup>

The three other party leaders have spoken out for transparency recently. Michele Nicoletti (Italy), the chairman of the Socialist Group, earlier demanded "reforms in this area so that we can stand as an institution of some authority … and show that we have not lost our moral compass."<sup>14</sup> Tiny Kox (Netherlands), the head of the United European Left, said that the first priority "is the corruption that may have taken place in the Assembly. This is a horrible threat

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> ESI, <u>"A Portrait of Deception. Monitoring Azerbaijan or why Pedro Agramunt should resign"</u>, 22 January 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> ESI, <u>"Three Days that Shook Strasbourg: Human Rights and Corruption"</u>, 27 January 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> ESI, "Three Days that Shook Strasbourg: Human Rights and Corruption", 27 January 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, <u>"2017 Ordinary Session: Report First Sitting"</u>, AS(2017) CR 01 Provisional, Strasbourg, 23 January 2017.

to us all."<sup>15</sup> Ian Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom), head of the European Conservatives, also advocated for an external investigation in January.<sup>16</sup>

The two most likely outcomes from Saint Petersburg are thus further stalemate or, at worst, a watered-down version of the Sawicki memorandum presented as a "compromise." In fact, a gathering of a mere handful of people, many of whom have openly opposed any investigation, is the wrong group, and Saint Petersburg is the wrong place, to discuss the response to potentially the biggest scandal in the history of PACE. This debate should go back to the place where the pressure to deal with the allegations came from: the full PACE plenary in April.

## This belongs to the plenary

On 25 January, within a few hours, 64 parliamentarians supported the declaration in favour of a strong, external and independent investigation. The signatories included two former PACE Presidents, Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg) and Jean-Claude Mignon (France). By early March 88 PACE members had signed the declaration. 27 out of the 47 Council of Europe member states are represented among the signatories.

In theory, a strong response to corruption allegations should not be controversial, and the leaders of EPP and Alde in PACE should also support it, whether they believe certain allegations are true or not. The EPP's Action Plan until 2019 is unequivocal: The fight against "corruption and money laundering are top priorities ... We have to put an end to corrupt and non-transparent practices ... An ethical environment must be cultivated."<sup>17</sup> The ALDE honorary president in PACE, Anne Brasseur (Luxembourg), noted that "we simply cannot sweep things under the carpet and turn a blind eye" on corruption.<sup>18</sup> ALDE members across Europe, from Danish Venstre to the Swedish Centre Party, from the Estonian Reform Party to Spanish Cuidadanos, argue for transparency.

There is also an obvious way for more members of PACE to make clear that they do not accept any cover-up: they can still sign the declaration supporting a strong and independent investigation. So far, no PACE members from the following countries have signed the declaration: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Macedonia, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, and Turkey.

<sup>15</sup> Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, "2017 Ordinary Session: Report First Sitting", AS(2017) CR 01 Provisional, Strasbourg, 23 January 2017.

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, <u>"2017 Ordinary Session: Report First Sitting"</u>, ibid. European People's Party, <u>"EPP Action Programme, 2014-2019"</u>, Dublin, 7 March 2014., pp. 27-28. 16

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<sup>18</sup> Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, "2017 Ordinary Session: Report First Sitting", AS(2017) CR 01 Provisional, Strasbourg, 23 January 2017.

Country	Signatures	Delegation
Luxembourg	5	6
Estonia	4	6
Latvia	4	6
Germany	16	36
Sweden	5	12
Netherlands	5	14
Switzerland	4	12
Finland	3	10
Norway	3	10
Greece	3	14
Denmark	2	10
United Kingdom	7	36
Austria	2	12
Cyprus	1	6
Belgium	2	14
Hungary	2	14
France	5	36
Italy	5	36
Ireland	1	8
Lithuania	1	8
Bosnia	1	10
Georgia	1	10
Moldova	1	10
Slovakia	1	10
Ukraine	2	24
Serbia	1	14
Romania	1	20
Total	88	648

Signatories to the Omtzigt-Schwabe-Declaration<sup>19</sup>

Ranked by percentage of national delegates who signed as of 3 March 2017

At the same time it is crucial to insist on a debate on the Sawicki proposal in April. The debate on corruption and transparency in PACE must not take a wrong turn in Saint Petersburg. It is in Strasbourg that this affair began, and it is there that it should be resolved. It is the members of PACE that pushed the bureau to act, and it is they who should have the word to discuss the memorandum put before them by Sawicki.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Based on Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Doc. 14256, *op.cit.*, as well as additional information from the Table Office of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and initiating delegates.

# Annex A – Anti-corruption lesson from the EU

In 2011, a group of undercover journalists from the British newspaper *Sunday Times* contacted around 60 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) with a peculiar request. Would those MEPs be willing to lobby the European Parliament in exchange for money? Specifically, would they agree to table amendments to existing legislation, to organise majorities in committee votes?

Most of the contacted parliamentarians rejected the unethical proposal, but four did not. One of them was former Austrian Interior Minister and conservative MEP Ernst Strasser.<sup>20</sup> In a recorded meeting with the supposed lobbyists, Strasser described his working methods:

"When you go there as a MEP, this is something, it opens a door in another way as you go in there as a lobbyist, yes. Of course, I'm a lobbyist, yes, and I'm open for that ... If we have a contract that I help you to do your things, this is confidential ... But the fee, so my clients pay me for a year  $100.000 \notin$ , yes."<sup>21</sup>

Shortly after the *Sunday Times* story broke, the European Parliament launched an independent investigation into the case. The same was done by a special Austrian prosecutor. Within 15 months, they brought the case to court, where Strasser was ultimately sentenced to three years in jail for corruption. The message was simple: Parliamentarians should not be allowed to advertise their vote for sale.<sup>22</sup>

In the European Parliament, the response to the scandal was led by OLAF, the European Union's Anti-Fraud Office.<sup>23</sup> Former Romanian Foreign Minister and Socialist MEP Adrian Severin had invoiced 12.000  $\notin$  to the journalists for 'consulting services'.<sup>24</sup> He refused to step down. OLAF then launched an investigation and found that Severin had violated the European Parliament's Code of Conduct. It also forwarded the case to the Romanian authorities and recommended judicial action against Severin.<sup>25</sup> In 2016 he was sentenced to four years in jail.<sup>26</sup>

Unlike the European Parliament, PACE, to this day, does not have mechanisms in place to address corruption allegations adequately. The Sawicki memorandum is the first step to change this.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> *EurActiv*, <u>"Journalistic Spoof Traps MEPs in Bribery Affair"</u>, 21 March 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Sunday Times, "EU Parliamentarian Strasser with Hidden Camera", 4 November 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Johannes Topper, <u>"An Austrian Tale of Political Corruption"</u>, 9 January 2016; *Der Standard*, <u>"Drei statt Dreieinhalb Jahre Haft für Strasser"</u>, 13 October 2014. Supreme Court of the Republic of Austria, "Urteil", 17 Os 30/14m, Wien, 13 October 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> OLAF is responsible for corruption investigations concerning all EU institutions and agencies. In 2015, the office looked into almost 1500 cases. 40 of the 304 investigations that were concluded looked at the behaviour of EU staff (so-called "internal investigations"). Of those, the majority tackled the European Parliament, see also European Commission, European Anti-Fraud Office, <u>"The OLAF Report 2015"</u>, 2016, pp. 12, 27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> *Die Presse*, <u>"Lobbyisten-Affäre: EU-Betrugsbekämpfer ermitteln"</u>, 23 March 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Corporate Europe Observatory, <u>"Severin: Time for Action"</u>, 10 July 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Agerpres, <u>"Adrian Severin, condamnat definitiv la 4 ani inchisoare cu executare"</u>, 16 November 2016.

### Annex B – Written Declaration No. 624: Parliamentary Assembly Integrity

The integrity and effectiveness of the Parliamentary Assembly depend on the observance of the highest standards of conduct by its members. Recent, serious and credible allegations of grave misconduct by some of its members risk undermining public confidence in the Parliamentary Assembly's integrity.

We, the undersigned members of the Parliamentary Assembly believe that the Assembly must:

Establish, without delay, an external, fully independent and impartial inquiry into all allegations of improper conduct or corruption that may have sought to influence the work of the Assembly in recent years, focusing in particular on allegations surrounding the vote on political prisoners in Azerbaijan in January 2013; the conclusions of the inquiry and its recommendations should be made public directly to the Assembly and the public at large;

Ensure that the Assembly's Code of Conduct is strengthened in accordance with international best practice and recommendations requested from GRECO; and that the strict observance of these standards is monitored and enforced by a permanent independent mechanism attached to the Assembly.

We therefore call on all members from across political party groups to support our call for an independent investigation and for an integrity framework worthy of our institution.

#### Submitting the Signature

Signatures can be added to the Declaration until 28 April 2017. The signed declaration must be sent to the Table Office of the Parliamentary Assembly. This can be done by **Fax** [0033-3-88-41-27-33] or by **E-Mail** [table.office@coe.int]

Country	Signatures	Delegation	Percentage	Signatories
LUX	5	6	83.3%	Claude Adam (SOC)
				Anne Brasseur (ALDE)
				Yves Cruchten (SOC)
				Françoise Hetto-Gaasch (EPP)
				Martine Mergen (EPP)
EST	4	6	66.7%	Eerik-Niiles Kross (ALDE)
				Jaak Madison (EC)
				Marianne Mikko (SOC)
				Andrei Novikox (ALDE)
LAT	4	6	66.7%	Andris Berzins (ALDE)
				Boriss Cilevics (SOC)
				Inese Libina-Egnere (EPP)
				Nellija Kleinberga (ALDE)
GER	16	36	44.4%	Luise Amtsberg (SOC)
				Annalena Baerbock (SOC)
				Doris Barnett (SOC)
				Marieluise Beck (ALDE)
				Elvira Drobinsi-Weiss (SOC)

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Gabriela Heinrich (SOC				
Andrej Hunko (UEL				
Josip Juratovic (SOC				
Rolf Mützenich (SOC				
Mechthild Rawert (SOC				
Axel Schäfer (SOC				
Frithjof Schmidt (SOC				
Frank Schwabe (SOC				
Christoph Strässer (SOC				
Tobias Billström (EPP	41.7%	12	5	SWE
Eva-Lena Jansson (SOC				
Lotta Johnsson Fornarve (UEL				
Niklas Karlsson (SOC				
Kerstin Lundgren (ALDE				
TINY KOX (UEL	35.7%	14	5	NLD
Pieter Omtzigt (EPP			-	
Ria Oomen-Ruijten (EPP				
Henk Overbeek (UEL				
Nico Schrijver (SOC				
Roland Rino Büchel (ALDE	33.3%	12	4	SWI
Rohand Kino Bucher (ALDE Raphaël Comte (ALDE	55.570	12	4	5 11
Alfred Heer (ALDE				
Filippo Lombardi (EPP	20.00/	10	2	
Sirkka-Liisa Anttila (ALDE	30.0%	10	3	FIN
Susanna Huovinen (SOC				
Anne Kalmari (ALDE				
Lise Christoffersen (SOC	30.0%	10	3	NOR
Kristin Ørmen Johnsen (EPP				
Ingjerd Schou (EPP				
Anastasia Christodoulopoulou (UEL	21.4%	14	3	GRE
Ioanneta Kavvadia (UEL				
Georgios Kyritsis (UEL				
Mogens Jensen (SOC	20.0%	10	2	DEN
Nikolaj Villumsen (UEL				
Donald Anderson (SOC	19.4%	36	7	UK
George Foulkes (SOC		00		011
Ian Liddell-Grainger (EC				
Alan Meale (SOC				
John Prescott (SOC				
Phil Wilson (SOC				
Rosie Winterton (SOC	1 < 70/	10		
Stefan Schennach (SOC	16.7%	12	2	AUT
Gisela Wurm (SOC				
George Loucaides (UEL	16.7%	6	1	CYP
Philippe Mahoux (SOC	14.3%	14	2	BEL
Petra De Sutter (SOC				
Zsolt Németh (EPP	14.3%	14	2	HUN
Imre Vejkey (EPP				
Brigitte Allain (SOC	13.9%	36	5	FRA
<b>C</b>				
Josette Durrieu (SOC				
<b>C</b>				

ITA	5	36	13.9%	Nunzia Catalfo (NR)
				Michele Nicoletti (SOC)
				Vincenzo Santangelo (NR)
				Maria Edera Spadoni (NR)
				Manlio di Stefano (NR)
IRE	1	8	12.5%	Rónán Mullen (EPP)
LIT	1	8	12.5%	Emanuelis Zingeris (EPP)
BOS	1	10	10.0%	Mladen Bosic (EPP)
GEO	1	10	10.0%	Giorgi Kandelaki (EPP)
MOL	1	10	10.0%	Valentina Buliga (SOC)
SVK	1	10	10.0%	Martin Poliacik (ALDE)
UKR	2	24	8.3%	Volodymyr Ariev (EPP)
				Yuliya L'Ovochkina (SOC)
SRB	1	14	7.1%	Elvira Kovacs (EPP)
ROM	1	20	5.0%	Titus Corlatean (SOC)
ALB	0	8	0.0%	
AND	0	4	0.0%	
ARM	0	8	0.0%	
AZE	0	12	0.0%	
BUL	0	12	0.0%	
CRO	0	10	0.0%	
CZE	0	14	0.0%	
ESP	0	24	0.0%	
ICE	0	6	0.0%	[Not At 2017 Winter Session]
LIE	0	4	0.0%	
MAC	0	6	0.0%	
MAL	0	6	0.0%	
MON	0	4	0.0%	
MTN	0	6	0.0%	
POL	0	24	0.0%	
POR	0	14	0.0%	
RUS	0	36	0.0%	[Not At 2017 PACE Sessions]
SLO	0	6	0.0%	
SMN	0	4	0.0%	
TUR	0	36	0.0%	
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