**ACTIVITES
Delegation in the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe
11th legislature (3 June 2016 – 3 August 2020)**

* The National Assembly's standing delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) headed by Dr Aleksandra Tomic and comprising delegation members Biljana Pantic Pilja, Prof. Dr Zarko Obradovic, Elvira Kovacs, Aleksandar Seselj and Branka Stamenkovic, and substitute member Dubravka Filipovski, took part in the PACE winter session in Strasbourg, 27-31 January 2020. On 28 January 2020 PACE appointed Elvira Kovacs Chairperson of the Sub-committee on Gender Equality, while Biljana Pantic Pilja was appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights.
* On 24 and 25 October 2019 National Assembly Speaker Maja Gojkovic took part in the Conference of Presidents of Parliament in Strasbourg with the theme “Our Common European Home: the next 70 years”, marking the 70th anniversary of the Council of Europe, and the debate on “Women in politics and in the public discourse”. In the course of the two-day Conference she also met with the President of the French Senate Gerard Larcher. The Head of the Serbian Assembly’s standing delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Dr Aleksandra Tomic was also part of the National Assembly delegation.
* The National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe took part in the PACE Autumn Session in Strasbourg, 30 September – 4 October 2019. The delegation headed by Biljana Pantic Pilja, acting Head of the delegation, also comprises Elvira Kovacs, Prof. Dr Zarko Obradovic, Dubravka Filipovski, Aleksandar Seselj and Miljan Damjanovic. Elvira Kovacs, member of the Serbian delegation and Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, was elected rapporteur on preserving the linguistic, ethnic, cultural and national identity of minorities in Europe.
* The National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe took part in the PACE June Session in Strasbourg, 23 – 28 June 2019. The delegation headed by Dr Aleksandra Tomic comprised MPs Biljana Pantic Pilja, Stefana Miladinovic, Elvira Kovacs, Aleksandar Seselj and Branka Stamenkovic.
* The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe had a meeting in Belgrade on 5 June 2019, opened by National Assembly Speaker Maja Gojkovic and chaired by MP Elvira Kovacs.
* The National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe took part in the PACE Spring Session in Strasbourg, 8 – 12 April 2019. The delegation headed by Dr Aleksandra Tomic comprised Biljana Pantic Pilja, Elvira Kovacs, Prof. Dr Zarko Obradovic, Dubravka Filipovski, Aleksandar Seselj and Branka Stamenkovic.
* MPs Elvira Kovacs and Biljana Pantic Pilja, members of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, took part in the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women with the topic “Sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians” on 12 March 2019 in New York. The Council of Europe, Inter-Parliamentary Union and Finland’s Permanent Mission to the UN organized the event as part of the Finnish Presidency of the Council of Europe, to take stock of ongoing legal and policy initiatives to end violence against women in politics.
* MP Jasmina Obradovic, member of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, took part in the Committee meeting held on 4 March 2019 in Granada, Kingdom of Spain.
* MP Dubravka Filipovski took part in the PACE Standing Committee meeting in Paris on 1 March 2019 where she spoke about the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Serbia.
* The Head of the National Assembly’s delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Dr Aleksandra Tomic received the newly-appointed Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade Tobias Flessenkemper at the National Assembly House on 21 December 2018.
* The National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe headed by Dr Aleksandra Tomic and comprising members and deputy members Biljana Pantic Pilja, Elvira Kovacs, Aleksandar Seselj, Dubravka Filipovski and Stefana Miladinovic took part in the PACE Autumn session 9 - 12 October 2018, in Strasbourg.
* Dr Aleksandra Tomic, Head of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to PACE, and delegation members Prof. Dr Zarko Obradovic and Dubravka Filipovski, took part in PACE spring session, 23-27 April 2018.
* Dr Aleksandra Tomic, Head of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to PACE, and delegation members Marija Obradovic, PACE Vice-President, and Elvira Kovacs, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, took part in the meetings of the PACE Standing Committee and Bureau on 16 March 2018.
* The National Assembly’s delegation to the PACE January Session, 22 – 25 January 2018, was headed by Aleksandra Tomic and comprised MPs Dubravka Filipovski, Prof. Dr Zarko Obradovic, Elvira Kovacs, Marija Obradovic, Aleksandar Seselj and Aleksandar Stevanovic. Marija Obradovic was re-elected PACE Vice-President. She will be holding the post for the duration of 2018. Elvira Kovacs was elected Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, thus also becoming a member of the Bureau, PACE executive body, as well as many other bodies. She will be serving as Chairperson for the duration of 2018 and 2019. Dubravka Filipovski was elected Vice-President of the newly-established Free Democrats Group (FDG).
* The PACE October session, 9–12 October 2017, was attended by MPs Biljana Pantic Pilja, Prof. Dr Zarko Obradovic, Dubravka Filipovski, Jasmina Obradovic, Elvira Kovacs and Aleksandar Stevanovic. On the occasion, MP Marija Obradovic, Head of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), was elected PACE Vice-President. She will be holding the post in 2017 and 2018.
* The members of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe had a regular meeting in Belgrade on 18 May 2017, hosted by the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the international organization. More than 40 PACE members from 14 member states discussed reports on topics of interest to the Committee, especially the Report on the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights of rapporteur Pierre-Yves Le Borgn.
* The National Assembly standing delegation left the session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, in protest on 27 April 2017, and returned to Belgrade. The delegation condemned the shameful decision of the French court in Colmar to release Ramush Haradinaj. At the beginning of the spring session on 24 April 2017, MP Natasa Vuckovic received a recognition for her 10-year contribution to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and was awarded the status of honorary member.
* Aleksandra Djurovic, Head of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to PACE, was elected PACE Vice-President and Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on External Relations, while delegation member Elvira Kovacs, was elected Vice-Chairperson of PACE Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities. Elvira Kovacs was also selected by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination as rapporteur on the topic “Growing hate-speech and role of the political leaders in fighting hate crime”. The PACE winter session, 23 – 27 January 2017, was also attended by MPs Marija Obradovic, Biljana Pantic Pilja, Prof. Dr Zarko Obradovic, Elvira Kovacs and Jovan Jovanovic.
* National Assembly Speaker Maja Gojkovic took part in the European Conference of Presidents and Speakers of Parliament in Strasbourg, 15 September 2016, organised by the Council of Europe.