



# Accountability for human rights violations in the Russian Federation

Wednesday, 22 April, 13:00-14:00, Room 6 in the Palais de l'Europe  
2026 PACE Spring Session, Strasbourg, France  
Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be available

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The Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC) hosts a side event to advocate for strengthening documentation and accountability in the Russian Federation, in response to widespread and systematic human rights violations and international crimes committed by Russian authorities.

The speakers will outline ongoing and future activities and initiatives to address the severe human rights situation, including the **Accountability Initiative for Russia (AIR)**. AIR intends to develop a digital platform to collect, preserve, analyse, and share documentation on human rights violations and international crimes within the Russian Federation and the Ukrainian territories under temporary Russian control. It will build upon the work of the **Natalia Estemirova Documentation Centre for the North Caucasus (NEDC)**.

We urge PACE Members to lend political support. Now is the time for democratic governments to back accountability initiatives that can assist Russia in overcoming its history of abuse and injustice.

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## The program will include:

Welcome and concluding remarks:

**Erik-Niiles Kross**

Remarks:

**Lise Selnes**, MP, Chair of the Norwegian delegation to PACE

**Vladimir Kara-Murza**, member of the PACE Platform for Dialogue with Russian Democratic Forces

Presentation:

**Günter Schirmer**, former Head of Secretariat of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

**Gunnar M. Ekeløve-Slydal**, NHC Deputy Secretary General

**Vadim Prokhorov**, prominent Russian human rights lawyer.