

## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COUNTERING TERRORISM

*The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly established the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism in July 2017 to strengthen the contribution of OSCE parliamentarians in addressing violent extremism and radicalization.*

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### Parliamentarians in Countering Terrorism

- **Act as enablers**, whereby they shape the national policy & legislative counter-terrorism frameworks and establish the mandate of security-related bodies.
- **Serve as controllers**, whereby they ensure that all counter-terrorism measures fully respect fundamental freedoms, including through the oversight of national counter-terrorism bodies.
- **Bridge diverging views** at all levels, whereby they promote constructive exchanges between civil society and state authorities, as well as inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation.



# The Committee at Work: A Phased Approach

## Phase I – Short-Term Goals

- Consolidate its strategic partnership with the OSCE governmental structures.
- Determine the most pressing needs & gaps through visits, meetings and expert debates.
- Raise awareness about OSCE counter-terrorism efforts in parliaments and international fora.

## Phase II – Long-Term Goals

- Advocate for inclusive, effective and human rights-complaint counter-terrorism responses.
- Contribute to the timely implementation of the international counter-terrorism framework.
- Develop forward-looking policy guidance based on identified loopholes and new approaches.

## Implemented Activities

- Conducted Official Visits to Morocco, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the OSCE and UNODC headquarters in Vienna to determine the key challenges on the ground and identify promising practices.
- Contributed to various international high-level and expert events - such as the Parliamentarians for Global Action Annual Forum, the OSCE PA Conference on Digital Resilience of a Democratic State, the OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference on the Challenges Posed by the Reverse Flows of the FTFs, the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) Regional Workshop on the Nexus of Parliamentarians and Criminal Justice Actors in Countering Terrorism and the Spanish Senate Conference on Victims of Terrorism in the Sphere of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly - to share lessons learned and held numerous meetings with national and international stakeholders to consolidate strategic partnerships.
- Held official sessions of the Committee in Andorra, Vienna and Berlin to discuss current trends, determine shared objectives and coordinate future actions.

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## Key Achievements

- Strengthened co-ordination within the OSCE and with the other relevant global stakeholders (e.g. United Nations).
- Raised awareness about the role of parliamentarians in countering terrorism and brought more visibility to the work of the OSCE in this domain.
- Developed innovative policy guidance with a strong emphasis on endorsing a whole-of-society approach through the Berlin Resolution on Preventing and Countering Terrorism and VERLT.
- Launched a Parliamentary Initiative to promote the the implementation of relevant international obligations on border security and information sharing by building on the oversight powers of national Parliaments.

For more information:

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