

## High-level speeches to kick off OSCE PA's 31st Annual Session in Bucharest



All meetings of the OSCE PA's 31st Annual Session will take place at the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest.

This Saturday, the OSCE PA's 31st Annual Session will open with speeches by President Pia Kauma (Finland), President of the Senate of Romania Nicolae-Ionel Ciucă, and Head of the Romanian Delegation to the OSCE PA Dan Barna.

Taking place at the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest, Romania, from 29 June to 3 July, the Annual Session will be held under the general theme "The Role of the OSCE in the Current Security Architecture: A Parliamentary Perspective." Hundreds

of parliamentarians from North America, Europe and Central Asia are taking part in the event.

The OSCE PA's general committees will debate and amend the resolutions for inclusion in the Bucharest Declaration to be adopted on 3 July. The war against Ukraine will top the agenda, which also includes a special debate on the situation in the Middle East and its implications for the OSCE region. Debates are also expected on the new security challenges of artificial intelligence, as well as disinformation, climate change, corruption, migration, and other important topics.

The plenary session of 3 July is expected to feature speeches by Romanian Foreign Minister Luminița-Teodora Odobescu, OSCE Chair-in-Office and Foreign Minister of Malta Ian Borg, and OSCE Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid. OSCE PA Treasurer Johan Büser (Sweden) and Secretary General Roberto Montella will report to the Standing Committee on 29 June.

## Online resources for the Bucharest Annual Session

Delegates can download the events app for the Bucharest Annual Session on Apple here: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/osce-pa-events/id1666341309> and Google: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.oscepa.ahapp>

The Event ID is OSCEPARomaniaAS24

Information about the Annual Session is available at [www.oscepa.org](http://www.oscepa.org), and the OSCE PA will also be using platforms such as X, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, LinkedIn and Flickr.

Delegates are encouraged to use the hashtag #OSCEPABucharest24 on social media.

## OSCE parliamentarians participate in Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians in Doha

OSCE PA Members Susanna Donatella Campione (Italy) and David Stögmüller (Austria) are in Doha this week for the Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians, organized by the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT). Taking place from 26 to 27 June, the conference is exploring the role of women parliamentarians in the development, implementation, and oversight of counter-terrorism and prevention of violent extremism legislation, policies, and strategies.

Campione, who serves as a member of the Justice Committee of the Italian Senate and the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry into Femicide in Italy, spoke today about the growing number of women that have been joining terrorist organizations, drawing connections between gender-based inequality and discrimination, and women's susceptibility to radicalization. To counter this trend, she stressed the importance of strengthening co-operation



Group photo of Doha conference participants, 26 June 2024

and implementing measures for the protection of women.

Stögmüller focused his remarks on the work of the OSCE PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism (CCT), which, he said, has a very high participation of women parliamentarians and has always placed emphasis on issues related to women and children in preventing and countering terrorism. He noted in particular the CCT's work on foreign terrorist fighters.

## First Committee Rapporteur addresses OSCE security conference in Vienna



Hofburg Congress Centre in Vienna

OSCE PA First Committee Rapporteur Tobias Winkler (Germany) is in Vienna, representing the Assembly today and tomorrow at the 2024 Annual Security Review Conference (ASRC), the main OSCE conference in the first dimension of security.

Taking place under the topic "Security situation in the OSCE

area," the ASRC is focusing on OSCE contributions in the security sector, including the war against Ukraine, protracted conflicts, agreements on conventional arms control and confidence-building measures as well as co-operation to address new, emerging and transnational threats.

Winkler will address the plenary session and will hold a number of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the conference. He expects to meet with representatives of the Maltese Chairpersonship, Heads of Missions of participating States and OSCE Secretariat and executive structures, to exchange views on the most pressing security challenges in the OSCE region and its neighbourhood.

From Vienna, Winkler will travel to Bucharest, where he will present his report and draft resolution at the Annual Session.

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