

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



## Composition

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## Parliamentarians in Counterterrorism



**Act as enablers**, shaping national policy & legislative counter-terrorism frameworks and establishing the mandate of security-related bodies.



**Serve as controllers**, ensuring 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.

## Goals of the Committee



- **Advocate** for inclusive, effective and human rights-compliant 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.

## CCT “Toolkit”

- Committee Meetings and Hearings
- Official Visits & Conferences
- Policy Resolutions
- Oversight Initiatives
- Outreach & Public Messaging
- Partnerships



## 2024 SPOTLIGHT: Presiding the UN Coordination Mechanism

The OSCE PA was nominated as the first President of the new United Nations Coordination Mechanism among Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism in June 2022, and re-elected in October 2023. Through this platform, the CCT promotes OSCE counter-terrorism commitments across the globe, extending the reach of its actions and fostering coherence of efforts.



### Areas of Focus

- **Promote the successful prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration of FTFs** and their families, including women and children.
- **Strengthen border security and information sharing** through sound Advance Passenger Information (API), Passenger Name Records (PNR) and biometric data management systems, in accordance with UNSCR 2396.
- **Foster prevention efforts** and promote sensible guidance to counter on-line radicalization with a special focus on youth.
- **Support victims of terrorism and strengthen the role of victims' associations** through advocacy and awareness-raising.
- **Explore the intersection of terrorism with other serious threats**, such as organized crime and Artificial Intelligence, nuclear proliferation & hybrid threats.

### Upcoming

- **Official Visit of the CCT to Türkiye**, 6-7 May (Ankara, Türkiye)
- **Fifth Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies & 3rd Parliamentary Policy Dialogue**, 8-9 May (Istanbul, Türkiye)

### Key Achievements



**Strengthened the engagement of parliamentarians, assessed new trends and shared key lessons learned** through dozens of expert meetings (20), international and regional conferences (20) and field visits to OSCE participating States (10).

**Developed innovative policy guidance to boost legislative convergence in topical areas of counter-terrorism:**

- The Wagner Group's Terroristic Nature and Actions (2023 Vancouver Resolution),
- Victims of Terrorism (2022 Birmingham Resolution),
- Addressing the Threats Stemming From the Return & Relocation of FTFs (2019 Luxembourg Resolution),
- Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism (2018 Berlin Resolution).

**Promoted the implementation of relevant international obligations**, such as on border security and information sharing stemming from UNSCR 2396 (2019), through parliamentary oversight initiatives and consistent public messaging.

**Boosted international co-ordination** through a network of partnerships, including with the OSCE, the United Nations and various interparliamentary assemblies. Since June 2022, the OSCE PA has been **chairing the first Co-ordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism**.

**Encouraged OSCE governments to uphold inclusive and human rights-based responses** to counter terrorism & disinformation, especially during the **COVID-19 emergency (2020-2022)**.

