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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**Countering Terrorism**

- **ENABLE**
- **CONTROL**
- **BRIDGE**

**Parliamentarians:**

- **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 cooperation.
THE COMMITTEE AT WORK

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.
- **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.

Long-term goals


Implemented Activities

- **Conducted official visits and met with local stakeholders** in Morocco, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, United States of America, France and Norway to determine the key challenges on the ground and identify promising practices.

- **Contributed to international high-level and expert events** - including parliamentary conferences in Lisbon, Madrid and St. Petersburg, OSCE-wide conferences in Vienna, Rome and Bratislava and regional events in Rabat, La Valletta, Tirana, Washington DC, Rome and Vienna - to share lessons learned and bridge the gap between policy and practice.

- **Held official sessions of the Committee** in Andorra, Vienna (3), Berlin, Luxembourg and Marrakech to discuss trends and coordinate future actions.

- **Coordinated national Parliaments in the OSCE region** in assessing the level of implementation of relevant international commitments on Border Security & Information Sharing.

Key Achievements

- **Strengthened parliamentary engagement** on counter-terrorism and identified several thematic areas where parliaments could add value.

- **Developed innovative policy guidance** on preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism (2018 Berlin Resolution) and on addressing the threats stemming from the return & relocation of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (2019 Luxembourg Resolution).

- **Promoted the implementation of key international obligations** on border security and information sharing (i.e. API/PNR/Biometrics) stemming from UNSCR 2396 through parliamentary oversight.

- **Improved co-ordination** with the OSCE and built partnerships with other international stakeholders, including the United Nations and relevant Interparliamentary Assemblies.

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